

The Annual Parish Assembly of the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston was held on Sunday afternoon, February 3, 1985, in the Cultural Hall at 1:00 p.m. Reverend Father Mampre A. Kouzouian, Pastor, presided and offered the Opening Prayer.

The Assembly was called to order by Stephen Panosian, Chairman of the Parish Council. The selection by the Nominating Committee of the Tivan for the day was announced by Helene Dorian, Chairman of this committee, as follows:

Chairman - Daniel K. Dorian
Armenian Recording Secretary - Araxie Janjigian
English Recording Secretary - Rose Minassian

There being no further nominations from the floor, the above-named were approved.

The Chairman for the Assembly then appointed John Soursourian to serve as Parliamentarian.

Mr. Dorian in addressing the Assembly stated if there were no objections from the floor, there would be no formal reading of the Annual Reports. However, questions could be addressed to the Chair. No objections were stated.

The Chairman then asked if there were any omissions or corrections noted in the 1984 Parish Assembly minutes. Diran Zahigian noted his name was listed under Diocesan Delegates erroneously and the name of John Soursourian was omitted. Margaret Atamian stated that at the 1984 Parish Assembly she had made a Motion which was seconded and approved to have sample ballots mailed prior to Parish Assemblies state the length of term of office. She noted this had not been done for this year's Assembly.

A Motion was made and seconded that the 1984 Parish Assembly minutes be received after duly noting the aforementioned corrections. MOTION PASSED.

Helene Dorian, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, was called upon to present the slate as put forward by her committee. They are as follows:

Parish Council: (Votes to be cast for 6)

Haig Agababian	Nancy Kasarjian
Arthur Avakian	Bruce Ohanian
John Demirjian	Stephen Panosian
Ardashes Der Ananian	Robert P. Proodian
Harry D. Hagopian	Eugene Raphaelian, Jr.
James M. Kalustian	Mary Ann Soursourian

Nominating Committee: (Votes to be cast for 5)

Paul C. Barsam, M.D.	Kenneth D. Hintlian
John Davagian	Parnag H. Kasarjian, M.D.
Helen Donabedian	Rose Minassian
Helene Dorian	Debbie Stevens
Anita Hedison	Diran Zahigian

Auditing Committee:(Votes to be cast for 3)

Gerald Boghosian Edward Panjian
George D. Hagopian Peter Talanian
William H. Martin Araxie Toomajian

Mrs. Dorian informed those present, nominations for each category would be accepted from the floor. There being none, a Motion was made and seconded to receive the selection of candidates by the Nominating Committee. MOTION PASSED.

The chairman of the Assembly announced that since there were more than 50 dues paying members present which constitutes a quorum, this meeting was duly called to order.

A recess was declared to allow dues paying members to cast their votes.

Pastor's Annual Report For 1984:

The Reverend Father Mampre A. Kouzouian, Pastor, in addressing the Assembly stated since all members had received the published Annual Report, it would not be necessary to read his report in its entirety. However, if there were any questions, he would respond.

Father Mampre commented upon the following Pastoral activities: Church Services, Sacraments and Services, Counseling Services, Pastoral Visitations, Meetings, Cultural and Educational Projects, Youth Ministry, Important Events, Visit to Holy Etchmiadzin and Church Office. He extended his appreciation to Reverend Father Papken Maksoudian, Pastor Emeritus, and Very Reverend Father Oshagan Minassian.

A Motion was made and seconded to receive the Pastor's Annual Report. MOTION PASSED.

Yearly Statement of the Parish Council (January 1, 1984 - December 31, 1984), Proposed Budget for 1985:

Barbara Sahagian, Treasurer of the Parish Council, was called upon to answer questions by parishioners.

Concern was expressed regarding insurance coverage of bank accounts in the name of our Church. Ms. Sahagian explained no one account exceeds \$100,000.00, the maximum covered by bank insurance. Also, a portion of our monies is invested in Money Market accounts.

