

July 5, 1973

Very Rev. Vazken Keshishian
Pastor
St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church
300 9th Street
Niagara Falls, New York 14303

Dear Father Vazken:

We are pleased to confirm the minutes of your parish assembly, and the elections that took place at that time, designating the following as members of your parish council:

Helen Flinchum
Beatrice Gazegian
John Kartalian
Gary Meharian
Jack Meharian
Harry Minoian
Sima Tarpinian

With eleven members of your council, five will have to come up for election next year. It is imperative therefore that you select by lot one of those elected this year. That member's term will be for one year; the other six for two years. In this manner there will be five vacancies next year, and six the following.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

ATM/nn

Saint Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church

300 9th STREET
NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y. 14303
Phone: 282-2587



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Դեկտեմբեր 17, 1973

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Նիւ Երևան.

Օրեր. Արքեպիսկոպոս Զաքարյան.

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Արքեպիսկոպոս

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ST. SARKIS CHURCH PARISH ASSEMBLY, 1973

ST. SARKIS CHURCH ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY WAS HELD ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11th, 1973, IN THE CHURCH HALL AT 2 O'CLOCK P.M.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH A PRAYER BY OUR PRESIDENT, THE VERY REVEREND VAZKEN KASHISHIAN.

THE ROLL CALL SHOWED THAT 21 GOOD STANDING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

HAYR SOORP DECLARED WE COULD OPEN THE MEETING, BECAUSE MORE THEN ONE THIRD OF OUR MEMBERSHIP WERE PRESENT.

MAGARET AVDOIAN, 1972 SECRETARY OF THE DAY, READ THE PREVIOUS YEARS PARISH ASSEMBLY'S MINUTES. THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS.

ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRMEN AND SECRETARY:

THE NEW CHAIRMEN OF THE DAY WAS HARRY MINOIAN AND THE NEW SECRETARY OF THE DAY WAS HELEN FLINCHUM.

CHAIRMEN HARRY MINOIAN THANKED THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR FAITH IN THEIR ABILITIES AND FOLLOWED THE AGENDA OF THE DAY.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT:

THE CHAIRMEN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, SHAHEN BEDROSIAN, GAVE HIS REPORT. HE SAID "LAST YEAR OUR PARISH WAS WITHOUT A PRIEST, BUT IN THE SPRING WE WERE FORTUNATE TO HAVE HAYR SOORP VAZKEN KASHISHIAN. WE ARE VERY GLAD TO HAVE HAYR SOORP WITH US AND HOPE HE WILL STAY WITH US ALWAYS." CHAIRMEN BEDROSIAN ALSO APPRECIATED THE WORK OF THE LAST YEARS NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS, JACK MAHARIAN, SEMA TARPINIAN, AND BEATRICE GAZEGIAN, FOR THEIR UNSELFISH WORK IN THE PARISH COUNCIL. HE SPOKE OF THE FACT THAT OUR MEMBERSHIP HAS DECLINED BECAUSE, MANY OF OUR PARISHONERS ARE NOW DECEASED. OUR CHURCH HAS BEEN DROPPING FINANCIALLY, BECAUSE OF THIS FACT. HE MENTIONED THAT TO HAVE AN OFFICIAL RECORD, WE SHOULD VOTE THIS DAY ON THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY THAT HAS A GAS STATION ON IT BECAUSE THE PRIMATE AND DIOCESAN COUNCIL HAS ASKED FOR APPROVAL. HE THANKED ALL CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR WORK AND THEIR HELP.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

ACCOUNTANT, SETRAG TARPINIAN, PRESENTED THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL. THE LADIES GUILD ASKED THE QUESTION THAT THE \$1,000 THEY GAVE THE PARISH COUNCIL IN 1972, WAS NOT ENTERED IN THE FINANCIAL REPORT. AFTER A DISCUSSION OUR PRESIDENT SAID WE COULD NOT APPROVE THE REPORT AND ADVISED THAT IN THE COMING WEEK THAT PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS, LADIES GUILD AND AUDITER MEET TO CLARIFY THIS QUESTION.

