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ORGANIZATIONS

ANNUAL REPORTS

1972

PARISH COUNCIL

The first meeting was held on Wednesday, March 1, 1972, with Mr. Paul Bogosian presiding as Chairman. Elections were held and approved by the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

The following council members were elected:

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| Chairman | Paul Bogosian |
| Vice-Chairman | Charles Kochakian |
| Secretary | Anthony Giragosian |
| Asst. Secretary | Edward Annaian |
| Treasurer | Sahag Sahagian |
| Asst. Treasurer | Arthur Azarian |
| Advisors | Edward Garabedian |
| | Robert Maksian |
| | Ara Nazarian |

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| Council of Churches: | Sahag Sahagian |
| | Robert Maksian |

Liaison Officers:

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| Ladies Aid | Paul Bogosian |
| Mr. and Mrs. Club | Anthony Giragosian |
| Young Women's Guild | Edward Garabedian |
| Sunday School | Edward Annaian |
| Armenian School | Arthur Azarian |

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| Choir | Charles Kochakian |
| A.C.Y.O.A. | Robert Maksian |
| Building Committee | Ara Nazarian |
| Local Visitations: | Paul Bogosian Anthony Giragosian |
| Outskirts | Charles Kochakian Edward Annaian |
| North Shore | Sahag Sahagian Edward Garabedian |

The following is a summary of the highlights of the 1972 Parish Council meetings.

Mr. Charles Kochakian notified the Board that he is retiring from the Newsletter Editorial Staff. This was received very reluctantly by the members for Mr. Kochakian has from the beginning worked successfully to have a meaningful Newsletter. Mr. Kochakian should be congratulated for a job well done. We should not forget Miss Goldie Ozonian for her capable secretarial duties on the Newsletter Staff. However, we have been very fortunate to have Mrs. Esther Boornazian accept the duties of Editor. Mr. Charles Kochakian will stay on as advisor.

Miss Rose Naroian, Superintendent of Sunday Schools and Miss Kathy Miranian, Chairlady of the Choir were invited to our meeting on March 15, 1972, to discuss the possibility of increasing the participation of our Sunday School students in the choir as part of their curriculum.

The interior painting needs of the church was completed in March at the cost of \$1,785.00.

Treasurer Sahag Sahagian and Mr. Edward Garabedian consummated the proclamation of Martyr's Day in the city of Peabody for April 24, 1972, with Mayor Nicholas Mavroules. On April 6, 1972, Rev. Avakian, Chairman Bogosian, Treasurer Sahagian and Mr. Edward Garabedian met with Mayor Mavroules to officially photograph this occasion.

Chairman Bogosian informed the Board that Mr. Rene Morrisettee, president of the Lawrence Council of Churches warmly accepted to speak on April 23 in commemoration of Martyr's Day during our church services along with Mr. Peter Babigian and Mr. Charles Kochakian.

The Proclamation and Pictures of the past week that perpetuated Martyr's Day in Peabody was presented to the council by Mr. Edward Garabedian. Chairman Bogosian also made the same presentation of Martyr's Day with Mayor John Buckley and his secretary Mr. Fred Ead of Lawrence, Mass.

Rev. Vartan Avakian notified the Board that the Armenian School will close for the season on May 13, 1972, at 10:00 A.M. with a program and social.

The Lawrence Council of Churches requested and it was granted, to hold their spring meeting May 16, 1972, at our church hall.

On April 26, 1972, a motion was made and seconded commending our Vice-Chairman Charles Kochakian for his fine presentation commemorating Martyr's Day on April 23. It was also approved to send letters to the following for their contributions to Martyr's Day, Mr. Rene Morrisette Fred Ead, Rita Williams and Williams Studio.

Treasurer Sahagian on May 10 presented some interesting highlights on the 70th Annual Diocesan Assumbly as one of our Delegates. Chairman Bogosian also contributed highlights of the convention for all Parish Chairmen were invited.

Mr. Ara Nazarian, Chairman of the building Committee notified the board that the razing of the rear garages and hot-topping should commence about the middle of June to make way for the church parking lot.

On July 12, 1972, a letter was received from our Primate expressing his appreciation of the Lawrence Community in participating at his Jubilee Banquet which was held in Boston.

