

**ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
REPORT**



**SUNDAY
JANUARY 30, 1994**

**ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
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FAIR LAWN, NEW JERSEY**

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The meeting was called to order at 1:50 PM by Chairman Sarkis Soultanian.

Charles Pinajian, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, reported there were 86 dues-paying members in attendance which constituted the required quorum.

The first order of business was the election of Assembly Officers. Sarkis Gabrellian nominated Joseph Basralian as Chairman of the Assembly. The Nomination was seconded by Charles Pinajian and was accepted. Mr. Basralian assumed the chairmanship.

For Assembly Secretary, John Nakashian nominated Arda Kiljian. The nomination was accepted. Charles Pinajian nominated Anne Kachigian. Mrs. Kachigian declined the nomination. Mrs. Kiljian assumed the position of Assembly Secretary.

Charles Pinajian was appointed Parliamentarian by the Chairman.

A motion was made to waive the reading and accept the minutes of the 1992 Assembly. The motion was seconded and passed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian, Chairperson of Parish Council, introduced the candidates selected by the Nominating Committee.

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

Sarkis Bedevian

Leon Bedigian

Leon Hojegian

Rex Kachigian

Kevork Ohannessian

Arthur Ohnikian

Jan Royland

Nancy Scicchitano

Dennis Tarzian

Richard Tomasian

The following persons were nominated for Auditing Committee:

Leon Hovsepian Jacques Tossounian

The following persons were nominated for Nominating Committee:

Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian Katherine Ohnikian

Profiles of the candidates listed above were distributed to all persons attending the Parish Assembly.

There were no additional nominations from the floor.

A motion was made by Sarkis Gabrellian to close the nominations for Parish Council. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made by Barbara Hovsepian to close the nominations for Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made by Robert Ishkanian to close the nominations for Auditing Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

REPORTS OF ORGANIZATIONS

Chairman Basralian said that the individual reports would not be reviewed as they had been previously sent to all members. He asked that questions be directed to specific reports only.

John Nakashian, Vice Chairman of Parish Council, in reference to the Parish Council report, remarked that the parish should be very appreciative of the outstanding manner in which Chairperson Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian conducted herself during this most trying year. There were many difficult deliberations and decisions to be made. She is to be commended most highly.

Rex Kachigian stated that we should go over the situation regarding the new pastor. Chairman Joseph Basralian responded that this item will be discussed under Old Business and New Business.

Corrections

Robert Ishkanian, Parish Council Treasurer, pointed out a typographical error in the Comparative Budget Summary, page 38, under the Van Expense for Actual 1992. The correct amount should be \$2,417 and not \$2,4127.

Barbara Hovsepien, Parish Council Member, pointed out that in the Church Endowment Fund Report, page 36, the Lucy Tutunjian Memorial Fund was listed under Church School when it should be listed instead for St. Vartan Camp/St. Vartan Summer Studies Program as this fund was earmarked specifically for these activities by the family. Mrs. Hovsepien also asked how the accrued income for the Youth Christian Education Fund was used. Mr. Ishkanian did not know the specifics.

Mary Ann Mozian asked for clarification as to how the accrued income for the Armenian School Fund is being distributed. Dr. Khatchadurian asked if this was set up in order to benefit students with special talents, etc.

Mrs. Mozian responded that Armenian School receives only \$25.00 annually from the Parish Council which, in turn, is given out as an award to a student exhibiting specific talents or areas of interest as stipulated by the School. Mr. Ishkanian mentioned that Parish Council receives a lump sum check from the Diocese with respect to all funds without specific allocation.

Mrs. Hovsepien said that the Peter Jesraly fund was set up for scholarships for Talented Armenian youth and reiterated that the school received only \$25.00 per year which represented far less than the accrued interest on the fund. She asked why the excess was being added to the general church fund. Chairman Basralian referred the matter back to the Parish Council to review the initial setup of each fund and make sure that if such funds are to benefit a specific organization, they do so in the future to insure that the funds are not used for general purposes.

Sarkis Bedevian pointed out that the church receives one check from the Diocese in April of each year as previously mentioned, with interest calculated at approximately 7%. He noted that the Parish Council should calculate the amount due to each organization and notify them accordingly.

Jan Royland noted that under the memorial funds established for 1992, there was an instance where a fund was established at St. Leon and subsequently Der Arshen requested that it be transferred to St. Mary's Church. Mr. Ishkanian noted that the issue was brought up at the Parish Council and that, according to the family's request, funds were to be transferred to St. Mary's for transmittal to the designated charity in Syria.

Sarkis Bedevian stated that there is a policy that has been applied for over 23 years at St. Leon, that all moneys emanating in lieu of flowers are to stay in St. Leon. It would be unfair to allow the flow of moneys to St. Mary's. There was a question of whether the fund was for in lieu of flowers or a charity in Syria which was not resolved at the Parish Assembly.

Chairman Basralian asked the Parish Council to act on this issue.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Chairman Joseph Basralian directed the Assembly to the Comparative Operating Budget.

Sarkis Bedevian said we have to clarify the allocation of a full year's salary for the pastor when we still do not have one. Robert Ishkanian explained that he felt it was prudent to budget the salary despite the fact that we do not yet have a pastor because he assumed one will be assigned very soon. Mr. Bedevian accepted the idea. However, he pointed out that Diocesan dues are based on a special formula:

- 1 - The number of Members
- 2 - How much the Budget is
- 3 - The number of Sacraments performed

By showing such a large Budget allocation for Pastor Salaries, St. Leon would be taxed accordingly. Mr. Ishkanian felt this amount is immaterial and it would be evened out since we would have fewer sacraments with the lack of a pastor.

Mr. Rex Kachigian noted under Visiting Clergy, we have only budgeted \$600.00 He said such amount would hardly cover our visiting clergy expenditures for a month or so. Mr. Ishkanian noted it was set up according to last year's budget in hopes of finding a pastor soon.

Thomas Ashbahian, Assistant Parish Council Treasurer, suggested an increase in the allocation for St. Nersess Seminary from \$2,000.00 to \$2,200.00. A motion was made by Barbara Hovsepian to increase the allocation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Rex Kachigian requested an explanation regarding the increase of \$1,000.00 for the Sports Association. Robert Ishkanian stated the reasons for the increases were as follows:

- 1 They did not get a final accounting from George Kachajian, Jr. on the number of gym rentals.
- 2 The Parish Council felt that youth of the church are an important, integral part of the parish and subsequently a fair amount should be allocated.

Mr. Leon Hovsepian noted that the title "Capital Provision Improvement" should read "Capital Improvement Fund - Community Center". Mr. Ishkanian explained that for major improvements, the money comes out of the Reserve Fund. In addition he said that any improvement which extends the life of the Hall is considered a Capital Improvement and that any ordinary, necessary repair and maintenance are considered an operating expense.

Sarkis Bedevian referred to page 40, the Summary of Organization Funds on Hand. Under Building Fund, Mr. Bedevian asked if that amount shown was the sum contributed by individuals for the expansion of the church. Robert Ishkanian responded that the fund was established and existed prior to his taking over the Treasury and he was unable to elaborate.

Mr. Bedevian pointed out that the people who contributed those amounts did so with a specific purpose and it would only be fair if Parish Council contacted them either by telephone or by written letter updating them on what has been done, or would be done in the future regarding the funds and whether they would like these contributions allocated to other purposes.

Chairman Joseph Basralian agreed, and felt it was most appropriate for the Parish Council to act upon this issue.

Robert Ishkanian explained there are two separate accounts.

- 1 A checking account is for the Building Fund; and
- 2 \$18,000.00 in a Memorial Account which represents the contributions for the expansion.

The funds, although separate, serve the same purpose. John Nakashian said the Memorial Fund is separate from the expansion fund of the church.

Helen Mazoujian asked if it would be possible to allocate \$17,000.00 for the repair of the roof from this fund. It was noted that the roof repair has been approved at the 1992 Parish Assembly.

