

The Annual Parish Assembly of the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston was held on Sunday, February 12, 1989, following the Divine Liturgy, in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall.

The Opening Prayer was offered in Armenian and English by Reverend Father Mampre A. Kouzouian, Pastor, who asked those present to join with him in reciting the prayer.

The Assembly was called to order by Nancy Kasarjian, Chairman of the Parish Council. In her opening remarks Mrs. Kasarjian welcomed the parishioners and expressed her appreciation for demonstrating their interest in the functioning of the Church by attending and participating in the Agenda for the day. 125 parishioners were present and 111 votes were cast.

The selection of the Tivan for the Assembly was announced by George Haroutunian, member of the Nominating Committee, as follows:

Chairman - Aetna Tashjian and Donald Tellalian  
English Recording Secretary - Rose Minassian

Mr. Tashjian declined his nomination. Additional nominations for both offices were asked from the floor. There being no further nominations, a Motion was made and seconded that Donald Tellalian be elected Chairman of the Assembly. MOTION PASSED. A Motion was made and seconded that Rose Minassian serve as English Recording Secretary for the Assembly. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Tellalian, in addressing the Assembly, thanked the Nominating Committee. He stated that, as in past years, the reading of each report would be suspended unless a formal request is made otherwise. There being none the Assembly proceeded.

A Motion was made and seconded that the Minutes of the 1988 Annual Assembly be accepted as published. MOTION PASSED.

George Haroutunian, a member of the Nominating Committee, was called upon by the Chairman to present the slate for elective offices as put forward by the Nominating Committee. They were as follows:

Parish Council: (6 to be elected)

Antranig Aghdamlian	Donna L. Goolkasian
Ara Avakian	Violet Goshdigian
Sarkis Boghosian, Jr.	Aram Hintlian, Jr.*
Robert Borzakian, Jr.	Catherine Minassian*
Vincent Favorito	Gerard Odabashian
Zaven Giragosian	Albert Zouranjian*

\* Incumbent

Auditing Committee: (3 to be elected)

George D. Hagopian  
Dale Haroutunian  
Nancy Hintlian

Vivian Mosgofian  
Barbara L. Sahagian\*  
Maryann Soursourian\*

\* Incumbent

Nominating Committee: (5 to be elected)

George D. Hagopian\*  
George Haroutunian\*  
Gregory Hintlian  
Kenneth Hintlian  
Nancy Kasarjian

Dr. Michael Kolligian, Jr.  
Robert Proodian  
Debbie Stevens  
Stephen Tashjian  
Diran Zahigian

\* Incumbent

Following an interval designated for voting purposes, the Annual Assembly was again called to order by the Chairman.

Father Mampre was invited to comment on the Pastor's Annual Report for 1988. He informed the Assembly that this report differed from those of past years and that instead of his usual accounting of Church services, Sacraments, visitations and his other duties, he emphasized major events which occurred in our Parish during 1988. These included the renovation of the Cultural Hall and on June 5, 1988 an official dedication took place and it was named for its benefactors, Charles and Nevart Talanian; the twelve stained windows in the Dome made possible through the generosity of its contributors; the 86th Annual Diocesan Assembly held in May, 1988 with our Church as host. This, he stated, was a monumental achievement due to the efforts of its Chairman, Helene Dorian, and all the affiliated organizations of our Church and many individuals who volunteered their services. Father Mampre further commented on the Pilgrimage to St. Vartan's Cathedral in New York to demonstrate our support for our suffering brethren in Karabagh; the Annual Banquet in October which honored Professor Charles B. Garabedian as "Man of the Year"; a Reception on October 30th honoring John Soursourian, Diocesan Delegate, who was granted a Pontifical Encyclical and the St. Nersess Shnorhali Medal by His Holiness, Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, for 50 years of dedicated services to our Church. Referring to the devastating Earthquake in Armenia, Father Mampre noted thus far \$280,000.00 in contributions has been forwarded to the Diocese to be used in the rebuilding of the area and the needs of the survivors.

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Pastor's Annual Report for 1988 as published. MOTION PASSED.

The 1988 Parish Council Report was reviewed by its Chairman, Nancy Kasarjian. Mrs. Kasarjian noted that this has been a remarkable year for our Parish and many successful activities have been accomplished. She noted, however, that further renovations are required due to the age of the complex which is nearly 30 years. Mrs. Kasarjian told those present the Sunday School area has been refurbished and there is a possibility that a remaining section could be used for rental purposes but not on a large scale.

The chairman of the Parish Council stated at a recent meeting of the Council a proposal was approved to increase membership due to \$50.00 a year (now \$25.00 a year) and the Senior Citizen dues be increased to \$50.00 a year (now \$15.00 a year). This increase for the Senior Citizens would be effective January 1, 1990. Mrs. Kasarjian stated the increase in membership dues is necessitated to better meet the Diocesan assessment. She asked for a Motion in support of this Proposal.

In a discussion which followed it was noted there has been an increase in the Cost of Living Index but our membership dues have not been increased. Also, the increase does not present a problem since the first \$50.00 towards contributions to the Stewardship Program is applied to membership dues. Regarding the proposed increase in the Senior Citizen's category, an opinion was expressed that there might be many older members of our Church who could not afford this increase. Mrs. Kasarjian noted the Parish Council has addressed this fact and would advise that those who felt the increase would be a hardship could speak to the Pastor who would then use his discretion. An opinion was expressed by a parishioner that this could prove embarrassing to our older members.