There being no further questions, the Chairman entertained a Motion to receive the Yearly Statement of the Parish Account (January 1, 1984 - December 31, 1984). A Motion was made and seconded. MOTION PASSED. A Motion was made and seconded to receive 1985 Proposed Budget. MOTION PASSED

Trust Fund:

George D. Hagopian, Treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Trust Fund, was asked to explain the Trust Fund. Mr. Hagopian stated next year marks the 10th year the Trust Fund has been in existence. Income from this fund cannot be used until after the 10th year.

Father Mampre informed the parishioners the Armenian Church Endowment Fund has been established by the Diocese and many of our parishioners have contributed to this fund and have requested the annual income from their contribution be allotted to our Church. He expressed his gratitude to those who have made gifts to our Trust Fund and the Armenian Church Endowment Fund.

A Motion was made and seconded to receive the Trust Fund Report. MOTION PASSED.

Women's Guild Annual Report: (continued)

Mr. Dorian stated our Women's Guilds are individual organizations and meet once a year at the Annual Diocesan Assembly. In 1971 an attempt was made to have a Central Office but this was not accomplished. However, the Primate and Diocesan Council have expressed a desire to nationalize all the Women's Guild and have them elect their own Central Council. The support of the Guild is important and necessary to address serious issues such as shortage of clergy; maintenance of St. Nersess Seminary in New Rochelle, New York; and plans for our retired priests.

A Motion was made and seconded to receive the Women's Guild Annual Report. MOTION PASSED.

Chelsea Women's Auxiliary Annual Report:

Father Mampre in addressing the Assembly noted the Chelsea Women's Auxiliary is a small group of dedicated women living in the Chelsea area who meet once a month combining luncheon and a meeting as a get-together. They also contribute financially and morally to our Church. They have often expressed a desire to disband but he has discouraged this as he feels these meetings are occasions that bring them together and they enjoy each other's company.

A Motion was made and seconded to receive the Chelsea Women's Auxiliary Report as received. MOTION PASSED.

Lynn, Salem, Peabody Women's Auxiliary Annual Report:

A Motion was made and seconded to receive the Lynn, Salem, Peabody Auxiliary Annual Report. MOTION PASSED.

Trinity Men's Union Annual Report:

The Assembly was informed the Trinity Men's Union is planning a joint meeting with their brother organization of St. James Armenian Church in Watertown.

A Motion was made and seconded to receive the Trinity Men's Union Annual Report. MOTION PASSED.

Friends of Holy Trinity - 1000 Club Annual Report:

Barbara Sahagian, Treasurer, stated the highlight for 1984 of this organization was the September Dinner and Drawing. This event brought out a large attendance and for the first time in the history of the 1000 Club, all 1000 numbers were sold. She attributed this successful event to a special prize offered - a trip for 2 to Hawaai.

Ms. Sahagian further stated this organization is now in the process of converting ticket sales on an annual or semi-annual basis which will bring about a 25% savings in stationery and postage. In reply to a question whether is a Massachusetts State Tax paid, Ms. Sahagian replied there is a Lottery Tax which must be paid regardless of the type of sponsoring organization. Motion made to receive 1000 Club Annual Report. MOTION PASSED.

Holy Trinity Armenian Church Choir Annual Report:

The Pastor expressed his appreciation to the Deacons, Altar Servers, Organist and the Choir and its director, Father Oshagan, who every Sunday regardless of weather conditions participate in the Divine Liturgy. He announced to the Assembly that Norman Odabashian who served on the Alter of our Church is studying at St. Nersess Seminary for the Priesthood.

Holy Trinity Armenian Church Choir Annual Report: (continued)

A Motion was made and seconded to receive the Holy Trinity Armenian Church Choir Annual Report. MOTION PASSED.

Armenian School Annual Report:

Araxie Janjigian in addressing the Assembly stated we are all aware of the importance of maintaining the Armenian School. Students are learning conversational Armenian and are being taught Armenian History. The Armenian School is beneficial to all of us, she stated.

A Motion was made and seconded to receive the Armenian School Annual Report. MOTION PASSED.