Rex Kachigian proposed a motion to accept the Auditing Committee Report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Rex Kachigian made a motion to accept the 1993 Budget as amended by Thomas Ashbahian. It was seconded by Leon Hovsepian. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

RENOVATIONS AND REPAIRS

Rex Kachigian asked about the status of the renovation to the Community Center. Sarkis Gabrellian reported that the renovations will begin on Monday, February 8, and include the following:

- Phase 1 - New Wall Covering
- " 2 - Carpeting
- " 3 - Mirrors and Wall Covering in Bathrooms
- " 4 - New Chairs to Arrive in March

Mr. Gabrellian said the Committee expected to cover the costs through donations. Regarding the question of what would happen to the existing chairs, Mr. Gabrellian said some would be used on the second floor and some would be stored for future use.

Leon Hovsepien asked if the roof will be taken care of soon and if the sound system in the Community Center was to be replaced, to which Mr. Gabrellian responded that the acoustical problem will be solved once there are enough donations. Grace Pinajian stated that the goal is to have all the improvements in the Hall finished before Palm Sunday and Easter. Mr. Gabrellian reminded the Assembly that Grace Pinajian, Lynn Beylerian and Thomas Ashbahian are involved with the Hall renovation.

Barbara Hovsepien pointed out that the Hall will be needed for upcoming events such as the Women's Guild Fish 'n Chips Dinner on Tuesday, March 9 and the Armenian School Lenten Luncheon on Sunday, March 21. Mr. Gabrellian reiterated that if all goes as planned, the Hall should be ready. Chairman Basralian added that these renovations will last us into the year 2000 and beyond.

Mrs. Hovsepien requested again that something be done with the sound system. She pointed out that the Sunday School, Armenian School and ACYOA deserve a better sound system, as all their efforts go in vain due to a lack of good acoustics. Mr. Gabrellian promised that if there are enough donations the sound system will be replaced.

NEW BUSINESS

1. SEARCH FOR A NEW PRIEST.

Rex Kachigian asked about the status of the search for a new priest. Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian responded that so far the Committee has interviewed five priests. She mentioned that another candidate

will be officiating next week, after which the Committee will vote on one and hopeful the Church will have a priest. Dr. Khatchadurian noted that all but one of the candidates have been Hayr Soorps. She also noted this parish is anxious to have a priest soon as it is a very difficult time for the parishioners, but especially for the Parish Council Chairperson and the Church Secretary who, in addition to their normal daily tasks had to assume many responsibilities of a parish priest for the past six month.

Sarkis Gabrellian suggested not rushing into a decision because, if the right person is not obtained it would only aggravate the difficulties. Leon Hovsepien clarified that the Committee has a list of priorities as to what the parishioners expect from a priest, so the vote would be cautioned with expediency.

Mr. Kachigian wanted an explanation regarding whether when the Search Committee selects someone, who then would ultimately approve the selection. Would the Assembly be involved in the selection process?

Chairman Joseph Basralian responded that Parish Council will have the final vote and according to the By-laws, the process does not include the Parish Assembly with a vote on the selection. Since such a law exists in the By-laws, we have to abide by it.

Thomas Ashbahian had a copy of the By-laws and cited that --

Article 15 "A Special Assembly may be requested."

Article 17 "Once the selection of a new priest is approved by Parish Council, it goes directly to the Primate."

Sarkis Bedevian noted that five priests have been interviewed but this is creating an awkward situation as far as the selection of one among the five.

Mr. Bedevian said the Parish Assembly should give a vote of confidence to the Parish Council so things are not delayed once the selection is made. He also said that if too much time passes without the selection of a new priest the Primate might say, "I have plans for this particular priest." He asked if we then go to our next-in-line selection? Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian responded saying that the Primate was consulted regarding the selection of any of these five candidates.

Mr. Bedevian pointed out that these priests are not going to wait for our decision. Other parishes might act faster than us and select a priest before us. What would the next step be then? Do we go to the next choice? Dr. Khatchadurian clarified the issue, stating that the Search Committee was set up originally to find the best suitable priest. As to the time frame, the By-laws, Article 47, stipulates that when there is a vacancy, the Primate can... "appoint a priest with the agreement of the Parish Council", so the Parish Council could choose this solution instead.

Dr. Knarig mentioned that if the Search Committee members all agree on a selection, then there will be a decision by the end of this month. Dr. Knarig also reaffirmed that parishioners have already given a vote of confidence to the Parish Council. There was a motion by Anne Kachigian to allow the Parish Council to vote on the decision once the Search Committee presents its selection. It was determined that such a motion was not needed.

Sarkis Bedevian affirmed that St. Leon is a very reputable parish and it attracts good clergymen. He said he would like to bring to the attention of the Parish Council and the Search Committee, that the priest they ultimately select has to accept the use of the residential facilities on church property.

Dawn Hourdajian stated she is unaware of who the five candidates are and would like to see the newly elected Parish Council members participate in the approval process make the transition very smooth.

Regarding calling a Special Assembly to ratify the appointment of a priest, Sarkis Soutanian felt the ratification could take place the following year at the Parish Assembly.

It was also noted that the newly elected Parish Council members will be invited to the meetings and can join in all processes, except voting until their election is approved by the Primate, so that they will be serving only in an advisory capacity until that time.

Sarkis Soutanian said he did not favor such a motion because it only puts a burden on the parish Council, as though for the purpose of getting the blessing of the newly elected members.

Sarkis Bedevian pointed out that the Parish Council has had everyone's backing during this hard time. The Council is to be commended for doing such an excellent job and surely will continue in that way, as we all should work for the benefit of St. Leon.

Carol Ashbahian asked for the names of the individuals on the Search Committee.

Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian enumerated the listing as - Sarkis Soutanian, Vasken Ohanyan, (Chairman), John Nakashian, Charles Pinajian, Lucy Dabagian and herself. As to the larger Search Committee, it is comprised of each organization's Chairperson and/or Representative. The larger Committee reports to the smaller Search Committee which, in turn interviews and screens the priests and will hand its formal selection and recommendation to Parish Council. The Parish Council will ultimately vote on their selection.

Vasken Ohanyan stated the purpose of a small committee was merely that it is hard to interview someone with fifteen people.

Regarding the questions of salaries, stipend, housing accommodations, etc., - this is to be handled by the Parish Council.

There was a motion to give newly elected members the privilege of assisting in an advisory capacity. The motion was seconded and voted upon. The motion passed with twenty-nine (29) for, twenty-four (24) against and abstentions.

2. ALTAR CURTAINS AND CARPETING IN THE CHURCH.

Grace Pinajian requested that the altar curtains be changed. She suggested the new one go all the way up to the top and open from the center. Mrs. Pinajian noted also that the electrical mechanism, which was installed three years ago is not functioning properly. Mr. Pinajian said he would also like to see the pew cushions either replaced or repaired.

Barbara Hovsepian added that the church needs repainting and the walls covered since we will see the cinder blocks. She also would like the Baptismal Mural replaced with a more appropriate painting.

3. AID TO ARMENIA

Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian referred to the special bulletins in reference to Armenia Winter Relief and stopping the blockade and emphasized the importance of Hot-Line Calls. At a cost of \$17.50 a person could send five (5) telegrams to the most important political figures such as the President, U.N. Secretary General, etc. She also urged parishioners to call the White House (202)456-1111. The special bulletin will be sent to all parishioners on the Church mailing list. Also Dr. Knarig called on Vasken Ohanyan to present the decision reached by the Parish Council.

Vasken Ohanyan informed the Assembly that the Parish Council wished to present a motion to donate \$10,000.00 from the church's Reserve Fund for "Armenian Winter Relief." Charles Pinajian seconded the motion, with a stipulation that the donation be earmarked specifically for the purchase of fuel. Rex Kachigian supported the motion and asked how this donation will be channeled to Armenia. Dr. Khatchadurian stated that the funds would be transferred through the Diocese as was done last year.

Chairman Joseph Basralian commended the donation and found it most appropriate.