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LADIES GUILD REPORT:

HELEN FLINCHUM GAVE THE LADIES GUILD REPORT ON THEIR 1972 ACTIVITIES . SHE THANKED ESPECIALLY THE EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND ALL THE GENERAL MEMBERS FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASTIC HELP. SHE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT FROM THEIR 1972 INCOME THEY ARE PRESENTING TO THE PARISH COUNCIL \$1,200.

A.C.Y.O.A.

CHAIRMEN, RICHARD AVDOIAN SAID THAT IN 1972 THEY DID NOT HAVE ACTIVITIES, BUT THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF RE-ORGANIZING AND THEY HAVE THEIR FUTURE PLANS FOR A DANCE IN FEBRUARY AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO FORM AN ARMENIAN DANCE GROUP. AS OF NOW, THERE ARE 13 MEMBERS, MOST OF THEM ACTIVE IN DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS OF THE CHURCH, INCLUDING SUNDAY SCHOOL, CHOIR AND PARISH COUNCIL.

VOTE FOR SALE OF GAS STATION:

HAYR SOORP EXPLAINED THAT IN THE PAST WE HAD VOTED TO SELL THE GAS STATION, BUT WHEN WE ASKED PERMISSION FROM THE DIOCESAN THEY ASKED FOR THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE MEMBERSHIP VOTE WHICH WAS NOT AVAILABLE WE WOULD LIKE, AT THIS TIME, TO HAVE AN OFFICIAL RECORDING OF THIS VOTE TO SEND TO THE DIOCESAN. WE ARE RENTING THE GAS STATION FOR \$2,100 AND THE TAX ON THE PROPERTY IS OVER \$1,500, WHICH LEAVES A POOR PROFIT. IT MAKES MORE SENCE TO SELL THE PROPERTY AND PUT THE MONEY IN THE BANK. WE WOULD PROFIT BY HAVING THE INTEREST ACCUMULATE AND NOT HAVING TO PAY PROPERTY TAX. AFTER A PRO AND CON DISCUSSION, SEMA TARPINIAN MADE A MOTION THAT "PARISH COUNCIL, AFTER APPROVAL OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL, SELL THE GAS STATION WHEN THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITY ARRIVES." ARSEN AVDOIAN, SECONDED THE MOTION, AND UNANIMOUSLY, (21) THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

HALL RENTAL

MAGARET BARBATO ASKED ABOUT THE CHURCH HALL RENTALS BEING TO HIGH. IT WAS STATED THAT THE RENTALS FOR THE HALL WAS \$50. FOR MEMBERS FOR A LARGE GROUP AND \$20. FOR A SMALL GROUP, LESS THEN 30 PEOPLE.

NEW PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION :

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING LIST.

3 for Ryes
4 for 2 yrs

MAGARET BARBATO	6
RICHARD AVDOIAN	6
- BEATRICE GAZEGIAN	17
- JOHN KARTALIAN	13
- GARY MAHARIAN	11
- JACK MAHARIAN	17

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-HARRY MINOIAN	14
SANDRA MINOIAN	4
-HELEN FLINCHUM	11
-SEMA TARPINIAN	15
SETRAG TARPINIAN	12

THE ABOVE LIST OF NAMES WERE VOTED ON FOR THE 7 VACANT POSITIONS ON THE PARISH COUNCIL. THE RESULTS ARE SHOWN FOLLOWING THEIR NAMES. SETRAG TARPINIAN DECLINED, AND ACCORDING TO THE BY-LAWS, THE PERSON WHO HAS THE NEXT HIGHEST VOTE OBTAINES THAT POSITION.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE ELECTED TO SERVE FOR 1973 WHERE:

MAGARET BARBATO
VARSENIG FADEL
VERKIN SARKISSIAN

HAYR SOORP MESSAGE:

HAYR SOORP CONGRATULATED US FOR HAVING THE COURAGE TO CONTINUE WITH OUR CHURCH AND BEING SUCH A SMALL PARISH, WE HAVE DONE SO VERY WELL.

HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH. THE CHURCH BEING A SPIRITUAL PLACE, WE HAVE A NEED FOR A LARGER CONGRAGATION, AND CHRISTIAN FEELINGS SHOULD BE IN OUR CHURCH WITH FINANCIAL ASPERATIONS COMING LATER. HE SAID THE CHURCH PROMBLEM IS THAT THE CONGRAGATION WORKS INDIVIDUALLY INSTEAD OF COMMING TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHURCH. WE SHOULD WORK HUMBLBY AND WITH MORE LOVE AND WE NEED GODS HELP IN OUR CHURCH AND HOMES.

HAYR SOORP SAID HE WAS GLAD TO BE WORKING WITH US AND THE PARISH COUNCIL. HE GAVE THANKS TO THE OUT GOING PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF LOYAL SERVICE.

HE COMPLEMENTED THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE CHURCH WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE OFFICERS OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS. HAYR SOORP CLOSED HIS STATEMENTS TO THE CONGRAGATION BY SAYING WE SHOULD TRY TO GIVE MORE OF OURSELVES AND MORE OF OUR THOUGHTS TO THE CHURCH AND IT'S WELL BEING.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:30 P.M. WITH A PRAYER BY HAYR SOORP.

Very Rev. Verkin Sarkissian
RECTOR, PRESIDENT

Harry Minoian
HARRY MINOIAN
CHAIRMAN

Helen Flinchum
HELEN FLINCHUM
SECRETARY

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVE., NEW YORK

PARISH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT - FOR THE YEAR 1972

(IMPORTANT: It is necessary to attach to this form a concise but complete report of the Pastor and Parish Council, along with a letter addressed to His Grace the Primate, giving the results of the election for confirmation, enclosing a duplicate list of nominees along with the votes received by each candidate.)

Name of Church ST. SARKIS
Address 300 NINTH STREET Telephone 716 292 2587
City NIAGARA FALLS State NY Zip 14303
Pastor VERY REV. VAZKEN KESHISHIAN
Approximate Number of Armenians in Area 650
Number of Church Members 59 Number on General Mailing List 82
Number of Baptisms 2 Weddings 1 Funerals 6
Annual Income 9242 Disbursements 8017 Accumulated Income Bal. 1225
Number of Parish Council Meetings 12
Annual Affairs CHURCH PICNIC
ANNIVERSARY BANQUET
Diocesan Delegates SHAREN BEOROSIAN 1972
(with year elected)

Estimated Income for 1973 9,000 Estimated Disbursements for 1973 9,000
Date of 1972 Annual Parish Assembly FEB 11, 1973
Number of Members Present 21
Assembly President VERY REV. VAZKEN KESHISHIAN
Chairman HARRY MINOIAN
Secretary HELEN FLINCHUM
Parish Council Members elected in 1973:
BEATRICE GALEGIAN, JOHN KARTALIAN, JACK MEHARIAN,
GARY MEHARIAN, HELEN FLINCHUM, SEMA TARPINIAN, HARRY MINOIAN
Publicity Chairman SEMA TARPINIAN
Address 307 TENTH ST, NIAGARA FALLS, NY Zip 14303

2064.27
119.74
1944 SB

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

Information Requested Is For The Year 1972

The Names of Officers Serving in 1973

WOMEN'S GUILD

Chairman MRS ALICE AVDOIAN

Address 506-503-16th ST, NIAGARA FALLS 14301 Telephone 282 3386⁷¹⁶

Number of Members 28 Number of Meetings 12

Annual Income 2064 Disbursements 120

Sum Transferred to Parish Council 1,000 Income Balance 1744

Annual Affairs RUMMAGE SALE LENTEN DINNER
BAKE SALE HALLOWEEN DANCE
CARD PARTY PICNIC

YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD

Chairman _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Number of Members _____ Number of Meetings _____

