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ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Sunday, January 27, 1985
following services

AGENDA

- 1 - Election of Assembly Officers
- 2 - Elections: 6 Parish Council
3 Auditing Committee
3 Nominating Committee
- 3 - Report of the Pastor
- 4 - Report of Parish Council
- 5 - Report of Church Organizations
- 6 - Report of Auditing Committee
- 7 - 1985 Budget
- 8 - New business

A light lunch will be served after the Divine Liturgy in the Church Center to members who plan to attend the meeting.

Those who are paid-up members of the Parish through 1984 are eligible to vote.

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Կիրակի, Յունուար 27, 1985
Յաւարտ Ս. Պատարագի

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- 1.- Ընտրութիւն Նոր Դիւանի
- 2.- Ընտրութիւն 6 ծխական խորհուրդի անդամներու, 3 Հաշուէքննիչ Յանձնախումբի անդամներու, 3 Ընտրողական Յանձնախումբի անդամներու
- 3.- Ջեկոյց Հովիւի
- 4.- Տեղեկագիր ծխական խորհուրդի
- 5.- Տեղեկագիր Եկեղեցւոյս Օժանդակ Կազմակերպութեանց
- 6.- Տեղեկագիր Հաշուէքննիչ Յանձնախումբի
- 7.- 1985 տարուան Պիւստէի սահմանում
- 8.- Նոր Հարցեր

Սուրբ Պատարագէն ետք թեթեւ ծաշ մը պիտի սպասարկուի ժողովականներուն:

Անոնք որոնք վճարած են իրենց 1984 տարուան անդամատուրքը, իրաւասու պիտի ըլլան քուէարկելու:

STEWARDSHIP/PLEDGE

You have by now received your letters and cards with regard to our Stewardship/Pledge program. If you have not already done so, please fill in the card and mail it. If you prefer, you may send in a payment check or use the envelope system as outlined in the letter. Pledge envelopes may be obtained by asking the Parish Council.

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Այս տարի եւս կը դիմենք մեր հաւատացեալներուն, որպէս զի ընեն իրենց Տարեկան Փլեճները որուն մէջ է նաեւ 25 տուարի Տարեկան Անդամատուրքը: Կրնաք չէքով վճարել ձեր տարեկան ընելիք խոստումները եւ կամ ձեզի տրուելիք Շաբաթական Պահարանները գործածել: Բոլորս ալ անխտիր պէտք է մասնակցինք սոյն շատ կարեւոր ծրագրին:

SPECIAL THANKS

The Pastor, Parish Council and the entire Holy Cross Church Community expresses its thanks and appreciation to Rev. Fr. Arshen Aivazian who for the past three months in Der Carnig's absence, celebrated the Divine Liturgy and gave us his Sermon every Sunday.

On this occasion we wish Der Arshen success in his studies and in all his future endeavors.

Another financially successful rummage sale has swelled our coffers by over \$1,300. Our volunteers are to be thanked as well as all those who donated the clothing and household items which were sold.

The Executive Committee met in November to set the calendar for the 1985 year. Our flea markets continue in their successful ways, and we owe a great deal to our volunteers...if we may borrow from the Women's Guild Newsletter:

There are many, many members...hard-working members from the rank and file in our midst who remain anonymous. But unfortunately mentioning each one and their individual contribution to the common cause at times would seem out of place and not in keeping with the tenor of a special day...and indeed could pose an impossible and endless undertaking.

Their respective tasks, however, are very necessary...may those tasks be in cleaning, sewing, purchasing, washing church linens, care of vestments, making gift items, making keufteh, luleh, paklava, soujouk, shish kebab, kavourma, keeping finances, selling tickets, keeping records over the years, publicity, correspondence and many uncountable, innumerable functions from small teas, luncheons to dinner, picnics, bazaars.

Suffice it to say those who did indeed participate over the years could and should feel as proud as those in the foreground... as those in the limelight of a particular day...FOR PRIDE DOES NOT POUR FORTH IN THE MENTION OF ONE'S NAME BUT IN SHARING THE BURDEN FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

So---to all MEMBERS...EACH ONE OF YOU IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO THE LIFELINE AND PULSE OF AN ORGANIZATION THE SIZE AND SCOPE OF OUR GUILD. WE LOVE YOU ALL...AND KNOW WHO YOU ARE ARE...AND YOU KNOW YOU ARE PART OF THE TEAM. MAY GOD BLESS.

