

The Annual Parish Assembly of the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston was held on Sunday afternoon, February 2, 1986 in Cultural Hall of the Church complex. 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 Diran Zahigian, a member of this committee, as follows:

Chairman - Attorney Walter Vartanian
Armenian Recording Secretary - Araxie Janjigian
English Recording Secretary - Rose Minassian

There being no further nominations from the floor, a Motion was made and seconded to approve the above-named. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Zahigian then presented the slate as put forward by the Nominating Committee:

Parish Council: (Votes to be cast for 5)

Arthur Avakian	Arthur Maranian, Sr.
Gerald Boghosian	James Mukjian
Robert Borzakian	Barbara Sahagian
George Hagopian	Robert Takvorian
George Harcutunian	Aetna Tashjian

Nominating Committee: (Votes to be cast for 5)

Jack Bichajian	Gerald Odabashian
Anita Hedison	Eugene Raphaelian
Dr. Michael Kolligian	Debbie Stevens
Helen Krikorian	Richard Surabian
Rose Minassian	Gregory Tashjian

Auditing Committee: (Votes to be cast for 3)

George Alexander	Peter Talanian
Cathy Minassian	Roxann Tashjian
Edward Panjian	Araxie Toomajian

Mr. Zahigian informed the Assembly nominations for each category would be accepted from the floor. There being none, a Motion was made and seconded to receive the selections of candidates by the Nominating Committee. MOTION PASSED.

Copies of the Annual Report covering the period from January 1, 1985 thru December 31, 1985 were distributed to those present. The Chairman stated if there were no objections from the floor, formal readings of each individual report would be omitted. However, questions could be addressed to the Chair. No objections were expressed by those present.

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on February 3, 1985. MOTION PASSED.

The Chairman then announced that there being more dues paying members present than required to constitute a quorum, a recess would be declared for voting purposes.

Pastor's Annual Report for 1985:

In his opening remarks Father Mampre expressed profound gratitude to Reverend Father Papken Maksoudian, Pastor Emeritus; the Very Reverend Father Oshagan Minassian; the Choir and Altar Servers. He stated he has made recommendation to our Primate for the elevation to Sub-Diaconate the following Altar Servers: Gary Alexander, Edward Marontian Alexan Kouzouian and Robert Nahabedian. There is a need for a Junior Choir and there have been discussions with Father Oshagan regarding this matter.

The Pastor also expressed his appreciation to the Cultural Committee who together with the assistance and financial support of the parishioners have presented such outstanding cultural activities during the month of October. In commenting on the need of a Youth Director Father Mampre stated he and the Parish Council are in the process of interviewing an applicant for this position. He expressed his gratitude to James Kalustian for assisting during the interim.

Activities which highlighted 1985 included celebration of the 35th Anniversary of the ordination of Father Papken to the Priesthood; the observation of the 70th Anniversary of the Genocide. Activities included a Symposium held at Harvard University with participation by Armenian and non-Armenian scholars; ceremonies at the State House with Governor Michael Dukakis and Archbishop Law attending.

Appreciation was extended to the Parish Council, all Executive Committees of Church-affiliated organizations and to Mrs. Rose Mamishian, Church Secretary, and all the volunteers who come to serve in the office.

A parishioner asked Father Mampre for further details of a recent meeting held with the staff of the Boston Globe and also, what measures have been taken regarding an existing problems with neighbors of the Church.

Regarding the meeting with the Boston Globe, Father Mampre stated last April the Boston Globe invited Armenians of many persuasions to get together with them to determine methods of establishing better relationships with their newspaper. Barbara and Donald Tellalian and Dr. Paul Barsam were present at this meeting which was very fruitful and as a result excellent articles and editorials concerning the Armenian community have appeared in this newspaper.

In September, 1985 Diocesan Delegates, members of the Parish Council and he met with neighbors of our Church and an official from the City of Cambridge. In the past these neighbors have complained about parking violations and unduly noise when activities are held at the Church but so far since this meeting there have been no complaints. Father Mampre urged all parishioners to observe the "no parking" signs and to reduce any level of noise when leaving the premises.

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

Parish Council Report for 1985:

Steven Panosian informed the Assembly he would entertain questions regarding this report.

