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Growing Armenian Community of Kansas Is Well Organized; Has New Center

NEW YORK, N.Y. - The newly emerging Armenian community of Kansas City barely exceeds 30 families, but with their strong faith and dedication they have embarked on organizing as an active and energetic community. The month of November proved to be an important period in this process of becoming organized. After a period of search and consultation, the Armenian Society of Greater Kansas City was officially created with a nine-member board.

The community now has its own center at 107 West 75th St., Kansas City, MO 64114; Tel. (913) 491-0511.

With the official invitation of the newly formed community, Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian accompanied by Rev. Nerses Manoogian, pastor of St. Gregory Church of Granite City, Ill., paid a visit to Kansas City on November 30, 1987. Messrs. Zaven Hatoutian and Ara Zakarian welcomed the Prelate at the airport on behalf of the community.

Archbishop Ashjian first paid a visit to the newly acquired community center which is in a process of renovation, and at 6:30 in the evening he celebrated the Divine Liturgy in a local Greek Church. In his sermon the Archbishop urged all the Armenians to answer the call of their church and take part in the organized life of their communities. It was moving to witness the happiness of a handful of Armenians as they participated in an Armenian church service.

Following Sourp Badarak there was a dinner in the church hall. Mr. Zakarian, the chairman

of the Armenian Society, warmly welcomed Archbishop Ashjian and Rev. Manoogian and thanked them for their visit. He urged all the Armenians to join hands and strive to make their small community a strong and energetic body.

Rev. Manoogian invited Archbishop Ashjian to address the gathering. He congratulated all the members of the community for their exemplary dedication, and expressed his wishes for continued unity among all.

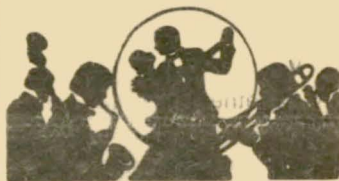
On behalf of the community, a \$100 check was given to the Archbishop for the "Help Lebanon's Kids" project, as a token of solidarity with their brothers and sisters thousands of miles away. At this moment, an Armenian Evangelical clergyman, Very Rev. George Terian, delivered a strong message reminding everyone of their national heritage and duties.



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