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Եկեղեցւոյս Հովիւը, Ժիական Խորհուրդը եւ Նամայն Ծուխը, Մասնաւոր շնորհակալութիւն կը յայտնեն Տ. Արշէն Բնյ. Այվազեանին որ անցնող երեք ամիսներու ընթացքին ամէն Կիրակի Պատարագեց եւ Բարոզեց եկեղեցւոյս մէջ, Տէր Գառնիկին բացակայութեան

Այս առթիւ Տէր Հօր կը մաղթենք յաջողութիւն, ուժ եւ կարողութիւն իր դպրոցական աշխատանքներուն մէջ:

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild continues to hum along with its activities. We were fortunate to hear Louise Kalemkerian during our November meeting. Louise represented the Armenian Church of Etchmiadzin at the World Council of Churches meeting which was held in Canada this past summer. She gave us an idea of what it was like to sit in meetings with 3,000 delegates; to share in trying to solve the problems facing Christian peoples of the world. It was an exciting experience for her and she related this to us.

During the November meeting we had an interesting speaker from Public Service Electric & Gas Company, JoAnn Dow, who gave us some tips on preparing ahead during the holiday season --- baking for holiday gifts, food safety, how to purchase small appliances and many other hints. Also elections for officers were held and the following were elected for a two-year term: Arpena Sbarbaro, Nector Kalustian, Victoria Bohajian, Alice Foronjy and Diane Burggraf.

WELCOME

Although she has been filling in for quite some time now, we welcome Mary Shalakian to the ranks of our church organists. We're glad to have you back, Mary.

SԱՐԵԿԱՆ ՊԱԶԱՐԸ

Այս տարի եւս, եկեղեցւոյ Տարեկան Պազարը անցաւ յաջող: Բոլոր անոնք որոնք եկած էին, երկու օրերու ընթացքին վայելեցին մեր տիկիններու կողմէ պատրաստուած համեղ ճաշերը, գեղեցկօրէն առարկաներով զարդարուն կրպակները եւ փոքրիկներուն յայտագիրը:

Այս առթիւ մեր շնորհակալութիւնները կը յայտնենք մասնաւորաբար ձեռնարկին Ատենապետ Չարգ Շենլուկեանին, ծաշերու պատասխանատու Տիկնայք Արտեմիս Գուլտարճեանի եւ Արեգնազ Սարածեանին, գեղեցիկ կրպակներ պատրաստող Մերի Շալագեանին եւ Թրուտի Թագազճանին եւ Վրճինիա Շենլուկեանին որ հաւաքեց Պազարին բոլոր նուէրները: Շնորհակալութիւն նաեւ բոլոր տիկիններուն որոնք օրերով ճաշերը պատրաստեցին եւ բոլոր անոնց որոնք օգնեցին Ատենապետին, ձեռնարկին յաջողութեան համար:

HOLY CROSS CHRISTMAS CARD

If you have enjoyed seeing our beautiful Christmas Cards each year, you should know that it is prepared and printed by Mr. Richard Assoian. Mr. Assoian donates his services, not only with the Card, but he also is responsible for the printing of our VISION each month. We thank him and wish him and his family continued success in all endeavors.

Thanks also to Miss Virginia Hajeian and Mrs. Arax Cherkinian who were in charge of collecting and putting together the names.

PROJECT SHARE

Please remember to bring in non-perishable goods --- food, soaps, paper products --- if you cannot come or bring a donation, send your check to the church office --- remember, these items are given to families with children through the State of New Jersey Department of Human Resources. Let us share what we can with others.

Holiday Greetings

ANNUAL BAZAAR

Bazaar '84 is now history. Keuftehs were stuffed, soujouk was stuffed, yalanchi was stuffed and we were stuffed! We were also tired...tired from the planning, the shopping, the cooking, running around picking up donations, and all the other details which go into a Bazaar.

Friday evening was "back to Holy Cross." It is always so much fun to see the children of our children come back to enjoy the fun and friendship and oh those costumes. We had a bumble bee, a smurf, harem girls, you name it we had it! Prizes were awarded to the most original, funniest and prettiest costumes.