Robert Ishkanian reported there is \$120,000 to \$130,000 in the Reserves, which funds have no allocations. Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) has to be put into the Community Center Capital Improvement Fund and Van Fund. After the decorations and improvements to the Hall the church would still have \$80,000 to \$90,000 in reserve. Since the Church will receive donations for the repairs of the Hall, Rose Najarian felt the \$10,000 donation to Armenia is not enough. Sarkis Gabrellian agreed in principal, but said that people should also be donating money to Armenia in a more individualistic manner.

Ara Hourdajian questioned the channeling of funds to a nation under blockade. It was answered that if you pay the price the fuel is available on the black market and will be provided.

Grace Pinajian reminded the Assembly that we are assuming that we are going to get donations for the repairs of the Hall, but we are only anticipating this, as we do not know for sure how much in contributions we will receive. Also, the bookings for 1993 are in no way commensurate with those of 1992 and cannot be anticipated to be the same rental incomes for the Hall unless things get better as the year progresses. Since we are dealing with so many unknowns we should consider these important factors.

The motion to transfer \$10,000.00 from the Reserve Fund to "Armenia Winter Relief" specifically for fuel as soon as possible, was presented for a vote and passed unanimously.

Assembly Chairman Joseph Basralian thanked Chairperson Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian and all outgoing Parish Council Members, especially for keeping the parishioners together through such difficult times.

The nominating Committee reported the final results of the balloting. The following persons were elected for the 1993 - 1995 term -

PARISH COUNCIL

Sarkis Bedevian

Leon Bedigian

Rex Kachigian

Arthur Ohnikian

Jan Royland

Dennis Tarzian

Richard Tomasian

(Alternate)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Katherine Ohnikian

Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian
(Alternate)

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Jacques Tossounian

Leon Hovsepian
(Alternate)

There were requests to expedite the approval of newly-elected members by the Diocese as soon as possible.

The 1993 Parish Assembly was adjourned at 2:30 PM with a prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Arda Kiljian
Recording Secretary
1993 Parish Assembly

Joseph Basralian, Esq.
Chairman
1993 Parish Assembly

Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian
Parish Council Chairperson



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Very Rev. Fr. Vahan Hovhanessian, Pastor

PASTOR'S REPORT

(June 15 - December 31, 1993)

Յանուն Հօր եւ Որդւոյ եւ Հոգւոյն Սրբոյ:
«Փառք քեզ Աստուած յաղագս ամենայնի Տէր փառք քեզ:»
In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
"Glory to you O God, for everything, O Lord, glory to you."

As I begin to write this year's report I give thanks to God for the devoted Armenian Christian community of St. Leon church, and for the inspiring programs and activities we planned and shared in the past few months. It is with great spiritual satisfaction, therefore, that I present to you this report of my activities and observations as the Pastor of the Church since I assumed my responsibilities on June, 1993.

I. Liturgical

1. **Sunday Services:** Worshipping God is the main function and mission of the Church. We continued our Sunday liturgies according to the Armenian apostolic traditions. Our Sunday services begin with the traditional Armenian Nocturne, Night Service, followed by the Matins, Morning service. This is followed by the Divine Liturgy. For the convenience of our parishioners during the summer we started the services half an hour earlier.
2. **Other Church services:** This includes the service of the Blessing of the Field (*Antasdan*) which was celebrated outside the church during the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord; the service of the Blessing of the Grapes which was conducted on the feast of the Assumption of Mary. On December 24 we celebrated St. Stephen's great vesper.
3. **Sacraments:** People requesting a Sacrament must understand its meaning and importance. Sacraments should not be reduced to mere traditional rituals. I have prepared guidelines and outlines of the various sacraments which are distributed to the family requesting a sacrament to help understand its meaning. The total number of sacraments performed in our Church for this year is 33. Fifteen of these Sacraments were performed after I moved to St. Leon with the following breakdown: 11 infant baptisms, one adult baptism and 3 weddings. I also participated in Sacraments and liturgies at various sister churches.
4. **Funerals:** There were a total of 19 funerals in our church in the past year. Six of these were

performed since I assumed my pastoral responsibilities. In addition to funeral services I also made cemetery visitations upon the request of the families of the deceased.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our senior deacons Charles Pinajian and Sarkis Soultanian, the Choir Director George Paroonagian and our volunteer choir members and altar servers for their devoted service to God and His Church. I am especially impressed by the improvement of our younger altar servers. [See III. C.]

II. Pastoral - Spiritual

1. Home Visitation: The church, first and most of all, is one family of God. To help establish and strengthen these kinds of family ties I started a home-visitation plan which was announced to the parishioners through our weekly bulletin and monthly Lradoo and also through my sermons and speeches. The houses of the elderly and the sick who are shut in were my priority. The visitations were done mainly in the evenings. They were great opportunities for me to meet and get to know the families of my Church and listen to their comments and questions.
2. Hospital visitations: The only way I could know about a hospitalized person is if the family or friends of the person inform the church office. I asked my parishioners to keep me informed about any hospitalized person that I am not aware of. In addition to hospital visitations I also visited our elderly parishioners and friends in the old age homes.
3. Armenian Institutions: In the past few months we created strong ties with the neighboring Armenian institutions namely: Hovnanian School and the Armenian Home for the Aged in Emerson. In an agreement with the principal of the Hovnanian school I decided to visit the school on regular basis to meet and preach to the students. We also established a program with the Armenian Home in Emerson which includes once a month visitation for a church service.
4. Counseling Sessions: This is another priority in my ministry. I am very happy to say that several families found refuge in the church to overcome their difficult times. I had several counseling sessions with families who were experiencing some difficulties in their lives. Some of these sessions were held in the parish conference room others in their homes. An important aspect in the mission of the Church is to be a co-sufferer with her members and to be able to give them the needed Christian guidance.

III. Education

1. Programs: As soon as I assumed my pastoral responsibilities I decided to focus and emphasize on the teaching aspect of the Church's mission and ministry. Before rushing into conclusions and criticizing the 2000 year old Armenian Christian traditions, let us first try to educate ourselves and understand what our liturgies and traditions mean and why they are the way they are. To help us achieve these objectives I immediately sent a questionnaire and asked the parishioners' opinion concerning various didactic programs. Based on the responses from these questionnaires I planned 5 programs and these are:
 - A. Bible Study: To read and understand the Holy Scripture. In these sessions I made sure to emphasize on the history of these books and the human contribution to their creation. I also tried to link the biblical teaching to our Armenian Orthodox traditions of the Church. How can we call ourselves Christians if we haven't even opened or read the Bible?
 - B. Discussion group: In this group, which meets once a month, we discuss topics related to our

faith, liturgy, history and tradition. Usually a handout is distributed to the participants to give them an idea about the theme. So far all the sessions have been extremely successful.

C. Deacons' Training: The purpose of this program is to train and prepare altar servers educated in our liturgy. The group meets once a week in the sanctuary. I prepared booklets and audio cassettes in Armenian and English which were distributed to the participants during these sessions to help them learn and understand the Liturgy. [See IV.]

D. Conversational Armenian: This program targets those of us who are beyond the age limit of the Church Armenian School to learn and practice our mother tongue. The course focuses mainly on the conversational aspect of the language rather than the grammar. I should also mention that due to a last minute emergency I had to assume the responsibility of teaching one of the graduating classes in the Armenian School.

E. Choral Group: The purpose of this program is to introduce our parishioners to our heritage of Armenian folk and national songs. This group meets every other week on Tuesdays.

2. Lectures and Seminars: In the past six months I was occasionally invited to participate in seminars or deliver lectures. During the summer, for example, I lectured at two seminars in St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, the topics were: "The Gospels," and "St. Paul's Epistles." I also delivered two lectures at the Mardigian institute held in the Diocese and the topics were: "The Canon of the Armenian Bible," and "Canon Law in the Armenian Church." I was invited to be the guest speaker of the Fair Lawn Clergy Association the topic being "The Orthodox Tradition of the Armenian Church." The Van Riper-Ellis Church in Fair Lawn invited me to deliver the same lecture in a monthly gathering there. "War From a Biblical Perspective" was the topic of my lecture delivered at a series of lectures held in St. James Armenian Church in Westchester, NY. On November 21-24 I participated in the Annual Convention of the Society of Biblical Literature held in Washington, D.C., representing Fordham University where I continue my studies for the Ph.D. degree in Scripture. In addition to the above, I also lectured at many Armenian church organizations.

