

THE MINUTES OF THE  
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF THE  
NORTH YORK ARMENIAN CHURCH

The North York Armenian Church Annual Parish Assembly took place on Sunday, September 26, 1982 at 4:00 p.m. in the church hall under the presidency of the Right Reverend Kegham Zakarian, who offered the opening prayer. ✓  
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There were 66 members present, representing a quorum. ✓  
ONNIG TOROSSIAN, Chairman of the Special Committee gave a short speech in which he thanked the Primate and the Diocesan Council for their tireless efforts and tremendous moral support. He noted that the above mentioned made certain that a clergyman was in the church each Sunday. In addition, the speaker noted that at this point and time in his view we are at the threshold of a new stage of our development. We cannot sit back and say that our work is done. He emphasized that we have to maintain our high level of enthusiasm and usual diligent and conscientious effort in seeing that our goals are met. Such hard work and enthusiasm will enable us to flourish and prosper spiritually. The speaker also noted that the Primate has made it clear that the church should offer its people not only spiritual care but that the church should offer Christian fellowship one member to another. He has said we should try and help each other and we can do this by having our various organizations help and support each other without any bias, prejudice or preconceived malice, and by so doing provide a clear example of Christian love. ✓

The speaker then presented the following names of officers for the Annual Assembly:

- 1) Deacon Krikor Zamroutian - Chairman
- 2) Asdghig Kashkarian - Secretary - English
- 3) Louise Kassabian - Secretary - Armenian

All present were in unanimous favour of the appointed officers. ?

DEACON ZAMROUTIAN made a short speech of welcome and introduction and advised that there be no side-speaking, and that all questions be directed to the chair. Then proceeded to read the agenda.

- 1) Invocation
- 2) Quorum
- 3) Election of Annual Assembly Officers
- 4) Adoption of the Agenda
- 5) Report of the Special Committee
- 6) Financial Report as of the conception of the Parish
- 7) Naming of the Church
- 8) Elections
  - a) Parish Council - 9 members
  - b) Nominating Committee - 3 members
  - c) Auditing Committee - 3 members
  - d) Delegates - 2 members
- 9) New Business
- 10) Benediction

BEDROS MOUSHIAN moved to accept the agenda.

ARSEN KASSABIAN seconded.

It was voted on and accepted as unanimous.

VAHAN MOURADIAN read the minutes of the Special Committee since its conception.

ARSEN KASSABIAN moved to accept the minutes.

SARKIS AVAKIAN seconded.

It was voted on and accepted as unanimous.

DEACON ZAMROUTIAN presented the parish it's Financial Report.

TAVIT VARJABEDIAN moved to accept the report.

ARSEN KASSABIAN seconded.

It was voted on and accepted as unanimous.

BEDROS MOUSHIAN made a short speech of appreciated to the Archbishop for his moral support and the Special Committee for their diligent work, tireless efforts and understanding.

#### NAMING OF THE CHURCH

BARKEV TAVITIAN proposed that it be named Soorp Nahadagatz.

BEDROS MOUSHIAN seconded.

MRS. BOYADJIAN proposed that it be named Soorp Khatch, since it was the feast of Varakn Soorp Khatch.

TAVIT VARJABEDIAN seconded.

KEVORK MOURADIAN proposed that it be named Soorp Keghart.

BARKEV TAVITIAN seconded.

ARSEN KASSABIAN proposed that it be named Soorp Kevork.

EGHISAPET AVAKIAN seconded.

BERDJOUHI MINNETIAN proposed that it be named Soorp Haroutyoun.

ARSEN KASSABIAN seconded.

BARKEV TAVITIAN proposed that it be named Soorp Yeghia.

ASDGHIG KASHKARIAN seconded.

BERDJOUHI MINNETIAN proposed that it be named Soorp Neshan.

ARSEN KASSABIAN seconded.

TAVIT VARJABEDIAN moved that the proposals be closed.

ASDGHIG KASHKARIAN seconded.

Voting took place and the ballots were counted by Rt. Rev. Kegham Zakarian  
Fr. S. Khatchadourian  
Mr. Bedros Moushian

#### RESULTS

SOORP KHATCH	42
SOORP KEGHART	21
SOORP KEVORK	20
SOORP NAHADAGATZ	19
SOORP HARUTYOUN	11

#### ELECTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Nominees and results enclosed. It was accepted unanimously, no additions or subtractions.

*names and votes*

#### ELECTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominees and results enclosed. It was accepted unanimously, no additions or subtractions.

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#### ELECTIONS OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

Nominees and results enclosed. It was accepted unanimously, no additions or subtractions.

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#### ELECTION OF THE DELEGATES

Nominees and results enclosed. It was accepted unanimously, no additions or subtractions.

*Names and votes*

NEW BUSINESS

MRS. CICEKZI proposed that a course be established on a weekly basis on Armenian traditions and religious education. i.e. Comparative religions DEACON ZAMROUTIAN stated that this was possible and arrangements could be made by the new Parish Council.

DEACON ZAMROUTIAN stated that all those interested in helping in the Ladies Guild Committee present their names to the new Parish Council. Also those who were interested in helping in the Sunday School, ACYOA etc. That this was a new church and was in need of a lot of support. ARSEN KASSABIAN motioned that a Choir Master must be elected and not appointed since we were living in a democratic society.

DEACON ZAMROUTIAN clarified that Choir Masters are appointed by the Parish Priest and not elected, and since we had no priest in the past, our Primate had appointed Tavit Varjabedian.

TAVIT VARJABEDIAN moved to adjourn the Annual Parish Assembly.

BARKEV TAVITIAN seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Since their was time as the ballots were being counted,

DEACON ZAMROUTIAN gave a comprehensive history of our traditions, our Eastern and Western Dioceses, the Church hierarchy, the different steps and their significance in Badarak etc. At the end of the speech he received a standing ovation.

FR. KEGHAM ZAKARIAN made a few closing remarks and closed the meeting with the benediction.

*Armen S. Zakarian*

PRESIDENT

Rt. Rev. Kegham Zakarian

*Dcn. K. Zamroulian*  
Chairman

Dcn. Krikor Zamroulian

*A. Kashkarian*  
Secretary

Asdghig Kashkarian

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