Saturday night, although we did not have the crowd we normally get, the die-hards who come to eat that delicious Kavourma were there along with their take-home bottles for the soup.

Congratulations for a job well done by overall chairman, Charles Shenloogian. Artemis Koundakjian and Areknaz Sarajian did an outstanding job of shopping for and being in charge of the food preparation. Many hands went into seeing that it was ready and piping hot for all to enjoy.

Mary Shalakian and her team spent hours in the "city" looking for the items which were sold at the Women's Guild table. Alice Najarian was there at the "sweaters and things" table and once again Trudy Takakjian sold beautiful hand-made crafts the proceeds of which she donates to the Bazaar as well as absorbing the cost of making the items. Virginia Shenloogian did her usual two-step picking up donations for the raffles.

There was a great improvement in the donations for our Gourmet Table from last year and we thank all those who made their gifts.

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Ատենէ մը ի վեր, մեր ծխականները եկեղեցի կը բերեն պահածոյ ուտելիքներ, որպէս զի բաշխենք շրջանիս չըբաւորներուն:

Կը խնդրուի որ շարունակէք ձեր բերելը, ամէն անգամ որ եկեղեցի կու գաք: Օգնենք բոլոր անոնց որոնք զըբաւորեցին:

THE MEANING OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

When Jesus was crucified, his body died like any other body. Farther and farther behind his saddened disciples slipped the subsequent experiences of the resurrection, and it was not long before they discovered that the loss of Jesus' physical presence had left them with a difficult problem. That his spirit was alive they had no doubt, but his spirit had so many liabilities for an earthly ministry. It could not be seen; it could not be heard; it could neither touch nor be touched. In fact, as far as the ordinary man was concerned, it was so invisible, so inaudible and so intangible that it might as well not even exist.

Today we know how the disciples solved the problem. They offered themselves to be a new body for Christ. They would be his hands and his feet, his lips and his tongue; and what his original body had done for him before it was crucified, the disciples would do for him now that his first body was dead. He would command, and they would obey. His words would take wing on their voices; his healing would be done through their hands.

To join the Church is to extend the incarnation: it is to add a new dimension to Christ's enduring body. As his hands responded to his will nineteen hundred years ago---or his eyes, or his feet, or his lips, so the church member pledges himself to respond today. Church members are disciples, and disciples are not masters but servants. They are the body of Christ, and it is the task of Christ's body to be the means of Christ's ministry.

DONATIONS

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS:

A total of \$1,010.00 was donated to the Holy Cross Church in memory of NEVART SEMERJIAN by the following: Mr.&Mrs. M. Slombalian, Aurora Bogosian, Mr.&Mrs. H. Bogosian, Mrs. S. Kassabian, Mr.&Mrs. M. Piranian, Mr.&Mrs. Glen Shenloogian, Mr.&Mrs. R. Bedrosian, Mrs. Z. Zamgochian, Mr.&Mrs. M. Tashjian, Victoria Najarian, Alice Dadourian, Susan Shenloogian, Mr.&Mrs. D. Slombalian, Mr.&Mrs. John Karanfilian, Mr.&Mrs. T. Jamgochian, Baidzar Keosseian, Mr.&Mrs. Charles Keosseian, Mr.&Mrs. N. Ohanesian, Mr.&Mrs. A. Choolgian, Mr.&Mrs. J. Dabakian, Mr.&Mrs. Charles Bakalian, Anna Dabakian and Tom, Mr.&Mrs. Harry Tarzian, Betty Kassar, Agnes Krolian, Peter Peterson, Mr.&Mrs. J. Kouzoujian, Mr.&Mrs. C. Kouzoujian, Mary Garabedian, Mr.&Mrs. E. Krolian, Mr.&Mrs. R. Ourgoolian, Mary Richard, Alice Shamsey, Dr.&Mrs. P. Bakalian, Mr.&Mrs. T. Chatalbash, Mr.&Mrs. Mike Vahradian, Mr.&Mrs. M. Telfian, Neva Deukmejian & Family.

We gratefully acknowledge receipt and thank the donors for their generosity.



Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. (I Cor. 12:27)

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