IV. Publications

1. **Bulletin:** This is published weekly and distributed to the participants of the Divine Liturgy on Sundays. Certain modifications were done to the bulletin toward making it a better informative and didactic tool. We added the Sunday Scripture readings in both Armenian and English. Whenever a space was available an Armenian prayer was inserted with its English translation.

2. **Lradoo:** This is the most effective tool by which we get in touch with our parishioners and friends to inform them about the life in St. Leon. In addition to the organizations and community news, I believe, "Lradoo" should also help educate our parishioners about our faith, history and tradition. To help us achieve this objective I created four fixed sections in the Lradoo: 1) "From Hayr Soorp's Disk"; in which I try to reflect upon a current issue or question from an Armenian Christian perspective. 2) "The Breath of God"; this discusses various questions related to the Bible, its books, authors and theology. 3) "From Our Liturgical Files"; discusses our liturgy, church services and topics related to this theme. 4) An Armenian Article which mainly reflects upon the major feast of the month. Other sections were added also such as the "Lradoo Puzzle" and a humorous article to make the reading of this monthly also an

entertaining matter. The monthly "Scripture Readings" section was inserted to help our parishioners, and especially the Bible Study group, follow the traditional Armenian Daily reading of the Scripture. I also added the "Lradoo Chitchat" section to inform our readers about the latest news concerning our members and their families, and also to include their comments and questions concerning the articles and materials printed in the Lradoo. I would like to thank our secretaries Pat Trommelen and Mary Ann Mozian and also the group of Women's Guild volunteers for their help in producing and mailing the Lradoo.

3. The "Deacons' Training Booklet" Series: These booklets are published almost twice a month and distributed to the Deacons and participants of our Deacons' training program. They are intended to be teaching tools. Each issue is devoted to a theme, such as "Divine Liturgy," "Liturgical Books," "Daily Services," ... etc.
4. Other Publications: This category includes booklets such as the traditional Armenian Vespers service which was published in three columns format: Armenian, English translation and transliteration. The booklet was used for the first time during the St. Stephen's vespers on December 24, 1993. A group of Christmas carols were published in one booklet to be used in our annual parish Christmas celebrations. This in addition to the English translation of the traditional confession of the Armenian church to be used by the participants of the *Badarak*.

V. Administrative

All the official business and correspondence of the Church is processed and handled by the church office under my supervision. To help organize this process the Parish Council informed our parishioners and friends that all official correspondence concerning the church must be mailed to my attention at the church address. I also informed the church office and the chairpersons of the various organizations that no letter should be sent out, nor should any article or announcement be published in any of our publications without my approval. We are doing our best to make the church office run quite smoothly. To achieve that we have asked the assistance of our parishioner Mary Ann Mozian who joined our office staff on September 15 of this year. Mrs. Mozian, together with our secretary Patricia Trommelen, is reorganizing the files of our Church. The Chairmen of the Parish council, Rex Kachigian, together with Mary Ann, Patricia and myself had formed a committee to examine, evaluate and improve our office operations. We have purchased a new computer which is being used to prepare our weekly and monthly publications in addition to the letters and other booklets. The older computer is being used for accounting and mailing purposes.

VI. Organizations

I consider the members of the Parish Council and the executive bodies of the various organizations to be co-pastors with me to help the Church achieve its educational and spiritual objectives. As soon as I started my pastoral responsibilities I called for an organizational meeting with the members of the executive bodies of the various organizations. In that meeting we discussed the status quo of the various organizations, their problems, concerns and future plans. Since then, it became almost a monthly activity to meet with all the organizations and have an open forum to discuss the various questions concerning their operations and the communications between them and the pastor. As a result of these meetings we decided to have an "Open House"

to introduce our organizations and their future plans and programs to our members and friends. It was the first time in our parish that such an activity was sponsored on a Parish Council level. All present on that day attested to the success and importance of such an annual event.

I do my best to attend the executive meetings of all the organizations, and also to participate in their various activities as much as my schedule allows me to do so. In the past few months, for example, in addition to the meetings of the executive committees, I participated in the annual parish picnic and the picnic held by the ACYOA Jrs., their Basketball "Big Challenge," the Women's Guild's lectures, Military Bridge and Old Age Home visitations, the Men's Fellowship's lectures and Christmas party, the ACYOA Seniors' Wine and Cheese party, Candy Cooking Evening, and Christmas trip to Manhattan, the choir's rehearsals and annual concert, the Armenian and Sunday School faculty meetings and Pumpkin Party, the Senior Citizens' gatherings on Wednesdays, the Care and Share workshops, meetings with the Parenteen group and other activities. I did my best to attend as many basketball games as I could. I am very happy and proud of the achievements of our teams and for that I would like to thank them all and especially their coaches and the chairman.

Many thanks to Mr. S. Rex Kachigian, chairman of the Parish Council, and all the members of the council for their fruitful cooperation among each other and with me and for their support and encouragement of my suggestions and programs. Thanks to all the organizations, their chairpersons, executive committees and members for their cooperation and remarkable job in organizing the parish activities. Thanks are also due to all the volunteers who help in cooking and preparing Mahs, and also to the members of the Altar Guild who have so beautifully improved the appearance of our sanctuary. Special thanks to my parishioners and the Parish Council members for making my thirtieth birthday such a memorable event. I cannot conclude without also thanking Minas for his important role in the upkeep of the facilities and grounds of the Church.

May Christ our Lord keep us firm in our faith and help us as we strive to follow His salvific steps. May the Grace of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

Prayerfully,

Fr. Valer Hovhannisian

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Dear Fellow Parishioners

The Parish Council of St. Leon Armenian Church met on the first and third Wednesday of each month in 1993 for a total of 24 meetings plus two special meetings. All members were in attendance on a regular basis at the bimonthly meetings with a minimum number of absentees. The Council members faithfully carried out the duties and responsibilities of their office in accordance with the By-laws of the Armenian Church of America.

1993 started with our church in a search for a new pastor. The Search Committee, formed in 1992, after a long and diligent search recommended to the Parish Council The Very Reverend Father Vahan Hovhannessian as the most suitable person to serve as our Parish Priest. The Parish Council approved the selection of Father Vahan at a special meeting on April 27, 1993 and a letter was sent to the Primate requesting his approval. Father Vahan was installed as our Parish Priest on June 11, 1993 at a special confirmation service by His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian. Father Vahan's first Divine Liturgy was on June 13.

The Parish Council and all our parishioners wish to thank the Search Committee who unselfishly gave of their time and efforts to bring the search to a happy ending. We also want to thank all our parishioners who donated household gifts and money towards helping to furnish the parish house. Thank you also to the house furnishing committee and reception committee who provided a warm, congenial atmosphere for the arrival of our parish priest

SPECIAL NOTES FOR 1993

Our Community Center was completely renovated with new carpeting, new wall covering, new mirrors and wall covering in the bathrooms and new cushions on the chairs. The sound system is to be upgraded in 1994. The Parish Council wishes to thank the Abajian family and the Mantashian family, whose generous donations helped defray the cost of the renovation. Our thanks to the committee, Sarkis Gabrellian and Grace Pinajian for a job well done!

Grace Pinajian resigned as Director of the Community Center in December, after twelve years of service. We thank Grace for her many years of dedicated service to a job little noticed but greatly appreciated.

Alice Yazmajian is our new Director. We thank her for accepting this most important position.

Renovations have started on the interior of the church. The interior has been painted, carpeting is on order and will be laid in January. New seat cushions are in the process of being ordered. Our thanks to the committee, John Nakashian, Leon Bedigian and Rose Najarian

The church roof was replaced in accordance with the provision of the 1992 Parish Assembly, and three new air conditioning units were purchased for the church to assure our continued comfort during the summer months.