The Diocese on July 20 notified the Board that the 26th A.C.Y.O.A. General Assumbly expressed an abiding concern of their future. Therefore, every Parish should appoint, one person who is appropriately qualified and concerned as a youth leader of our church. The Board voted unanimously to retain our present liaison Mr. Robert Maksian who has been doing an outstanding job with our local A.C.Y.O.A.

Mrs. Servart Mellian, principal of the

Armenian School notified the board that she would have to resign her post for she was moving out of town. The board appreciated her term as principal and was sorry to lose her in our community. On August 9 a motion was made and voted upon favorably to appoint Mrs. Mary Bogosian as our new Superintendent of Armenian School.

Our Building Chairman Ara Nazarian notified the board on August 9 that the fencing and hot topping of our new parking lot at the rear of the church was completed.

Chairman Bogosian notified the Board that Mrs. John Naroian has accepted to do the painting in oil of Archdeacon Kachig Balian. Also, at our Annual Banquet, Mrs. Naroian's oil painting of our Vehapar will be unveiled and then suitably placed in our church. Mr. and Mrs. John Naroian and Family were invited guests at our Banquet.

Treasurer Sahagian recommended and unani-
mously passed by the board to increase church services due to rising costs as follows: Christening, \$15-\$20; Weddings \$30-\$40; Funerals \$20-\$25; and Hall Rental \$35-\$50.

The Diocese sent a listing of the Fall Regional meeting from October 27 to November 11, 1972. The meeting pertinent to our area was held at Holy Trinity in Boston on November 11, our Pastor, Delegates and Parish Council attended.

Father Shannon of St. Lawrence's Church granted our Sunday School to utilize 3 classrooms in their school building. The fee for this generous offer has been left to the discretion of the Trustees of our church.

The financial statement of our 41st Annual Banquet is as follows: Donations \$2147, Ticket sales, \$1030, Total gross income, \$3167. Expenses: circulars \$48.42, flowers, \$32; meal \$1271.93, photos \$2.55, mailing \$4.12, cake, \$25; Total Expenses \$1384.02. Net Profit, \$1,782.98.

Chairman Bogosian recommended and it was agreed upon, that our annual membership meeting be held on Feb. 4, 1973. It was also agreed upon that all church organizations have their annual reports written into book form so as it will not prolong the membership meeting by being read aloud. Treasurer Sahadian and member Robert Maksian will audit all church organizations fiscal records.

In conclusion, the Council wishes to thank Rev. Avakian and all bodies of the church for their sincere devotion to church activities. We should also express our appreciation to Sarkis Verdanian who has capably translated into Armenian the necessary secretarial duties on Sundays. The Trustees have had a fruitful and busy year under the capable leadership of Chairman Paul Bogosian. Twenty meetings were held on Wednesday evenings from 8:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. Also, 3 regional meetings have been attended to.

Anthony Giragosian, Sec.

LADIES AID SOCIETY

The Lawrence Ladies Aid Society of the Holy Cross Armenian Apostolic Church consists of 91 members. We have held 9 executive and 9 membership meetings with our Pastor, Father Vartan Avakian presiding. The following are the names of the executive members:

Mrs. Pauline Kachanian--Chairlady
Mrs. Rose Azarian--Vice Chairlady
Mrs. Shakeh Mellian--Rec. Secretary
Mrs. Virginia Bedrosian--Cor. Secretary
Mrs. Mary Kezarjian--Treasurer

Mrs. Eliza Krikorian--Dues Collector
Mrs. Nazlee Ohanian--Advisor

Our Societies' first and last meetings start and end with a dinner meeting. Our membership meetings are held every 1st Monday of the month with the exception of July, August and September.

January 9 we held a Xmas Dinner and the Ammenian School students performed. March 12 we held our Lenten Dinner with a special program. The early part of May, our delegate, Mrs. Agnes Davidson volunteered her time and expenses and attended the first convention for women in Watervliet, N.Y. June 5th we had a dinner meeting in honor of two of our 50 year members: Mrs. Veron Chilingirian and Mrs. Vaskanoush Jeknavorian.

We have three members who, for quite a few years, have volunteered their services and expenses to prepare the Holy Bread (Mas) which we receive after Mass every Sunday. They are Mrs. Veron Chilingirian, Mrs. Virginia Chilingirian and Mrs. Mary Kezarjian.

Once a year in our church, a special Mass is held and sponsored by the organization for our deceased members. During the course of the year, some of our members have the misfortune of losing their loved ones. To them we extend our sympathies with a prayer at one of our membership meetings. Mercy dinners are willingly prepared for a deceased member of our society if the family desires.