A Motion was made and seconded that the Annual Membership Dues be increased to \$50.00 per year and that the Senior Citizen's rates remain at \$15.00. MOTION PASSED.

Mrs. Kasarjian informed the Assembly that the 12 original windows in the Dome which were replaced by Stained Glass Windows are in storage and in addition, the planned replacement of the original windows in the Sanctuary, would be added for storage. She stated the Parish Council would like to be advised of how to dispose of the original windows. Mrs. Kasarjian stated the Council felt such windows could be offered to the original donators, be offered to other Churches in the Diocese or the entire lot could be sold or auctioned.

Two Motions regarding the disposal of the original windows were made but were not seconded.

A Motion was made and seconded that if the original donors do not want the windows, they then be offered to other Churches and the remaining windows be sold or auctioned. MOTION PASSED.

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Parish Council Report for 1988 as published. MOTION PASSED.

The 1988 Financial Report of the Parish Council was presented by Albert Zouranjian, Treasurer of the Council. A Motion was made and seconded to accept the 1988 Financial Report of the Parish Council as published. MOTION PASSED.

The 1989 Proposed Budget was reviewed by Albert Zouranjian, Treasurer of the Parish Council. A Motion was made and seconded to accept the 1989 Proposed Budget. MOTION PASSED.

Dr. Michael Kolligian was invited by the Chairman to address the Assembly relative to the Trust Fund. Dr. Kolligian stated the Trust Fund has increased each year since 1974 when it was established. Total investments of this Fund now is \$1,287,005.38. There was a need, he stated to dispense \$59,000.00 of the Trust Fund in 1988 and such funds have been dispensed according to the wishes of the donors.

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Trust Fund 1988 Financial Report as published. MOTION PASSED.

Stewardship Program: A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Stewardship Program Report as published. MOTION PASSED.

Cultural Committee Report: A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Cultural Committee Report as published. MOTION PASSED.

Erivan Choral Society Report: A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Erivan Choral Society Report as published. MOTION PASSED.

Senior Women's Guild Report: A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Senior Women's Guild Report as published. MOTION PASSED.

Women's Guild Report: A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Women's Guild Report as published. MOTION PASSED.

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

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

Choir Annual Report: A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Choir Annual Report as published. MOTION PASSED.

Armenian School Annual Report: A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Armenian School Annual Report as published. MOTION PASSED.

Sunday School Annual Report: A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Sunday School Annual Report as published. MOTION PASSED.

Trinity Couples Club Report: A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Trinity Couples Report as published. MOTION PASSED.

Trinity Men's Union Report: A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Trinity Men's Union Report as published. MOTION PASSED.

A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors Report: A Motion was made and seconded to accept the A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors Report as published. MOTION PASSED.

A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors Report: A Motion was made and seconded to accept the A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors Report as published. MOTION PASSED.

Antranig Barsamian, Youth Director, was invited by the Chairman to address the Assembly.

Mr. Barsamian stated and interesting schedule of activities for our Youth Organizations has been drawn-up and will include students attending local colleges and universities. He informed the Assembly recently \$2000.00 was raised when these students sponsored a Dance in the Charles and Nevart Cultural Hall. This money will be used to provide for the personal needs of the 4 children who are victims of the Earthquake and are presently patients in the Massachusetts General Hospital. Plans have been made to visit these unfortunate children and when they recover sufficiently, there are also plans to bring them to Church and have them attend our activities.

Diran Zahigian inquired about the status of the Monument Committee and what has been accomplished thus far. He stated we are approaching the 75th year of the Genocide and he felt it was important that action be taken soon.

Father Mampre explained that unfortunately the Chairman of the Monument Committee is no longer with us and his passing has been a great loss, not only to the Monument Committee, but to our Church and the community. Because of this and other circumstances, including the Earthquake, no action has been taken in selecting an appropriate monument.

A Motion was made and seconded that the Parish Council appoint a new committee to continue with the work of establishing a monument, on the Church grounds, in memory of the martyrs of the Genocide. MOTION PASSED.

The results of the election was announced to the Assembly by George Haroutunian as follows:

Parish Council: (6 elected)

Albert Zouranjian\*

Aram Hintlian, Jr.\*

Sarkis Boghosian, Jr.\*

Catherine Minassian\*

Donna Goolkasian

Violet Goshdigian

Vincent Favorito, 1st Alternate

Gerard Odabashian, 2nd Alternate

\* Incumbent

Auditing Committee: (3 elected)

George D. Hagopian  
Maryann Soursourian \*

Barbara Sahagian\*  
Nancy Hintlian, Alternate

\* Incumbent

Nominating Committee (5 elected)

George Haroutunian\*  
Dr. Michael Kolligian, Jr.  
Diran Zahigian

George D. Hagopian\*  
Nancy Kasarjian  
Robert Proodian, Alternate

\* Incumbent

In his closing remarks the Pastor expressed his gratitude to out-going members of the Parish Council: James Kalustian, Debbie Stevens and Nancy Kasarjian. He noted Nancy Kasarjian served on the Council for 6 productive years and for the last 3 years was its chairman. She performed the duties this office commands in a gracious, capable and unselfish manner, devoting her time, energy and talent in an extraordinary fashion. She has displayed an unusual sense of devotion and dedication to our Church and has earned the respect of the entire Parish. Nancy Kasarjian received a standing ovation from the Assembly.

Benediction was offered by the Reverend Mampré A. Kouzouian, Pastor.

The Annual Parish Assembly of the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston was declared adjourn at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose O. Minassian  
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