Annual Income _____ Disbursements _____

Sum Transferred to Parish Council _____ Income Bal. _____

Annual Affairs _____

BOY SCOUTS

Chairman _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Number of Members _____ Number of Meetings _____

Annual Income _____ Disbursements _____ Income Bal. _____

Annual Affairs _____

ARMENIAN SCHOOL

Name _____

Officers of the School Committee:

Chairman _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Superintendent _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Number of Teachers _____ Number of Pupils _____

Number of Classrooms _____ School Hours _____

Annual Income _____ Disbursements _____ Income Bal. _____

Annual Affairs _____

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Chairman ~~_____~~ SANDRA MINOIAN

Address ~~_____~~ 2862 MCKOON AVE. Telephone ⁷¹⁶ 2826289

14305 NIAGARA FALLS, NY 14305

Superintendent SAME

Number of Teachers 2 Number of Pupils 20

Number of Classrooms 2 School Hours 101

Annual Income 65 Disbursements 65 Income Bal. —

Annual Affairs PICNIC ST. VALENTINE'S PARTY

EASTER PARTY HALLOWEEN PARTY

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

RESERVE FUND

Chairman _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

A.C.Y.O.A.

Chairman RICHARD AVPOLAN

Address 532 TENTH ST., NIAGARA FALLS, NY

Telephone 716 - 284 9585

Number of Members 20 Number of Meetings 12

Annual Income INACTIVE

CHOIR

UNORGANIZED

Chairman _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

No. of Members: Male _____ Female _____ Total _____

Choirmaster _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Annual Income _____ Disbursements _____ Income Bal _____

Annual Affairs _____

CHURCH BULLETIN

Name _____ Circulation _____

Editor _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Size _____ Income _____ Expenses _____

MEN'S LEAGUE

Chairman _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Number of Members _____ Number of Meetings _____

Annual Income _____ Disbursements _____ Income Bal. _____

Annual Affairs _____

MR. AND MRS. AUXILIARY

Chairman _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Number of Members _____ Number of Meetings _____

Annual Income _____ Disbursements _____ Income Bal. _____

Annual Affairs _____

DIOCESAN AUXILIARY COMMITTEE BRANCH

Chairman _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Number of Members _____ Number of Meetings _____

Annual Income _____ Disbursements _____ Income Bal. _____

Annual Affairs _____

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OTHER (Fill in Name)

Chairman _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Number of Members _____ Number of Meetings _____

Annual Income _____ Disbursements _____ Income Bal. _____

Annual Affairs _____

OTHER (Fill in Name)

Chairman _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Number of Members _____ Number of Meetings _____

Annual Income _____ Disbursements _____ Income Bal. _____

Annual Affairs _____

Future Plans of the Parish Council: _____

Signature of the Parish Council:

President Very Rev. Vezko Keshishian

Chairman Shahan Bad

Secretary Margaret Andonian

Date 4-8-73

FINANCIAL REPORT

Parish Council Operating Account
for Year Ending December 31, 1972

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Parish ST. SARKIS

City: NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y.

BALANCE: January 1, 1972

In Banks		
On Hand	<u>7321.05</u>	<u>7321.05</u>

RECEIPTS

Dues and Offerings:

1. Membership Dues	602.00	
2. Pledges		
3. Plates and Candles		
4. Christmas and Easter Youghakin	1510.49	
5.		
	<u> </u>	2112.49

Sacraments:

1. Baptisms	40.00	
2. Weddings		
3. Funerals and Requiems	520.75	
4.		
	<u> </u>	560.75

Church Auxiliary Organizations:

1. LADIES GUILD	1,000.00	
2.		
3.		
	<u> </u>	1000.00

Church Affairs:

1. Bazaar (net)		
2. Picnic (net)		
3. ANNIVERSARY (net)	1057.56	
4. (net)	510.25	
5. (net)		
	<u> </u>	1567.81

Donations:

1. In Lieu of Flowers	1480.00	
2. Bequests		
3. Other Donations	218.00	
	<u> </u>	1698.00

Other Income:

1. Interest	347.52	
2. Sale of Calendars, Records, Books	30.50	
3. RENT	178.00	
	<u> </u>	2303.02

Building Income:

1. Donations for use of Facilities	-	
2. Contributions for Building Fund	-	
3.		
	<u> </u>	

TOTAL RECEIPTS

9242.07

TOTAL CASH TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR:

16563.12

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries and Benefits:

1. Clergymen	1827.13	
2. Clergymen House & Expense Allowance	1248.42	
3. Visiting Clergymen	250.71	
4. Office and Other Salaries		
5. Choirmaster, Soloists and Organist		
6. Payroll Taxes		
7. Employee Benefits		

3326.26

Operating Expenses:

1. Telephone	84.00	
2. Stationery, Printing and Postage	102.62	
3. Church Newsletter	296.82	
4. Candles and Flowers	78.90	
5. Calendars, Records, Books, Etc.		
6. Furniture and Fixtures (offices)		
7. Automobile Expenses		
8. Contributions		
9. REALTY TAXES - GAS STATION	1512.65	
10. COUNCIL OF CHURCHES	45.00	

2119.99

Assessments:

1. Diocesan Dues	898.10	
2. Etchniadzin Looma	100.00	

998.10

Educational:

1. Armenian School		
2. Sunday School		

Church Building Expenses:

1. Mortgage Payments (Principal/Interest)		
2. Utilities	889.24	
3. Insurance	448.00	
4. Repairs & Maintenance	243.60	
5. Fixtures & Equipment		

1572.84

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:

8017.19

Balance - December 31, 1972:

Banks		
On Hand		

8545.93

TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTED FOR:

16563.12

The above statement has been prepared from the books and records of ST. SARKIS CHURCH, and to the best of our knowledge, reflects accurately the receipts and disbursements for the year ended December 31, 1972, and the balance in cash and in the bank on hand at such date.

Apr 4, 1973

Samuel Garapian

Period Ending December 31, 1972

Parish ST. SARKIS City: NIAGARA FALLS, NY

CASH IN BANKS:

8545.93

STOCKS AND BONDS:

0

OTHER ASSETS:

Land, Buildings, Etc.

Gasoline Station

MORTGAGE PAYABLE:

0

LOANS PAYABLE:

0

ST. SARKIS CHURCH
300 9th Street
Niagara Falls, N.Y.

PRESIDENT: Very Rev. Vazken Keshishian
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(716) 285-4385

DELEGATE: Mr. Shahen Bedrosian
8121 Valle Dr. Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14304
(716) 283-7494

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Berdj Karagoz
3487 Greenway Rd. Grand Island, N.Y. 14072
(716) 773-7154

VICE Miss Sima Tarpinian
CHAIRMAN: 307-10 th Str. Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14303
(716) 282-1065

TREASURER: Mr. Shahen Bedrosian
As per above

ASSIST. Miss Beatrice Gazegian
TREASURER: 345 Prospect Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14303
(716) 282-0066

RECORDING Miss Margaret Avdoian
SECRETARY: 637-4 th Str. Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14301
(716) 285-1178

CORRESPOND. Mr. John Kartalian
SECRETARY: 545 Memorial Parkway, Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14301
(716) 282-3487

ADVISER: Mr. Robert Kazeangin
630 Orchard Parkway Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14301
(716) 284-2460

ADVISER: Mrs. Helen Flinchum
541-9 th Street Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14301
(716) 285-4484

ADVISER: Mr. Jack Meharian
1027-97 th Street Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14304
(716) 297-7142

ADVISER: Mr. Gary Meharian
1027-97 th Street Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14304
(716) 297-7142

ADVISER: Mr. Harry Minoian
2862 Mc Koon, Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14305
(716) 282-6289

June 5, 1973