Mrs. Mary Bogosian has done an excellent job of disposing of the Armenian and English Lord's Prayer Plaques. She has accumulated a profitable sum.

Mr. William Mellian has made and donated a barbeque machine (shish kebab) to our organization. Mr. Stepan Sirmaian has donated 2 large kettles and a barbeque machine also.

Our yearly receipts for 1972 - \$1,758.23
Our yearly expenses for 1972 - 666.19
Our yearly profit for 1972 - \$1,092.04

The Ladies Aid Society is deeply grateful and appreciative for all the cooperation that has been given them by the members and parishioners both morally and materially.

Mrs. Shake Mellian, Secretary

MR. & MRS. CLUB

The Mr. & Mrs. Club of the Holy Cross Armenian Apostolic Church of Lawrence has been in existence for 15 years. We have 18 couples that are paid members. At present, our Executive Committee consists of the following members:

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| Chairman | Charles Tateosian |
| Vice Chairman | Michael Bogosian |
| Recording Sec. | Annosh Giragosian |
| Treasurer | June Colombosian |
| Corres. Sec. | Margaret Bedrosian |
| Program Chairlady | Alice Bogosian |
| Social Chairladies | Alice Colombosian |
| | Sylvia Ozonian |
| Ways & Means | Sara Derderian |
| | Violet Garabedian |
| | Pauline Kachanian |
| | Eva Loosigian |

In January of 1973, we will have a new Executive group.

We conducted 5 regular meetings, 3 dinner meetings and 1 special meeting during the past year. Our annual Cabaret was held on February 12 at St. Mary's and net profit was \$1,458.10. Our first Dinner-Dance was held on May 20 at the Andover Country Club with the net profit of \$1,108.32. On October 14 we had our first Masquerade Ball held at the Gaythorne, Although it was a wonderful affair, we had a net loss of \$27.10. Our Treasurer's report shows our Club has \$12,324.63 savings, \$163.49, checking and \$30 in petty cash.

THE YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD

The Young Women's Guild of our Church has now been in existence for a period of 4½ years. We presently have 36 members in good standing. Our Executive Committee consists of the following:

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| Chairlady | Mrs. Rose Q. Azarian |
| Vice Chairlady | Mrs. Ann Maksian |
| Rec. Sec. | Mrs. Marie Sahaqian |
| Corres. Sec. | Mrs. Sona Naroian |
| Treasurer | Mrs. Ann Najarian |
| Asst. Treas. | Mrs. Elizabeth Kochakian |
| Advisors | Mrs. Mary Derderian |
| | Miss Angelina Haqopian |
| | Mrs. Melanee Naroian |

We conducted 9 regular meetings and 4 executive meetings during the past year and in addition we had several committee meetings in preparation for our major projects which were a Rummage Sale in May, a picnic in June and our Bazaar in November.

Our Rummage Sale was held on May 10, the net profit of which was \$215.

Our picnic was held on July 2, the net profit of which was \$914. Our next picnic will be held on June 3, 1973, at Lithuanian Nat'l Park. Our 4th Annual Bazaar, the primary function for the year, was held on Nov. 10 and 11 and was highly successful. The net profit for the Bazaar was \$4,000.

Our net profit including dues for 1972 was \$5,264; and, in accordance with our bylaws we are today transferring the sum of \$3200 to our Church Bldg. Fund and the sum of \$2,000 to our Parish Council to be used by them for the needs of our Church.

We expect to continue with our obligation to assist our Church and to assist our Bldg. Committee toward the realization of a cultural hall. We therefore, look forward to a very busy and hopefully fruitful year.

Melanee Naroian,
Chairlady

CHOIR

The Choir consists of 25 members and 4 Deacons. The Executive committee is as follows:

Chairman - Esther Boornazian
Vice Chairman - Leonard Paris
Recording Sec. - Katherine Meranian
Corres. Sec. - Dorothy Arakelian
Treasurer - Grace Antoian

The Choir Director is Mary Bogosian and Assistant, Dorothy Arakelian. Organists are Angelina Haqopian and Karen Ebrahimian.

One of the main interests of the Choir is the continuing program of having the Sunday School learn the Badarak and the Choir's role in it.

Some of the members attended a Diocese-sponsored Choir Workshop in Watertown and were able to impart to the rest of the members the benefits derived from the exchange of ideas with other choirs.