The Altar Guild, Anne Kachigian, Rose Kirian and Takouhi Soultanian have been busy fabricating new covers for the altar, side altars and baptismal font, giving all a bright new look. Thank you ladies.

Mary Ann Mozian joined our office staff in October, sharing duties with Patricia Trommelen. We thank both ladies for helping to make our office both efficient and effective.

Andrea Halejian and Dawn Hourdajian were appointed as Church Historians.

The church has purchased a new computer with higher capability and has leased a professional size copier to support our expanded office activities. We are now able to publish the Lradoo monthly rather than bimonthly.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF 1993

St. Leon continued its efforts of supporting the needs of Armenia. Over \$13,000.00 was donated for Operation Winter Rescue and over 100 boxes of clothing were collected and shipped.

Our annual picnic was held jointly again with Holy Cross Church of Union City. Antoine Moundjian and Kevork Ohannessian were co-chairmen. Our thanks for a job well done.

The annual 50/50 raffle was again successful by bringing in much needed revenues for the operation of our church. Our thanks to the co-chairmen, Richard Dabagian and Richard Noorigian.

Richard Tomasian's Vosbikian Dance was a sell out, thanks to Richard's efforts.

Our yearly Food Festival continues to get better every year. This year the festival was chaired by Thomas Ashbahian. Our thanks to him and his committee and to all the workers who contributed their efforts to its success.

A pictorial church directory is in the process of being prepared, which will contain photographs of our church, its organizations and our parishioners

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

Our church organizations were active throughout the year, meeting on a regular schedule, fulfilling the mission of each organization. Specifics relating to their activities can be found in their individual reports. Our thanks to the executive bodies and members who gave of their time, talent and treasure for the success of the organizations and of our church.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all the Parish Council members and the Diocesan Delegates, who attended all our Council meetings, and for their dedication and commitment to fulfilling the responsibilities of their office. I apologize for the many late meetings, but it was necessary in order for us to succeed in administrating to our church's needs. To those outgoing Parish Council members, my best wishes and a grateful thank you from the parish.

I would like to thank Minas Arakelian for keeping our house in good order and for always being there when we need him. Our thanks also to his family for supporting him and the church when needed.

I would like to close by thanking Father Vahan for coming to our church and being our spiritual leader. We look forward to many years of growth and prosperity in our spiritual belief and culture.

Respectfully submitted,



S. Rex Kachigian

SRK/pnt

1993 PARISH COUNCIL

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Father Vahan Hovhanessian | President |
| S. Rex Kachigian | Chairman |
| *Thomas Ashbahian | Vice Chairman |
| Jan Royland | Recording Secretary |
| *Vasken Ohanyan | Corresponding Secretary |
| *Robert Ishkanian | Treasurer |
| Leon Bedigian | Assistant Treasurer |
| Sarkis Bedevian | Member |
| *Barbara Hovsepian | Member |
| *John Nakashian | Member |
| Arthur Ohnikian | Member |
| Dennis Tarzian | Member |

DIOCESAN DELEGATES

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| Sarkis Soultanian | Rose Najarian |
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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA
(EASTERN DIOCESE)

1993 DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY REPORT

The 91st Annual Assembly of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America convened in Chicago, Illinois from April 29 through May 1, 1993. One hundred and fifty-one delegates from 50 organized and mission parishes which comprise the Eastern Diocese of North America gathered at the Assembly which was hosted by St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church.

This year the General Assembly's format was revised to include panel discussions for all Diocesan Departments from which each Delegate chose prior to attending the Assembly. The reason for this change was to bring the Delegates into a more concrete and direct involvement in the development and growth of our Church rather than merely ratifying one objection or another. All department and organizations presented their reports followed by lengthy discussions of their programs and goals.

Department of Religious Education (DRE) has reached into a new and expanded area of education that can have a direct impact on the mission of the church, areas such as intergenerational, youth and women's programs; religious outreach in Armenia and Parish Council education workshops. Their programs for students that include "A Common Liturgy," a simplified and re-translated version of the Liturgy that will be tested and released in 1993, as well as their forthcoming publications of revised Divine Liturgy Pew Book.

Armenian Language Lab (ALLARC). Over 10,000 students throughout the diaspora are utilizing the textbooks and materials from ALLARC. A new teaching program, computer application, has been prepared to "Learn to Read Armenian". Both DRE and ALLARC department stressed the need for a Campaign to Enlighten Parents on the importance of their respective schools.

Department of Youth Ministry (DYM) under the direction of Rev. Father Mardiros Chevian continues to pursue its objective of guiding and revitalizing the ACYOA Juniors and Seniors programs at the national, regional and parish level. Twenty-five parishes have designated youth co-ordinators at this time and they are working closely with DYM to develop its material and especially its human resources through training, publication and guidance. Efforts in this area will include a Young Adults Parish Membership Program, College Campus Visitation and Parish Youth Coed Training Programs.

Department of Social Service opened its doors in September 1992. This referral and information center is open to all Diocesan parishes and lay people. They hope to establish parish liaisons who will serve as a conduit for information from parish to Diocese.

Department of Development was established the summer of 1992 and will include cultivation of a donor base, donor relation, events planning, direct mail contacts, annual funds and planned giving. The objective is to provide the financial resources for the ongoing parish programs of the Diocese. The 25th Anniversary Campaign was put in place for the coming 3 years. Over that period of time \$4.5 million will be raised to recondition the Cathedral and fund the Diocesan programs.

Diocesan Fund for Armenian Recovery (DFAR) is being reorganized into a Private Voluntary Organization with Yeznig Balian acting as consultant. It continues to provide Food Aid, Agricultural Development and Medical Programs to Armenia. DFAR has named Mr. Lawrence Ayvazian as on-site co-ordinator to oversee all projects in Yerevan.

Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF). The Fund includes over 650 donors and assets of approximately \$30 million. Of the 30 Churches in the Eastern Diocese that have established funds, St. Leon has the largest contribution, totalling \$211,272, with \$14,506 income allocated as of 1992.

St. Nersess Armenian Seminary. This year four St. Nersess graduates were ordained into priesthood. The seminary is averaging three new graduates per year and during the past two years it has enrolled an average of two new students per year. This summer, as part of the Recruitment & Development projects, the seminary will hold 12 programs in various regions of the three North American Diocese. Their community outreach and youth programs continue to educate and increase awareness of any possible candidates for priesthood within the parishes.

Report of the Unity Committee. Negotiations for a re-united Diocese with Prelacy counterparts is still ongoing. At the March 27, 1993 Diocesan Assembly/Unity Committee meeting, held at the Diocesan headquarters, a review of the By-laws (99 Articles) presented April 10, 1990 for Prelacy parish responses, was completed. There remain some 15 items yet to be resolved. The next By-laws meeting is scheduled for June 21, 1993 at Prelacy Headquarters.

The implemented cooperative action of the Religious and Armenian Schools of Diocese and Prelacy remain an issue. The Prelacy Cooperation Committee wishes to extend the action to all parishes and also to expand cooperation in the Liturgical and Sacramental life of the parishes.

The Assembly passed a resolution for the Unity Committee to report to the Diocesan Council by February 15, 1994, at which time they will have assessed the actions of the Prelacy counterparts and recommend a vote to discontinue negotiations at our next Assembly in May 1994..

Report of the Clergy Conference Deacon Norman Odabashian delivered the report. Many topics were discussed and task forces will be implemented to review the following:

- Moral and Ethical Issues Facing our Church.
- New Divine Liturgy Books with Explanations and Pictures.
- Length of the Badarak.
- Mission of our Church to Provide Salvation of our Souls, with a Dual Role of Promoting our Cultural Identity.