A parishioner noted financial issues were duly addressed. However, he found no information regarding the total number of Church memberships and whether it was growing or declining. Also, there were no statistics on the average age of parishioners, their marital status and how many children were in the families. Mr. Panosian stated he felt this was not an integral part of the Parish Council Report and that questionnaires that were mailed to parishioners recently were sufficient. An attempt is being made to compile such a report with the aid of the computer and he hoped that by next year this information will be provided. Eugene Raphaelian added the Stewardship Committee is also addressing this problem.

Aetna Tashjian, Assistant Treasurer of the Parish Council, was invited to address the Assembly on the Parish Council Financial Report. Mr. Tashjian noted the bottom line of this Report is the \$401,000.00 Budget for 1986 and recommended this information be passed on to the Stewardship Committee. The keynote, he stated, is that our Church is now over 20 years old and extensive repairs are needed.

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Parish Council Report as submitted. MOTION PASSED.

Trust Fund Financial Report for 1985:

George Hagopian, member of the Auditing Committee, noted the Trust Fund now totals approximately \$712,000.00 and this Fund continues to grow. He added that as of 1986 interest may be drawn from the Trust Fund.

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Trust Fund Financial Report as submitted. MOTION PASSED.

Stewardship Program for 1985:

Eugene Raphaelian, member of the Stewardship Committee, stated this program has made tremendous strides. We are looking forward, he added, to new ideas and thoughts from our younger parishioners so they may carry the torch forward in a vigorous manner.

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Stewardship Program Report for 1985. MOTION PASSED.

Cultural Program Report for 1985:

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Cultural Program Report for 1985. MOTION PASSED.

Erevan Choral Society Report for 1985:

Zabelle Odabashian informed the Assembly preparations are being made for the Erivan Choral Society Concert in April and the observation of the 20th Anniversary of the Society in that month.

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Erivan Choral Society Report for 1985. MOTION PASSED.

Senior Women's Guild Report for 1985:

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Senior Women's Guild Report for 1985. MOTION PASSED.

Women's Guild Report for 1985:

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Women's Guild Report for 1985. MOTION PASSED.

Chelsea Women's Auxiliary Report for 1985:

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Chelsea Women's Auxiliary Report for 1985. MOTION PASSED.

Lynn, Salem, Peabody Women's Auxiliary Report for 1985:

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Lynn, Salem, Peabody Women's Auxiliary Report for 1985. MOTION PASSED.

Trinity Men's Union Report for 1985:

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Trinity Men's Union Report for 1985. MOTION PASSED.

Friends of Holy Trinity - 1000 Club Report for 1985:

Barbara Sahagian, Treasurer, informed the Assembly the 10th Anniversary of this organization will be observed in April, 1986. On this occasion there will be additional prizes including \$2000.00 in cash or a trip. This year the 1000 Club has donated \$17,000.00 to the Church.

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Friends of Holy Trinity-1000 Club Report for 1985. MOTION PASSED.

Choir Annual Report for 1985:

Zabelle Odabashian stated the Church Choir will observe its 40th Anniversary this year and is planning a Regional Workshop which will include all Churches in the New England area. This will be in conjunction with the Erivan Choral Society.

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Choir's Report for 1985. MOTION PASSED.

Armenian School Report for 1985:

Araxie Janjigian informed the Assembly that our Church has maintained the Armenian School for 20 years. Sessions are held every Sunday morning 45 minutes prior to Sunday School classes. This arrangement was made for the convenience of the students' parents. An example of the progress which can be made was emphasized by Mrs. Janjigian commented that after only 2 weeks of rehearsals, the youngsters were able to recite in Armenian poems and other pieces of literature.

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Armenian School Report for 1985. MOTION PASSED.

Sunday School Report for 1985:

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Sunday School Report for 1985. MOTION PASSED.

Trinity Couples Club Report for 1985:

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Trinity Couples Club Report for 1985. MOTION PASSED.

Father Mampre commented that the Trinity Couples Club meets four times a year. Although they have assisted at Church Bazaars, Picnics and other activities, plans are being made to involve this group more actively in the life of our Church.

A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors Report for 1985:

James Kalustian informed the Assembly the amount of members in this organization as stated in the Report is in error and that there are 20 dues paying members. He stated the age range for the Juniors is 13 yrs. to 18 yrs. For Seniors the age range is 19 years and older.

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors Report for 1985. MOTION PASSED.

A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors Report for 1985:

John Soursourian stated parishioners should compliment the A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors for their accomplishments and should thank their parents for bringing them to the meetings. Walter Vartanian added this year the youth plan to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the A.C.Y.O.A. at their Annual Palm Sunday Banquet in March.