A successful bakery sale was held at Demoulas Market in Salem, N.H. on October 14, 1972.

This year, the Choir asked and received permission to decorate the outside of the Church with wreaths and to set up a nativity scene inside the Church for Christmas. Also, on Sunday, December 24, after Badarak, we observed American Christmas in a small way by singing Christmas Carols in Armenian and English.

The balance on hand in the treasury is \$362.81.

Ester Boornazian,
Chairlady

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

The year of 1972 in the A.C.Y.O. has been a fairly productive year. We have had a maximum of 20 meetings. Our officers have been changed since the original elections in June, but here are the officers who are presently on the executive committee.

Iris Garabedian - Chairlady
Debra Ohanian - Vice Chairlady
Aram Megrian - Recording Secretary
Patricia Tateosian - Corresponding Sec.
Mark Kazanjian - Treasurer

District Committee members are:

Iris Garabedian and Patricia Tateosian

District Committee Delegates:

Mark Kazanjian and Harry Krikorian

We have switched our elections of January as a result of the Worcester Conference which suggested the fiscal year as an easier date.

Our main money making event was the September 23, 1972 dance. A raffle was held for a tape deck and a black and white T.V. Because of a lack of support, the dance was not as successful as it should have been; but we made some profit.

We have held two bakery sales--one unsuccessful, the other successful. One of our best money making ideas was the candy sale. We made a profit of \$86. Some of our social events were a Beach Party and the December 16th Xmas Party. At the beginning of the year our boys were undefeated in basketball.

Mark Kazanjian attended the Elberon Conference which was a religious experience. The A.C.Y.O.A. paid for half of Mark Kazanjian's fee to Elberon. Iris Garabedian, Mark Kazanjian, Harold Kazanjian and Patricia Tateosian attended the Springfield Sports Weekend.

Our future plans will include the Haverhill A.C.Y.O.A. (age 14 and over). We will be joined in money making events as well as social events.

The District Committee is planning to open a comp for the younger people within the A.C.Y O.Z. It will cover an area to Worcester if the plan succeeds.

Iris Garabedian - Chairlady
Aram Megrian - Secretary
A.C.Y.O.A. - Treasurer's Report

Annual Report

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| Cash on hand 1/1/72 | \$895.66 |
| Income for 1972 | 230.98 |
| Total Cash on hand 12/31/72 | \$1126.64 |
| Total Expenses for 1972 | 549.77 |
| Savings Book Balance | 997.91 |
| Checking Book Balance | 128.73 |
| Total Income | \$780.75 |
| Total Expenses | 549.77 |
| Net Profit | \$230.98 |

Mark Kazanjian, Treasurer

ARMENIAN SCHOOL

The Holy Cross Church Armenian School held registration and classes October 7, 1972, with 32 students. Classes are held every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, in the Parish House. The following are the teachers:

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| Miss Ann Giragosian | Class 1 |
| Mrs. Rose Hagopian | Class 2 |
| Mrs. Ann Maksian | Class 3 |
| Mrs. Mary Bogosian | Class 4 |
| Rev. Vartan Avakian | Class 5 |

Miss Angel Hovsepian had charge of class 5 and taught only twice last October and since has not been available to continue teaching. Rev. Vartan Avakian has substituted until his eye operation. In his absence classes 4 and 5 have been combined.

A Seminar for all our Parish Armenian School teachers was held at Diocesan Headquarters in New York on September 16, 1972. It was pointed out that the Diocesan Educational Council has assumed all responsibilities to improve and solve all problems and needs of our Armenian schools.

Three textbooks for our Armenian Schools is being prepared by Miss Silva Der Stepanian, who is an experienced teacher, is based on modern teaching methods which will provide a simple and effective way of teaching Armenian to pupils ranging in ages from 4 to 9 years. Cassette tape recordings are also in preparation, one which will accompany each of the texts to further facilitate the teaching of the language. The first volume of this series are ready and available for our schools at \$3 each, cassettes \$2.50 each and nine posters \$5 a set.

Our first class is presently using the first volume and cassette and is very successful with them.

The second and third volumes of this series will be ready and available to our Schools for the fall term of 1973. In preparation also are books of songs, pamphlets every 2 or 3 months for children and booklets of Armenian History for children.