Elections were held for Diocesan Council. The results are as follows:

Rev. Fr. Dajed Davidian, St. James, Watertown, MA
Rose Mekenian, St. Thomas, Tenafly, NJ
George Papalian, Holy Martyrs, Bayside, NY
Edward Brewster, St. James, Watertown, MA
Asbed Zakarian, Armenian Church of Our Savior,
Worcester, MA

Budget. The proposed budget of \$3,500,000 for 1993 was passed, Forty-two parishes are assessed \$690,000. St. Leon ranks number 10 at \$18,610 in assessments. St. John, Southfield MI, is number one at \$88,550 for 900 members. There will be a freeze on parish assessments as of the 1992 total because many parishes are having difficulty meeting their obligations.

Next Year's Diocesan Assembly site will be in Texas.

Respectively Submitted,

Sarkis Sultanian
Rose Najarian



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Very Rev. Fr. Vahan Hovhannessian, Pastor

January 10, 1994

Dear Fellow Parishioner:

An examination of all financial reports for the Parish Council and various church organizations was conducted for the Fiscal Year of 1993. Where necessary, corrections were made and brought to the attention of Parish Council and/or the Organization.

The Auditing Committee, consisting of Jacques Tossounian and myself found the books to be in satisfactory condition.

Respectfully submitted,

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
Senior Citizens
Women's Guild

A. C. Y. O. A. JUNIORS
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
1993 ACTIVITIES REPORT

OFFICERS - Chairperson, Joy Hovsepian; Vice Chairperson, Kate Hachadourian; Recording Secretary, Debra Harutunian; Corresponding Secretary, Haig Hovsepian; Treasurer, Jason Capizzi; Historian, Greg Basralian; Advisors, Mrs. Virginia Hachadourian and Mrs. Vivian Hovsepian

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP **30**

MAIN ACTIVITIES DURING 1993 - Trip to Great Adventure, Visited Armenian Home for the Aged, Learning Armenian Dance, Pool Party, Picnic, Initiation, Basketball Game "The Big Challenge I - Jrs. vs Srs./Parents, Meetings and Discussions with Hayr Soorp, Christmas Party with St. Thomas ACYOA Jrs.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1994 - Visit Armenian Home for the Aged; Bake Sale, Retreat at St. Nersess with other churches, Valentine's Dance, Skiing with St. Thomas, Visit the Cathedral, Hiking, Learn Armenian Dance, Lesson on Conversational Armenian, A.C.Y.O.A. Day, Sportsnight, Lecture, NBA Basketball Game, Tennis Game - Big Challenge II - Jrs. vs. Srs./Parents, Project Adventure, Beach, Pool Party, Trip to Great Adventure.

1993 FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash on Hand and in Banks as of December 1, 1992

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| Checking | \$ 3,746.52 | | |
| Savings | <u>2,950.00</u> | | \$ 6,696.52 |
| Add 1993 Receipts | \$ 3,590.50 | | |
| Deduct 1993 Disbursements | <u>2,320.98</u> | | |
| Net 1993 Income | | | <u>1,269.52</u> |

Cash on Hand and in Banks on December 1, 1993 (Before giving to Parish Council)

| | | | |
|----------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Checking | \$ 4,934.21 | | |
| Savings | <u>3,031.83</u> | CD of 10/19/93 | <u>\$ 7,966.04</u> |

80% of Cash Balance to give Parish Council \$3,947.37

Interest Income of \$ 81.83 Included Above.

**A.C.Y.O.A. SENIORS
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
1993 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Cash on Hand and in Banks as of December 1, 1992

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Checking | \$ 317.89 | |
| Savings | <u>00.00</u> | <u>\$317.89</u> |
| Add 1992 Receipts | \$ <u>295.59</u> | |
| Deduct 1993 Disbursements | <u>325.81</u> | |
| Net 1993 Income | | \$ <u>(30.32)</u> |

Cash on Hand and in Banks on December 1, 1993 (Before giving to Parish Council)

| | | |
|--|--------------|------------------|
| Checking | \$ 287.67 | |
| Savings | <u>00.00</u> | <u>\$287.67</u> |
| 80% of Cash Balance to give Parish Council | | <u>*\$ 00.00</u> |

Interest Income of \$.59 Included Above.

*80% not requested because of lack of sufficient operating balance.

**ARMENIAN SCHOOL
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
1993 ACTIVITIES REPORT**

OFFICERS - Chairperson, Mary Ann Mozian; Recording Secretary, Sirapi Aram; Corresponding Secretary, Barbara Hovsepian; Treasurer, Arda Kiljian; Costume and Property, Zabelle Kaprielian; Parish Council Liaison, Jan Royland.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP **32 Students, 9 Teachers (1 Song, 1 Dance)**

MAIN ACTIVITIES DURING 1993 - Pot Luck Dinner, Easter Plant Sale, Spring Plant Sale, Lenten Luncheon, Hantes, Parish Open House Day, Pumpkin Party, Food Festival, Christmas Plant Sale, St. Vartanantz Day.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1994 - Food Festival, Plant Sale, St. Vartanantz Day, Fund Raiser, Communion Breakfast, Hantes.

1993 FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash on Hand and in Banks as of December 1, 1992

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Checking | \$ 1,392.96 | |
| Savings | <u>00.00</u> | <u>\$ 1,392.96</u> |
| | | |
| Add 1993 Receipts | \$ 7,898.77 | |
| Deduct 1993 Disbursements | <u><7,929.12></u> | |
| Net 1993 Income | | <u>\$< 30.35></u> |

Cash on Hand and in Banks on December 1, 1993 (Before giving to Parish Council)

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------------------|
| Checking | \$ 1,362.61 | |
| Savings | <u>00.00</u> | <u>\$ 1,362.61</u> |
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| 80% of Cash Balance to give Parish Council | | <u>\$1,090.09</u> |

Interest Income of \$ 45.22 Included Above

**CARE AND SHARE
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
1993 ACTIVITIES REPORT**

OFFICERS - Chairperson, Andrea Halejian; Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Burdman; Treasurer, Andrea Halejian; Programs, Barbara Royland and Nancy Scicchitano; Advisors Anita Sarkissians and Linda Galgano.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 25

MAIN ACTIVITIES DURING 1993 - February Meeting/Program on Self Defense, April Meeting and Program, June Meeting /Program on Water Safety for Children, June Dinner, August Swim Party/Barbeque, Mother's Day Bake Sale October Meeting/Craft Program - Made Banners for Jessourian Hall, Made Bourma for the Food Festival, November/Attended Women's Guild Meeting, Co-Chaired Christmas Party with Men's Fellowship and Women's Guild.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1994 - Progressive dinner for membership in January, Program Meetings for February, April and June, Possibly a Spring Bake Sale and/or Fund Raiser Dance, Meetings in October and November (Craft).

1993 FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash on Hand and in Banks as of December 1, 1992

| | | | |
|----------|--------------|--|-----------------|
| Checking | \$ 54.38 | | |
| Savings | <u>00.00</u> | | <u>\$ 54.38</u> |

Add 1993 Receipts \$ _____

Deduct 1993 Disbursements _____

Net 1993 Income (Balance) \$ 00.00

Cash on Hand and in Banks on December 1, 1993 (Before Payment to Parish Council)

(No Records: We only became an "official" church organization in 1993. We really have no income; our only disbursement is for mailing meeting notices).

| | | | |
|----------|--------------|--|-----------------|
| Checking | \$ 54.38 | | |
| Savings | <u>00.00</u> | | <u>\$ 54.38</u> |

80% of Cash Balance to give Parish Council \$ 00 00

CHURCH CHOIR
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
1993 ACTIVITIES REPORT

OFFICERS - Chairperson, George Paroonagian; Vice Chairman, Emerald Noorigian; Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Lynn Beylerian; Treasurer, Rose Kirian; Advisors, Lucy Dabagian and Leon Dourgarian.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 25

MAIN ACTIVITIES DURING 1993 - Continued Performing the Liturgical Hymns every Sunday, Biweekly Rehearsals of the Armenian Liturgy, Participated in the Open House in September, Sponsored a (fund raiser) Concert of Onnik Dinkjian and John Berberian on November 12, Christmas Party at George and Linda Paroonagian's Home.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1994 - Continued participation in the Sunday Badarak, Biweekly Rehearsals as in '93, Continue Efforts to Recruit New and Young Choir Members.

