

**Minutes of Annual Parish Assembly  
Sunday, February 7, 1999**

The Annual Parish Assembly of the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston was held on Sunday, February 7, 1999 in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, following Church Services.

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

The Assembly was called to order by George W. Haroutunian, Chairman of the Parish Council, at 1:00 p.m. Aram Hintlian, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate for the day's Tivan as follows:

Chairman: Donald Tellalian and Albert Zouranjian

Further nominations were asked from the floor. Donald Tellalian declined his nomination and there being no further nominations from the floor, a motion was made and seconded that Albert Zouranjian be elected as Chairman of the Assembly. MOTION PASSED.

Aram Hintlian offered the name of Catherine Minassian as Recording Secretary for the Assembly and asked for additional candidates from the floor. Since there were no further nominations from the floor, a Motion was made and seconded that Catherine Minassian be elected as Recording Secretary. MOTION PASSED.

The meeting was turned over to Albert Zouranjian who thanked those present for electing him and Cathy Minassian as Chairman and Secretary for the day's Assembly. It was noted that a quorum was present to hold elections and the business outlined in the Agenda. The Chairman then entertained a motion to accept the minutes of the 1998 Parish Assembly as printed in the Annual Report. The motion was seconded and the MOTION PASSED.

Once again Aram Hintlian came forward to announce the candidates for Parish Council. Each candidate present was asked to come forward and was introduced to the Assembly.

The nominees for Parish Council (six to be elected) were as follows:

Armen Aftandilian	David Der Vartanian*
George Bagdasarian	Dale Haroutunian
Michael Balian	James M. Kalustian
Ruth E. Boghosian	William H. Martin
Florence Cirino*	Catherine Minassian*
Edmond J. Danielson	Robert Takvorian

\*indicates incumbent

The Nominating Committee Chairman noted that any ballot having more or less than six votes would be invalid. Additional names for nomination for Parish Council were entertained from the floor. There being none, a motion was made and seconded to close nominations for Parish Council. MOTION PASSED.

The nominees for Auditing Committee (one to be elected) were as follows:

MaryAnn Soursourian	Valerie Kolligian Thayer*
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\*indicates incumbent

Any ballot having more or less than one vote would be considered invalid. There being no further nomination, a motion was made and seconded to accept the above names as candidates. MOTION PASSED.

The nominees for Nominating Committee (five to be elected) were as follows:

Antranik Aghdamlian	Helen Krikorian
Gerald Boghosian	Phyllis Martins
Robert Borzakian, Jr.	Dorothea Piranian
George W. Haroutunian	Donald Tellalian*
Gregory Hintlian	Diran A. Zahigian

\*indicates incumbent

Any ballot having more or less than five votes would be considered invalid. There being no further nominations, a motion was made and seconded to accept the above names as candidates. MOTION PASSED.

There was a short recess in the proceedings for the purposes of voting. At 1:35 p.m., the Chairman reconvened the meeting. The Ballot Box remained open until 2:30 p.m.

#### PASTOR'S REPORT FOR 1998

Father Mampre Kouzouian noted that 1998 was an important year for our Diocese. His Holiness Karekin I blessed the Armenian community of New England with a visit May 15-17, 1998 to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of the Armenian Church in America. He thanked the committee who prepared and coordinated the activities surrounding the visit. It was noted that during this Centennial year the Diocese had embarked on a five million-dollar fundraising campaign. Chairman for the fundraising in the Northern New England Region was our Diocesan Delegate Gerald Ajemian. Father Mampre expressed his gratitude also to the parish and the Committee that organized the Celebration in honor of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. He acknowledged the generous gifts that had been made by parishioners and friends for the renovation of an Armenian Church in Armenia. Over \$25,000 has been forwarded to His Holiness Karekin I to be used for this project. Other Outreach programs to help our Mother Church in Armenia were outlined including Holy Trinity's participation in the newly established Sister Parish program established by our Primate. Holy Trinity has committed to send \$3,000 annually to this program and Father Mampre thanked those parishioners who had contributed to our parish appeal for this project.

Other programs that Father Mampre noted in his 1998 report were the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Choir Assembly, the Annual Banquet and Man of Year, our Sunday and Armenian Schools, Youth Ministry and Cultural Programs. Father Mampre expressed the gratitude of the parish to the Cultural Committee, headed by Barbara Tellalian, for the outstanding programs that took place in 1998. It was noted that our church had received a major gift of \$100,000 to the Holy Trinity Trust Fund from Aram and Araxie Tashjian in memory of their parents.

Father Mampre commented that Holy Trinity Church should be very proud of such a competent and able group of employees working under the supervision of our Executive Director, Nancy Kasarjian, to meet the needs of parishioners and our church organizations. Then Father Mampre expressed his thanks and gratitude to the Parish Council and outgoing Chairman, George Haroutunian for their commitment and leadership for the needs of the parish. Finally, he recognized the many volunteers who help when called by the office.

#### THE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR 1998

George Haroutunian, Chairman of the Parish Council, was introduced to give the Parish Council Report. He thanked Father Mampre for his prayers and leadership in presiding over the Parish Council meetings. The Parish Council Chairman noted some of the major activities that happened during the year. He thanked Greg Hintlian and the Committee who ran the Annual Golf Tournament that raised money to benefit the repayment of the Parish House Renovation loan. Also, he thanked the Rug Sale committee and volunteers. There has been a decline in Rug Sale profits in previous years but we will continue and this

year hold the event in early November 1999, instead of October. He thanked all the people who worked on the Bazaar, including Co-Chairmen Linda Abkarian and Joyce Martin Jones.