Sunday School Annual Report:

Father Mampre informed the Assembly that effective January 1, 1985 the Sharing Program will be continued on a once-a-month basis with students being asked to attend Sunday School every Sunday. This action was taken at the request of the parents. The Pastor will visit and participate in activities once every month.

Because they find a need to devote more time to their studies, the two Youth Directors of our Church, have asked to be relieved of their duties. They will, however, remain active in Church programs and Sunday School.

A Motion was made and seconded to receive the Sunday School Annual Report. MOTION PASSED.

Trinity Couples Club Annual Report:

There being no comments or questions, a Motion was made and seconded to receive the Trinity Couples Club Annual Report. MOTION PASSED.

A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors Annual Report:

Father Mampre stated a program for Armenian students in local colleges and universities initiated by Ken Maranian and Mark McKetrick will continue since it has shown to be very successful for this age group.

A Motion was made and seconded to receive the A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors Annual Report. MOTION PASSED.

A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors Annual Report:

Father Mampre informed the Assembly he has asked Gregory Krikorian and James Kalustian to assist in planning activities for the A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors and he is grateful to both for their cooperation.

On Sunday, February 17, 1985, immediately following the Divine Liturgy Poon Paregetan, a family fun day, sponsored by the Juniors will take place. The Pastor asked those present to support this event and encourage our youth. He stressed the importance of parents' participation which will help in maintaining a healthy organization.

A Motion was made and seconded to receive the A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors Annual Report. MOTION PASSED.

Armenian Martyrs' Monument Committee:

The Chairman called upon Archie Kolligian who heads the Armenian Martyrs' Monument Committee to address the Assembly.

Mr. Kolligian stated the committee has had several preliminary meetings and letters have been written to Armenian artists asking them what type of designs they recommend. Approximately 10 letters have been sent and three responses have been received.

He stated parishioners will be informed as soon as more information has been received. The committee is now studying a model which one of the artists has submitted.

In reply to a question where the memorial monument will be placed, Mr. Kolligian stated 2 or 3 locations have been suggested but a definite location has not been determined. A suggestion that artists other than Armenians be contacted was made and Mr. Kolligian stated the committee is looking into this. He stated the size of the monument would depend on its location. Regarding Building Codes, the Assembly was informed the committee has met with officials of the City of Cambridge and tentative approval has been given.

The cost of a Armenian Martyrs' Monument will be approximately \$100,000.00 and a parishioner echoed the opinion of most of those present when she added we should not count our pennies too closely when it comes to honoring our Martyrs.

Observing the 70th Anniversary of the Genocide:

The Pastor was invited to address the Assembly regarding plans to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Genocide.

He stated on February 23, 1985 there will be a Testimonial Banquet honoring Governor George Deukmejian of California in Washington, D.C. and asked all those present to attend this affair to honor "an offspring blossoming from the ashes". Other prominent Armenians and artists will participate in the program that evening and our parishioners were asked to join His Eminence Torkom Archbishop Manoogian, the Clergy of our Diocese and other prominent Armenians to honor Governor Deukmejian.

There will be other programs in April to honor the martyrs which will take place in New York and our community will be invited to participate.

Locally, on the Eve of Holy Thursday, April 4, 1985, twelve survivors will be selected for the Washing of the Feet ceremony in our Church. The Honorable George Keverian, Speaker of the House, will address the congregation.

On April 13, 1985 there will be a Symposium at the John F. Kennedy Building, Harvard University at which time different aspects of the Genocide will be discussed by a panel composed of prominent educators.

All New England Churches of our Diocese will participate in the Divine Liturgy at our Church on April 23, 1985. The Vicar General, the Very Reverend Baret Yeretian, will officiate.

Observing the 70th Anniversary of the Genocide (continued):

On April 26, 1985, together with the Jewish community, our Martyrs will be honored at the State House in Boston. Among the dignitaries invited are Governor Michael Dukakis and Speaker of the House, George Keverian. Dr. Gregory Adamian, President of Bentley College, will be the guest speaker.

October is our Cultural Month and this year the theme for all activities will be the Rebirth of the Armenian Spirit.