1993 FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash on Hand and in Banks as of December 1, 1992

| | | | |
|----------|-----------------|--|--------------------|
| Checking | \$ 00.00 | | |
| Savings | <u>1,740.70</u> | | <u>\$ 1,740.70</u> |

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|---------------------------|-----------------|--|--------------------|
| Add 1993 Receipts | \$ 4,964.05 | | |
| Deduct 1993 Disbursements | <u>2,977.47</u> | | |
| Net 1993 Income | | | <u>\$ 1,986.58</u> |

Cash on Hand and in Banks on December 1, 1993 (Before giving to Parish Council)

| | | | |
|----------|--------------|--|-------------------|
| Checking | \$ 3,727.28 | | |
| Savings | <u>00.00</u> | | <u>\$3,727.28</u> |

80% of Cash Balance to give Parish Council ***\$ 2,981.82**

Interest Income of \$ 67.05 Included Above

*Paid \$ 581.82 Dec/93
2,400.00 Jan/94

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
1993 ACTIVITIES REPORT

OFFICERS - Chairperson, Dr. Barry Ard Halajian; Vice Chairman, Ara Hourdajian; Recording Secretary, Dr. Nabet Kasabian; Corresponding Secretary, Arto Vartoukian; Treasurer Vahe Kiljian; Publicity, Thomas Ashbahian; Advisor, Robert Ishkanian.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 24 Dues-paying Members

MAIN ACTIVITIES DURING 1993 - Ten Monthly Meetings, Lectures (Landscaping, Ancient Armenian Architecture, The Battle of Midway, The Armenian Church and its Historical Role in Christianity, The Los Angeles Olympics Games), Construction of Concrete Pad Along Community Center Kitchen, Construction of 9 new Picnic Tables and repair of Old Tables, CPR Course (13 Parishioners Certified), Communion Breakfast (Easter), Parish Bar-B-Que, Art Auction, Food Festival (Grill men), Parish Christmas Party.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1994 - CPR Recertification, Spaghetti Dinner, Christmas Party, Educational Lectures.

1993 FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash on Hand and in Banks as of December 1, 1992

| | | |
|----------|--------------|------------------|
| Checking | \$ 461.72 | |
| Savings | <u>00.00</u> | <u>\$ 461.72</u> |

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|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Add 1993 Receipts | \$9,363.00 | |
| Deduct 1993 Disbursements | <u>8,005.41</u> | |
| Net 1993 Income | | <u>\$ 1,357.59</u> |

Cash on Hand and in Banks on December 1, 1993 (Before Payment to Parish Council)

| | | |
|----------|--------------|-------------------|
| Checking | \$1,819.31 | |
| Savings | <u>00.00</u> | <u>\$1,819.31</u> |

80% of Cash Balance to give Parish Council \$1,455.45

Interest Income of - 0 - Included Above.

**SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
1993 ACTIVITIES REPORT**

OFFICERS - Chairperson, Mr. Hagop Dellakian; Vice Chairman, Mr. Leon Bedigian; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Helen Mazoujian; Treasurer, Mr. Nicolas Kondakji; Hospitality, Mrs. Manushag Arakelian, Mrs. Vartir Arakelian, Mrs. Archalous Varjabedian.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP **65**

MAIN ACTIVITIES FOR 1993 - Weekly meetings held every Wednesday, Special events take place on Mothers Day, Fathers Day, Easter, Christmas and Special Birthdays, Three Bus Trips to Atlantic City were held.

PROPOSE ACTIVITIES FOR 1994 - Activities as enjoyed this year will be repeated in 1994.

1993 FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash on Hand and in Banks as of December 1, 1992

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Checking | \$ 1,335.53 | |
| Savings | <u>00.00</u> | \$ 1,335.53 |
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| Add 1993 Receipts | \$ 1,114.37 | |
| Deduct 1993 Disbursements | <u>100.00</u> | |
| Net 1993 Income | | <u>\$ 1,014.37</u> |

Cash on Hand and in Banks on December 1, 1993 (Before giving to Parish Council)

| | | |
|--|--------------|---------------------------|
| Checking | \$ 2,168.98 | |
| Savings | <u>00.00</u> | <u>\$2,168.98</u> |
| | | |
| 80 % of Cash Balance to give Parish Council | | <u>\$ 1,027.25</u> |

Interest Income of - 0 - Included Above.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
1993 ACTIVITIES REPORT**

OFFICERS - Superintendent, Linda Paroonagian; Assistant Superintendents, Arax Moumjuan and Jo-anne Tashjian; Treasurer, Virginia Hachadourian; Advisor, Vasken Ohanyan.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP **110 Students, 11 Teacher**

MAIN ACTIVITIES DURING 1993 - Teaching Sunday School, Christmas Dinner and Pageant, Christmas and Lenten Projects for Armenia, Communion Breakfast, Graduation.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1994 - Christmas Dinner and Pageant, Christmas and Lenten Projects, Communion Breakfast, Graduation, Teaching Sunday School.

1993 FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash on Hand January 1, 1993

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--|------------------|
| Checking | \$ 3,239.97 | | |
| Savings | <u>00.00</u> | | \$ 3,239.97 |
| Add 1993 Receipts | \$ 4,256.40 | | |
| Deduct 1993 Disbursements | <u>3,726.22</u> | | |
| Net 1993 Income | | | \$ <u>530.18</u> |

Cash on Hand and in Banks on December 1, 1993 (Before Payment to Parish Council)

| | | | |
|---|--------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Checking | \$ 3,770.15 | | |
| Savings | <u>00.00</u> | | \$ <u>3,770.15</u> |
| 80% of Cash Balance to give Parish Council | | | \$ <u>3,016.20</u> |

Interest Income of - 0 - Included Above,

**WOMEN'S GUILD
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
1993 ACTIVITIES REPORT**

OFFICERS - Co-Chairpersons, Carol Ashbahian and Eliz Toossounian; Recording Secretary, Margaret Semonian; Corresponding Secretary, Barbara Hovsepian; Treasurer, Linda Harutunian; Advisor, Linda Powers.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 87

MAIN ACTIVITIES DURING 1993 - Installation of New Officers, Christmas Party, Pharmacist Speaker, Spiritual Talk, Fashion Show, Membership Drive/Buffer Dinner, Lecture "The Armenian Family Facing the 21st Century," Senior Citizens Luncheon, Picnic, Pot Luck Dinner with Husbands, Madagh and Grape Blessing, Lecture on Armenian Art, Food Festival, Military Bridge, Joint Meeting with Care and Share, Elections and Cookie Exchange.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1994 - Installation of New Officers, Christmas Party, Fish 'n Chips Dinner. Membership Drive/Buffer Dinner, Pot Luck Dinner with Husbands, Trip to St. Nersess, Military Bridge (?), Joint Care and Share Meeting.

1993 FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash on Hand and in Banks as of December 1, 1992

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

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|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Add 1993 Receipts | \$ 5,287.15 | |
| Deduct 1993 Disbursements | <u>10,625.18</u> | |
| Net 1993 Income | | <u>\$ < 5,338.03 ></u> |

Cash on Hand and in Banks on December 1, 1993 (Before giving to Parish Council)

| | | |
|----------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Checking | \$ 2,693.49 | |
| Savings | <u>2,328.42</u> | <u>\$ 5,021.91</u> |

80% of Cash Balance to give Parish Council \$ 4,017.51

Interest Income of \$ 28.42 Included Above.