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors Report for 1985. MOTION PASSED.

Regionalization:

Zarvin Kasparian was invited to address the Assembly on the Armenian Church, Eastern Diocese Regionalization Program. Mr. Kasparian is Regional Coordinator. He is also Vice Chairman of the Diocesan Council.

Mr. Kasparian explained to the Assembly that his purpose in being present today was to answer questions relating to the brochure on Regionalization which had been mailed to parishioners. He stated the structure of the Regionalization Program is almost complete with 11 Parishes and a Mission Parish in Cape Cod participating. Attention is being focused on establishing 11 departments in this area. Department Regional Directors are responsible to the Coordinator and they will coordinate the activities of Parish Liaisons who will be directly responsible for the implementation of their respective departmental programs within the Parish,

The Chairman of the Assembly then asked the parishioners if they had any proposals they wished to be submitted to the Annual Diocesan Assembly to be held in Racine, Wisconsin on May 1, 1986. There being none Mr. Vartanian invited Diran Zahigian to present results of the election.

Mr. Zahigian informed the Assembly that 105 ballots were cast in addition to one ballot which was voided. The results were as follows:

Parish Council: (5 elected)

Gerald Boghosian
George Hagopian
George Haroutunian
Barbara Sahagian*
Aetna Tashjian*
Robert Borzakian (Alternate)
* Re-elected

Nominating Committee: (5 elected)

Jack Bichajian
Anita Hedison*
Dr. Michael Kolligian
Rose Minassian*
Eugene Raphaelian
Helen Krikorian (Alternate)
* Re-elected

Auditing Committee: (3 elected)

George Alexander
Peter Talanian*
Araxie Toomajian*
Cathy Minassian (Alternate)
* Re-elected

In his closing remarks the Pastor thanked Attorney Walter Vartanian, Chairman of the Annual Parish Assembly; Araxie Janjigian, Armenian Recording Secretary and Rose Minassian, English Recording Secretary. He also expressed his appreciation and thanks to Bruce Haroutunian, Harry Kaprelian and Arthur Panosian, outgoing members of the Parish Council, all of whom chose not to seek re-election, for their valuable service to the Church and community. He extended his thanks to George Hagopian, Peter Talanian and Araxie Toomajian for efficiency in the audits they made of financial records of the Church and Church-affiliated organizations. He noted the task of the Nominating Committee was not an easy one and commended them for submitting new names from the Church community.

Congratulations were extended to George Hagopian, George Haroutunian, Barbara Sahagian, Aetna Tashjian and Gerald Boghosian on their election to the Parish Council and to those elected to the Nominating and Auditing Committees.

Father Mampre concluded by informing the Assembly that this year marks the 25th Anniversary of our Church and although it is a beautiful Church in structure, it is more important the Christian spirit prevails. We must make it a worshipping Church and we must reach out to those who cry for help and bring the beautiful Armenian spirit to everyone, he added. Father Mampre noted that Father Papken has devoted 34 years to the Armenian Church and community.

Benediction was offered by Reverend Father Papken Maksoudian, Pastor Emeritus.

The Annual Parish Assembly of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston convened at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Rose Minassian
Rose Minassian
English Recording Secretary

Tabulation of votes cast at the Annual
 Assembly of the Holy Trinity Armenian
 Church of Greater Boston on Sunday,
 February 2, 1986

	<u>Votes</u>
<u>Parish Council:</u>	
Arthur Avakian	18
Gerald Boghosian*	52
Robert Borzakian	35
George Hagopian*	92
George Haroutunian*	82
Arthur Maranian, Sr.	31
James Mukjian	27
Barbara Sahagian**	78
Robert Takvorian	33
Aetna Tashjian**	73
<u>Nominating Committee:</u>	
Jack Bichajian*	61
Anita Hedison**	59
Dr. Michael Kolligian*	81
Helen Krikorian	48
Rose Minassian**	65
Gerald Odabashian	42
Eugene Raphaelian*	65
Debbie Stevens	25
Richard Surabian	35
Gregory Tashjian	38
<u>Auditing Committee:</u>	
George Alexander*	55
Cathy Minassian	43
Edward Panjian	31
Peter Talanian**	75
Roxann Tashjian	36
Araxie Toomajian**	75

* Elected
 ** Reelected