

January 29, 1967

REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF THE HOLY TRINITY
ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON FOR THE YEAR

1966

During the year of 1966, the Parish Council met twice a month, and on several occasions had special meetings under the able guidance of our Pastor and President Reverend Father Papken Maksoudian.

The Parish Council consisted of the following persons:

President & Pastor:	Reverend Papken Maksoudian
Chairman:	Michael Gazarian
Vice-Chairman:	John Davagian
Treasurer:	Peter Talanian
Secretary:	Daniel Dorian
Advisors:	Aram Deranian
	Peter Goolkasian
	Aram Hintlian
	Louis Janigian
	Archie Kolligian
	Richard Mouradjian
	John Soursourian
Alternates:	Andrew Boyajian
	Walter Vartanian

It is pertinent to note that Mr. Boyajian and Mr. Vartanian attended most of our meetings and were extremely helpful.

Most of the work of the Parish Council is of a routine nature consistent with the operation of a large church. Be assured that each and every member of the Parish Council has given a great deal of time and effort to the discharge of these so-called routine matters.

The Parish Council takes this opportunity to publicly thank all of the subsidiary organizations and their executive personnel for the contributions they have so generously made in the past year. But it must also in complete honesty deplore the apathy which exists among some of our parishioners. We have experienced a decrease in church attendance which is reflected in the treasurer's report. We have an active Sunday School Annex filled with parents diligent enough to bring their children, but not enough to attend church themselves.

A properly functioning church would have a smooth transition from Sunday School to A.C.Y.O.A. juniors, seniors, choir, and finally as responsible parishioners. This transition is almost non-existent. Despite concerted efforts on the part of your Parish Council and even a special visit for one week of Deacon Hovaness Kasparian of the Central Council of the A.C.Y.O.A., our A.C.Y.O.A. groups have extremely small memberships.

One of the principle reasons for this condition was the loss during the past year of Deacon Hagop Papazian who was discharged from his duties by the Parish Council. The reason for his discharge was his lack of performance of his prescribed duties, namely in the area of youth activities. The Parish Council recognizes that Der Hyre Papken Maksoudian is performing his duties with a great deal of effort and zeal. It also recognizes that the duties of such a large parish cannot be fulfilled by one priest and is, therefore, making attempts to provide him with assistance.

The Parish Council is pleased to report that we have been fortunate in obtaining the services of Father Oshagan Minassian as Choirmaster. Although he has been with us only a short time, the results of his presence has been obvious and significant.

During the year several special meetings were held with the Commemoration Plaque Committee of the Building Committee who were originally formed to honor those responsible for building the church. The format of the Plaque and the names to appear thereon have been approved and the committee has been authorized to order the Plaque.

A request has been received from the Diocesan Council that all members dues are to be increased to \$12.00 per person per year. The Parish Council recommends that the annual dues be increased to \$15.00 per year.

The Parish Council wishes to thank you for providing us with the opportunity of serving the Armenian Church.

Daniel K. Dorian
Secretary