The Diocesan Educational Council will bring new enthusiasm and effectiveness to our Armenian Schools with an unified curriculum. Mrs. Mary Bogosian and Angel Hovsepian attended the Seminar from Lawrence.

Mary Bogosian, Superintendent

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Lawrence Holy Cross Sunday School had an enrollment of 102 pupils in Jan. 1972.

The teachers at that time were: Ann Giragosian, Ava Garabedian, Kenneth Ozoonian, Michael Gojjian, Eva Naroian, Andrea Giragosian, Charles Sirmaian, Rose Naroian.

This year we have been working very closely with the Diocese, we have been buying books recommended by the CRE. We have been working with Mrs. Louise Kalemkarian, Clara Takesian and Seminararian Daniel Kochakian.

We have found some of the books to be very interesting and excellent for our students while others are not as good.

The Diocese tells us that eventually all our classes will be supplied by curriculum from the Diocese.

We had a graduation in June 1972 and our graduates were: Karen Berberian, Robert Townsend, Paul Gabriel Hagopian, Karen Ehamjian, Rosalie Hagopian and Berge Stanley.

In October we were very fortunate to begin

using the St. Laurence Parochial school for our Sunday school classes. The trustees of our church with Father Shannon, pastor of St. Laurence's made it possible for us to be able to use 3 large classrooms, enabling us to have 6 full classes in that building. We thank the trustees for their efforts in making our job much easier and much more pleasant.

In Sept. after summer vacation we reopened Sunday School with 100 students enrolled.

We were unfortunate to lose 3 of our teachers, 2 of whom have taught for several years. We thank Kenneth Ozoonian and Michael Gogjian for their many years of dedicated work. We miss them both very much and we wish them complete success and happiness in everything they strive to accomplish.

Due to personal committment they found it impossible to cotinue teaching Sunday school. We appreciate all they have done. Ava Garabedian left to be married and moved to another state. We wish her all the happiness possible.

The teachers to start our Sept. opening are: Ann Girago ian, Mary Sarkisian, Karen Berberian, Robert Maksian, Andrea Giragosian, Eva Naroian, Charlie Sirmaian, and Rose Naroian.

The Sunday School gave the children a Xmas party on De. 17. We thank the Azarians for their soft drinks and milk and our parents for pastries.

Some of our children bring their money every Sunday. Some bring their dimes faithfully, others bring more but some have been bringing absolutely nothing, therefore our income is not as much as it used to be. On 2 stormy Sundays, Feb. 26th and March 5, we did not have Sunday school. The weather was so bad that it warranted the closing of Sunday School on those two Sundays.

I thank the teachers fo all their cooperation and for making the year fruitful and enjoyable.

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| FINANCIAL STATEMENT | | |
| INCOME AND EXPENSES OF SUNDAY SCHOOL 1972 | | |
| Net Loss balance from 1971 | | \$16.01 |
| Expenses for 1972 | \$357.63 | |
| Income for 1972 | <u>343.30</u> | |
| Net Loss 1972 | \$ 14.33 | <u>14.33</u> |
| Net Loss beginning 1973 | | <u>\$30.34</u> |

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HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
CULTURAL BUILDING FUND
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND FINANCIAL CON
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AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1972

| | <u>Calendar Year 1972</u> | <u>Inception Through 12/30/72</u> |
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| <u>Activities</u> | | |
| Receipts: | | |
| Donations-Personal and Family | \$ 666.00 | \$ 3,797.47 |
| Group - Young Womens Guild | 6,000.00 | 10,764.00 |
| Activities - Bene- fit Drawing (Net) | -0- | 9,274.12 |
| Concert and Dance (Net) | 1,994.82 | 1,994.82 |
| Interest | <u>1,185.24</u> | <u>2,090.66</u> |
| TOTAL NET RECEIPTS | <u>\$9,846.06</u> | <u>\$27,921.07</u> |
| Expense: | | |
| Land Survey | \$ -0- | \$ 223.30 |
| Property Improvement | 4,917.00 | 4,917.00 |
| Misc. Operating | <u>18.42</u> | <u>60.87</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$4,935.42</u> | <u>\$ 5,201.17</u> |
| Net Receipts Over Expenses | \$4,910.64 | \$22,719.90 |
| <u>Cash</u> | | |
| Beginning Balance | \$17,809.26 | -- 0 -- |
| Ending Balance 12/31/72 | \$22,719.90 | \$22,719.90 |