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

GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Sarkis and Ruth Bedevian Fund | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Karnig Shahbazian Memeorial Fund | 5,000.00 |
| George Beshlian Fund | 4,300.06 |
| Harout Boyajian Memorial Fund | 3,129.36 |
| Robert Buchakian Memorial Fund | 100,025.00 |
| E. George and Lucy Dabagian Fund | 11,000.00 |
| Zaven and Arlene Dadekian Fund | 16,250.00 |
| Arpine Holopikian Memorial Fund | 1,817.00 |
| Noubar and Anita Jessourian Fund | 9,500.00 |
| Martin Kapoian Memorial Fund | 1,780.00 |
| Satenik Kazanjian Memorial Fund | 25,000.00 |
| Mirjan Kirian Fund | 500.00 |
| Angele Kouchoukians Memorial Fund | 1,745.00 |
| James and Emerald Noorigian Fund | 2,267.00 |
| Andrew and Florence Purpuse Memorial Fund | 2,635.00 |
| Anthony Tungrian Memorial Fund | 1,740.00 |
| Lucile Varjian Fund | 500.00 |

ARMENIAN SCHOOL

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Peter Jesraly Memorial Fund | 2,900.00 |
| Pailak Khatchadourian Memorial Fund | 4,000.00 |

CHURCH SCHOOL

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Takvorian Fund | 3,418.94 |
| Varsen Torosian Memorial Fund | 1,920.00 |
| Lucy Tutunjian Memorial Fund | 7,315.00 |

YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Fr. Vahan and Yn. Zarouhi Jelalian Fund | <u>6,050.00</u> |
|---|-----------------|

TOTAL

\$217,792.36

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

CAPITAL AND OTHER SPECIAL EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS

DECEMBER 31, 1993

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Armenia Aid (as per Parish Assembly) | \$ 10,000 |
| Roof Repair (Approved \$15,000 at Parish Assembly) | 11,475 |
| Hall Renovations (Approved \$30,000 at Parish Assembly; excess expenditures of \$16,070 were defrayed due to special contributions shown below) | 46,070 |
| Parish House Fixtures | 6,691 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 74,236 |

LESS OFFSETTING SPECIAL RECEIPTS

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Contribution from the Abajian Family to defray cost of Hall renovations | \$ 20,000 |
| Contribution from the Mantashian Family to defray cost of Hall chairs for renovations | 5,568 |
| Cash Contributions for Parish House Fixtures | 895 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Receipts | \$ 26,463 |

NET CAPITAL AND SPECIAL EXPENDITURES **\$ 47,773**

PROPOSED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR 1994

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Expansion of Cottage | \$ 15,000 |
| Storage Shed Facility | <u>19,000</u> |
| Total Proposed Expenditures | \$ 34,000 |

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH - COMPARATIVE OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY

DECEMBER 31, 1993

RECEIPTS

| | PROPOSED 1993 | ACTUAL 1993 | PERCENT TOTAL % | PROPOSED 1994 | PERCENT TOTAL % |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Weekly Envelopes | | | | | |
| Plate Collections | \$ 51,000 | \$ 48,464 | 21.54 | \$ 57,000 | 25.22 |
| Special Donations (1) | | | | | |
| Sacraments | | | | | |
| Hokehankisd | 22,000 | 22,187 | 9.86 | 26,000 | 11.50 |
| In Lieu of Flowers | | | | | |
| Lradoo Greetings | 1,000 | 1,670 | .74 | 2,000 | .88 |
| Christmas & Easter Yughakin | 10,000 | 10,764 | 4.78 | 13,000 | 5.75 |
| Auxiliary Organization | 4,000 | 16,546 | 7.35 | 8,000 | 3.54 |
| Community Center Rentals | 70,000 | 63,358 | 28.20 | 50,000 | 22.15 |
| Endowment Fund Income | 14,000 | 14,518 | 6.45 | 14,000 | 6.19 |
| Net Proceeds from Affairs (2) | 50,000 | 40,600 | 18.05 | 50,000 | 22.12 |
| Investment Income | 3,000 | 3,659 | 1.63 | 4,000 | 1.77 |
| Miscellaneous | 800 | 3,221 | 1.43 | 2,000 | .88 |
| Total | \$225,800 | \$224,987 | 100.00 | \$226,000 | 100.00 |

(1) Includes occasional donations which were shown separately in previous years.

| (2) | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Proposed</u> |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Affairs | | |
| Raffle | \$22,520 | \$23,000 |
| Food Festival | 15,949 | 20,000 |
| Picnic | 1,916 | 2,000 |
| Other | 215 | 5,000 |

\$40,600 \$50,000

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH - COMPARATIVE OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY

DECEMBER 31, 1993

DISBURSEMENTS

| | PROPOSED 1993 | ACTUAL 1993 | PERCENT TOTAL % | PROPOSED 1994 | PERCENT TOTAL % |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Clergy Stipend | | | | | |
| Employee Salaries | \$80,000 | \$53,186 | 28.40 | \$80,000 | 35.41 |
| Pensions, Health Insurance | | | | | |
| Visiting Clergy | 600 | - 0 - | .27 | 600 | .27 |
| Diocesan Dues and Expenses | 23,500 | 17,692 | 9.44 | 22,000 | 9.73 |
| Sports Association Basketball, etc. | 3,000 | 840 | .45 | 2,000 | .88 |
| General Administration Expenses | 17,000 | 22,324 | 11.92 | 23,000 | 10.18 |
| Utilities | 25,000 | 23,904 | 12.76 | 25,000 | 11.07 |
| Publications and Mailings | 5,000 | 1,742 | .93 | 3,500 | 1.55 |
| Repairs, Maintenance, Painting Church and Cottage | 10,000 | 10,733 | 5.73 | 15,000 | 6.44 |
| Property Damage, Casualty and Liability Insurance | 17,000 | 13,520 | 7.22 | 12,000 | 5.31 |
| Armenian School | 1,000 | 1,000 | .53 | 1,000 | .44 |
| Church School | 1,000 | - 0 - | .00 | 1,000 | .44 |
| Organist Stipend | 3,500 | 3,300 | 1.76 | 3,300 | 1.46 |
| Van and Auto Expense | 2,500 | 2,549 | 1.36 | 3,000 | 1.33 |
| Community Center Expense | 15,000 | 13,479 | 7.19 | 14,000 | 6.19 |
| Community Center Repair and Maintenance | 5,000 | 5,001 | 2.67 | 4,000 | 1.77 |
| Van Fund Reserve | 2,000 | 2,000 | 1.07 | 2,000 | .88 |
| Equipment Purchases | 2,000 | 3,665 | 1.96 | 2,000 | .88 |

(Disbursements Continued)

| | Proposed 1993 | Actual 1993 | Percent Total | Proposed 1994 | Percent Total |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Community Center Reserve Fund | \$ 7,000 | \$ 6,335 | 3.38 | \$ 5,000 | 2.21 |
| St. Nersess Seminary | 2,000 | 2,000 | 1.07 | 2,000 | .88 |
| Parish Functions & Church Activities | 2,000 | 2,013 | 1.07 | 3,000 | 1.33 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,500 | 2,050 | 1.09 | 2,600 | 1.15 |
| TOTAL | \$225,600 | \$187,333 | 100.00 | \$226,000 | 100.0 |

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONAL FUNDS ON HAND
DECEMBER 31, 1993

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Parish Council Checking Account | \$ 8,120.22 |
| Parish Council Special Events Account | 1,394.39 |
| Parish Council Money Market Business Account | 46,595.83 |
| Parish Council Money Market Memorial Account | 19,698.26 |
| Dreyfus Fund | 45,488.28 |
| Community Center Capital Improvement Fund | 17,000.00 |
| Building Fund | 18,372.23 |
| Van Reserve Fund | 10,000.00 |
| A. C. Y. O. A. Juniors | 4,018.67 |
| A. C. Y. O. A. Seniors | 287.67 |
| Armenian School | 272.52 |
| Care and Share | 54.38 |
| Church Choir | 3,145.46 |
| Church School | 3,770.15 |
| Men's Fellowship | 1,819.31 |
| Senior Citizens | 2,168.98 |
| Women's Guild | 5,021.91 |
| | <hr/> |
| TOTAL | \$187,228.26 |