Gregory Hintlian, Treasurer of the Parish Council, was called on to give the Parish Financial Report for 1998. He noted that the parish is very stable financially. Our income for 1998 was more than what had been budgeted and the expenses were less than what had been budgeted. One of the income items that was more than budgeted was In Lieu of Flowers, and that was something that we had no control over. In view of the good financial situation, the Parish Council had opted to pay down some of the mortgage held for the Parish House Renovation. This action lowered the monthly payments the church makes on this loan.

There being no further questions for the Treasurer about the Financial Report of the Parish, a motion was made and seconded to accept the Financial Report as printed in the Annual Report. MOTION PASSED. Following this, a motion was made and seconded to accept the 1999 budget of \$550,000 as submitted in the Annual Parish Report. MOTION PASSED

At that time, Greg Hintlian brought up the dome repair project, of which \$12,000 remains in the Special Account. Now that the dome is watertight, the Parish Council has appointed a committee to address the refurbishment of the church sanctuary. The work needed involves scraping, cleaning and repainting the interior walls of the church. Several contractors have submitted estimates for the work, and the committee will make recommendations for the Parish Council to proceed with the work. Greg Hintlian presented a motion to the Parish Assembly that the Parish Council be authorized to proceed with the project of painting the interior of the church sanctuary, excluding the altar area, for a budget not to exceed \$65,000. The work is to be completed in 1999 and will be reviewed by the special committee appointed by the Council. The motion was seconded and discussion was held. There was a question about the gold paint work and whether the same colors would be used. These questions were referred to a member of the Refurbishment Committee, Donald Tellalian. He said that it was expected that the gold paint would not have to be repainted, but rather cleaned and buffed to restore the original paint-work. The paint colors are expected to be the same, however brighter than the current ones that have darkened with age. There being no further discussion, the Chairman of Day asked for a vote from the Parish Assembly and the MOTION PASSED.

Father Mampre thanked Greg Hintlian for his Treasurer's Report. He noted that according to the By-laws, Greg Hintlian would be retiring from the Parish Council this year. He thanked Greg Hintlian for his very capable work as Treasurer. Father Mampre also noted that Gerry Boghosian would also be retiring from the Parish Council and thanked him for serving as Vice-Chairman for the past 6 years.

#### ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS

Al Zouranjian, Chairman of the Day, continued with the review of the Church Organizations' Reports. George Hagopian, Treasurer of the Holy Trinity Trust Fund, presented their Financial Report. The parish receives 36 percent of its operating budget from the proceeds of the Trust Fund interest income. George Hagopian noted that gifts totaling \$194,615 had been received by the Trust Fund in 1998 and that the Fund now totaled \$3,289,019. Father Mampre noted that the parish was saddened by the death of Dr. Michael Kolligian, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees and founder of the Trust Fund. It was noted that the Parish Council had appointed Albert Zouranjian a Trustee of the Holy Trinity Trust Fund to fill the vacancy.

Representatives from the various Church organizations were present to answer any questions in regard to their reports included in the Parish Annual Report.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The Chairman then called upon Gerry Ajemian who had served as the Northern NE Region Chairman of the Centennial Endowment Fund of the Diocese to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armenian Church in America. Mr. Ajemian reported that the Diocese's goal of raising \$5 million was

reached and exceeded and has been placed in the ACEF with the interest income going to the projects earmarked. He noted that \$567,000 had been raised in the New England Region with \$210,230 coming from our parish.

#### ELECTION RESULTS

Aram Hintlian announced that the ballots cast had been tallied and the results of the election were as follows:

Parish Council (121 ballots cast, 4 void)

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| 1. Catherine Minassian 100 | 4. William H. Martin 76   |
| 2. James M. Kalustian 84   | 5. Ruth E. Boghosian 75   |
| 3. Florence Cirino 81      | 6. David Der Vartanian 71 |
- Alternate: Robert Takvorian 70

Auditing Committee (121 ballots cast, none void)

MaryAnn Soursourian 67

Nominating Committee (121 ballots cast, 2 void)

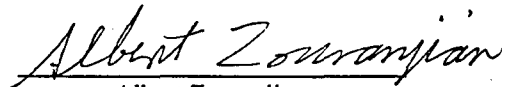
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| 1. George W. Haroutunian 96 | 4. Diran A. Zahigian 81 |
| 2. Gregory Hintlian 86      | 5. Phyllis Martins 67   |
| 3. Gerald Boghosian 82      |                         |

Father Mampre thanked the Nominating Committee for their work in handling the elections. He also thanked Al Zouranjian for serving as Chairman of the Day and Cathy Minassian for serving as Recording Secretary. A motion was made and seconded at 2:55 p.m. that the 1999 Annual Parish Assembly of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston be adjourned. MOTION PASSED. The benediction was offered by Reverend Father Mampre Kouzouian, Pastor.

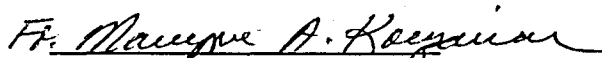
Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Minassian  
Recording Secretary



Albert Zouranjian  
Chairman



Rev. Father Mampre A. Kouzouian  
Parish Priest