The Diocesan Assembly:

The Chairman announced that this year the Diocesan Assembly will take place in Bayside, Long Island on May 5, 1985.

A parishioner commented that last year a special meeting was called by our Church to inform parishioners what had taken place at the 1984 Diocesan Assembly. She stated she found this very informative and recommended we have such meetings in the future.

Mr. Dorian stated this item will be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting and as suggested, we will have a meeting after this year's Diocesan Assembly.

Referring to this year's Annual Report, Page 2e, Margaret Atamian asked what action had been made on a Motion she had made and which was passed that a Diocesan Delegate should have been first a member of the Parish Council and served at least one term as a Trustee. (This Motion was made and seconded at last year's Parish Assembly and passed.) The Chairman stated, as required, this Motion was submitted to the Proposal Committee for the 1984 Diocesan Assembly but did not pass.

The Chairman called upon Stephen Panosian, Chairman of the Parish Council, to address the Assembly on the Regionalization Program. Mr. Panosian stated the Primate and Diocesan Council have given their approval for Regionalization and the program has been started. The amount allocated by the Diocese is \$20,000.00 and our Church has paid its share designated for this program.

On Feb. 23, 1985 the Holy Trinity Armenian Church will be host to other New England Armenian Churches at a meeting of the Regionalization Committee. Mr. Panosian explained the Regionalization Program started with an Ad Hoc Committee and almost became a mandate from the Primate and Diocesan Council because the duties of the Diocese is so great and complex. In the near future a lay coordinator will be chosen.

The Chairman asked both secretaries to note that the Regionalization Report be placed on the agenda of future Parish Assemblies.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee was asked to come forward and inform the Assembly of the election results. Mrs. Dorian stated 139 ballots were cast, one of which was voided.

The election results were as follows:

Parish Council:

Haig Agababian
James Kalustian
Nancy Kasarjian
Stephen Panosian

Robert P. Proodian
Mary Ann Soursourian
Alternate: Bruce Ohanian

Nominating Committee:

Paul C. Barsam, M.D.
Helene Dorian
Anita Hedison

Rose Minassian
Diran Zahigian
Alternate: Parnag H. Kasarjian, M.D.

Auditing Committee:

George D. Hagopian
Peter Talanian

Araxie Toomajian
Alternate: Gerald Boghosian

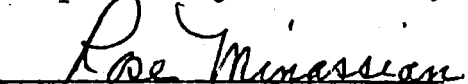
The Pastor expressed his thanks to the Chairman of the Assembly, Daniel K. Doran, and the Tivan for the Assembly. He stated he would publicly like to express his appreciation to Council members whose terms have expired, the incumbent members and the newly elected Council members. Outgoing Parish Council members are Rose Minassian whose 6 year term has expired, Gregory Krikorian and Richard Surabian. Incumbent members who were reelected are: Nancy Kasarjian, Stephen Panosian and Robert Proodian. Father Mampre welcomed the newly elected members to the Parish Council who are Haig Agababian, James Kalustian and Mary Ann Soursourian. He personally thanked present members of the Council for their devotion to the Church, namely, Barbara Sahagian, Arthur Panosian, Bruce Haroutunian, Aetna Tashjian and Harry Kaprelian. Father Mampre expressed his gratitude to Helene Dorian, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and her committee for their capability. He stated he is proud of the Diocesan Delegates, one of whom is a member of the Diocesan Council.

In addressing the Assembly, Father Mampre extended his thanks to all the parishioners for their participation, hard work and financial contributions. He added that every time the parishioners have been called upon to serve the Church, they have done so without hesitation. In order to last as a Parish, he stated, we can do it only by our worshipping together. "I appeal to you. You all have made financial sacrifices to build the most beautiful Church and you are the ones who will give life to the Church", he told the parishioners and asked for their presence, support and prayer.

The Benediction was delivered by the Reverend Father Papken Maksoudian, Pastor Emeritus.

The 1985 Parish Assembly of the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Rose Minassian
English Recording Secretary