

SAINT SPYRIDON GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
102 Russell Street, Worcester, MA 01609

November 15, 1992

The General Assembly of Saint Spyridon Greek Orthodox Community was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Helen Panagiotou, President

Emmanuel Milias was elected to chair the Assembly.

At this point there was a break for lunch.

The assembly was reconvened at 12:45 p.m. with a prayer by Father Dean Paleologos. There were 69 members present, a quorum.

Father Dean thanked everyone for their service to the church: Parish Council, Sunday School, Choir, Greek School. For the support given to those less fortunate, to the Diocese, Archdiocese and its institutions.

Everyone was urged to continue being good stewards of the church, not take everything for granted and stress to leave a beautiful inheritance to our youths.

Helen Panagiotou thank Father Dean, the members of the Parish Council, the office staff, Greek School staff, and the many volunteers who offered service to the church during her presidency.

Helen Panagiotou thanked everyone for the privilege of attending the Clergy Laity Congress with her husband, Matthew Panagiotou.

Greek School has 103 pupils registered. Sunday Schools enrollment is 261 and Nursery School has 47 children.

Our youth programs are growing and will appreciate the work of the advisors for each one.

George Fotiades reported for the Auditing Committee. In light of the fact of the \$48,000.00 deficit (an increase of 72% over previous year's deficit) the committee strongly recommends that a consisted effort be made to balance the budget. Further, in order to replenish the church checking account for monies expended the committee recommends:
(a.) The deficit of \$4,626.00 be transferred from the Endowment Fund interest to the church checking account. (b.) That \$2,247.00 spent for improvements be transferred from the Grecian Festival account to the church checking account.

Nicholas Bazoukas moved the recommendations a & b.

Seconded by James John and passed.

Nickolas Moudios presented a page by page report Treasurer's Report for the Church, for the Nursery School and for the Grecian Festival. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented on a motion by Mary Angelopoulos

George Fotiades presented page by page, the 1992/1993 Projected Budget. George Fotiades moved for acceptance, seconded by Donald Theoharides. Discussion followed. Acceptance of the Projected Budget was held in abeyance until after discussion of Stewardship, #7 on the Agenda.

Donald Theoharides presented a report on Stewardship. Stewardship is the call to the Faithful to share willingly their time, their talents, and their treasure in return for the blessings bestowed upon us by God. God has entrusted His church to us. We are accountable to him. Stewardship is vital to the economic of our Cathedral.

A few staggering statistics: Our membership is 1,415. 848 have paid 1992 steamship, only 60% of our entire membership. Of these, 205 members contributed up to \$50.00, 308 members contributed between \$51.00 and 100.00, 164 members contributed \$101.00 to \$150.00, 119 contributed \$151.00 to \$250.00 and 42 contributed over \$250.00

We must all commit ourselves to sacrifice more in our weekly budgets, to make greater provisions for the growth and progress of our Cathedral for ourselves and for our young people.

WHEREAS Saint Spyridon Cathedral is a large parish of 1,000 families and has been functioning with an operating deficit;

WHEREAS the programs of Saint Spyridon Cathedral need to be expanded in order to adequately serve the needs of its parishioners, including the ministry to the youth, interfaith marriages, and senior citizens;

WHEREAS the Stewardship participation within the community has not kept pace with inflation, or the growth of the income levels;

The Parish Council requests that the General Assembly reaffirm the Stewardship Program and urges that all members of Saint Spyridon Cathedral review their stewardship contribution and increase them to permit the Cathedral to meet its needs.

Demetrios Moschos made the following motion:

1. Move the budget deficit of \$48,235.00 to the Stewardship account. Seconded by Donald Theoharides passed on a 21 for and 5 opposed vote
2. The General Assembly requests the Parish Council to establish categories of Stewardship Contributions with a minimum and that the Parish Council call a special general assembly to report its decisions to the parishioners. The motion carried on a 19 to 8 vote.

The budget was passed as amended.

Parish Council elections will be held on Sunday, December 6, 1992. Deadline for filing candidacy is November 23, 1992.

The following were elected to the committee which oversees the elections: Matthew Panagiotou, Nicholas Tzoumbas, Chris Lekas, Alice Christy, Chris Litsas, George Fotiades, Donald Morgan and Angela Valerie.

It was voted that the same Auditing Committee serve in 1993.

It is requested that tables and chairs be set up for General Assemblies.

Also, the Assembly was informed that the appointing of members to the Inside and Outside Budget Committees is the prerogative of the Parish Council President.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

SAINT SPYRIDON CATHEDRAL



Theresa B. Sampson,
Secretary