

Saint Elias Antiochian Orthodox Church
Annual General Meeting
Sunday, January 16, 2011

I. Father David Barr determined that a quorum was present. He opened with a prayer at 12:25 PM. The Troparion for St. Elias was sung.

II. The minutes for the 2010 Annual General Meeting were presented. Vasiliki Oldziey motioned and Lou Ann seconded a motion to approve the minutes without change. The motion passed.

III. The Organizational Reports were reviewed one by one with opportunities allowed for comments to be made and for questions to be answered. There were no questions. James Gilbert (Gill) Starkey motioned and Marsh Attal seconded a motion to approve the reports as a whole. The motion passed.

IV. Father David Barr presented his Pastoral Address to the General Assembly. He now has been in the parish for seven years. He pointed out that we have a financial gap in our budget for next year. Thus far we have had 104 pledges amounting to \$180,000, so there is still a gap. There are about 235 families all told. Space is at a premium for the church school and the offices. We are bursting at the seams, so in the next year we will have to address this issue. He thanked those involved in improving the Church Hall—Louis Mecey, Sam Attal, and Natalia Smith. He also noted the efforts of David Schele to address long-term planning for improving the facilities. We hope to continue upgrading our building. Nevertheless, it is understood that the recession is still affecting some families. Consequently, he noted that the budget has no salary increases. There are no major increases in the budget other than a small amount for inflation.

Father David offered his special thanks to Father Traian Buican, Father David Lewis, Deacon Niketas Sanders, Deacon Gregory Farman, and Subdeacon John Seabolt-Doty, and the acolytes for their service to the liturgical life of St. Elias. He thanked especially Sara Cook and the other chanters, Bill Attal and the choir, Vasiliki Oldziey and Ronnie Long for heading up the Church School team, Gil Starkey for Mediterranean Festival, the Parish Council (particularly the officers—Chairman David Jabour, Vice Chairman Stephan Rudawski, Secretary Anthony Gehrels, Treasurer Deacon Greg Farman, and Financial Secretary Bill Attal), the church secretary Elaine Hrissikopoulos, his wife and children, everyone who worked to make the 2010 Mediterranean Festival a success, and finally the whole of the community of St. Elias for the opportunity to grow in Christ.

V. Old Business: The 2010 Financial Report was presented for approval by Deacon Greg Farman. Special donations were up this past year. There was a \$6,000 deficit, but we are closing the gap in comparison to the \$16,000 deficit the previous year. He noted that we are in the third year of providing financing for the second priest (Fr. David Lewis). A more accurate estimate of the worth of the church property and building is included. Deacon Greg noted that the parish had an internal audit during the last year

that recommended including this information in the budget. Gill Starkey said that the net profit for the 2010 Mediterranean Festival was \$59,000, which was deposited into the building fund. It was explained that the Accounts Receivable line item in the report is related to a promised donation to the Mediterranean Festival. Stephan Rudawski moved and Ken Clevenger seconded a motion to approve the report. The motion passed.

VI. New Business:

A. The 2011 Budget was presented for approval by Deacon Greg. Personnel costs are almost static. There is a gap of \$12,182.60. There is a \$25,000 shortfall in pledges thus far. Sara Cook motioned and Fadi Diab seconded a motion to approve the budget. The floor was then opened for discussion. Bill Attal reminded people that we must cover the electric bill, etc. Sara Cook reiterated that this budget reflects no increase in salary for any of the staff and that the other line items have been increased only to reflect possible inflation. A vote was taken to accept the motion, and the budget passed.

B. The election of new Parish Council members followed. It was noted that Louis Mecey is leaving the Parish Council after serving two terms, so he is ineligible to run again at this time. Furthermore, Father David Barr noted that the Nomination Committee had received only two candidates who were willing and eligible to serve. Since only two vacancies exist, Fr. David suggested that the two candidates (Alexandru Apostol and Deacon Greg Farman) be accepted by acclamation. Fadi Diab so moved, Bill Attal seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

C. As required of the senior priest by the St. Elias Constitution, Fr. David appointed a third vacancy to the Parish Council, which was James Gilbert (Gill) Starkey.

D. There was no further business presented for discussion from the floor.

VII. Father David accepted a motion by Louis Mecey to adjourn, which was put to a vote and passed by the membership. Father David closed with a prayer at about 1:10 PM.