



# ANNUAL CHURCH REPORT

1987

ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR  
ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
110 MAIN STREET  
HAVERHILL, MA 01830

PRAYER FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

GRANT, O LORD, THAT THY HOLY SPIRIT PRESIDE OVER US NOW IN ALL OUR CONCERNS AND DELIBERATIONS FOR THE WELFARE OF THIS PARISH. WE THANK THEE FOR ALL THE BLESSINGS OF THE PAST YEAR, AND PRAY THAT WE MAY GO TOGETHER FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH IN THE YEAR BEFORE US. HELP US ALL DEDICATE OURSELVES TO THEE, AND TO BE READY TO MAKE SACRIFICE OF THE TIME AND MONEY FOR THE EXTENSION OF THY KINGDOM.

GUIDE US, WE BESEECH THEE, IN THE CHOICE OF OUR PARISH COUNCIL, AND MAY THEY DISCHARGE THEIR DUTIES FAITHFULLY.

WE PRAISE THEE FOR THESE THY SERVANTS WHO LABORED AND WORSHIPPED THEE, HERE BEFORE US AND ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED FROM THIS LIFE SINCE WE LAST MET TOGETHER. GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST, O LORD, AND LET THY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN

DECEASED PARISHIONERS 1987

MIHRAN KASPARIAN

NERSES DER GARABEDIAN

SETRAG OHANNESIAN



PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR 1987

The Parish Council held 24 official meetings in 1987.

The following are the names and offices of those who served on Parish Council for the year 1987:

Chairman	Zaven Gostanian
Vice Chairman	Martin Aaronian
Treasurer	Cynthia Kasparian
Secretary	Alice Rayissian
Advisors	Vasken Gostanian
	Michael Takesian
	Edgar Movsesian

The major functions sponsored by the Parish Council were:

Festival '87	\$ 3,281.43
Annual Picnic	2,802.86
Church Bazaar	4,401.49
Church Anniversary	4,301.37
Building Fund	2,190.00
	<u>\$16,977.15</u>

Parish Council completed the following projects:

1. Roofs shingled on church and parish house
2. Inside of church painted

The Parish Council wishes to thank Der Krikor and Yeretzgin Agnes Maksoudian for their devotion to our parish and for keeping our church doors open on Sundays.

Our thanks to Diocesan Delegates Vasken Gostanian and Paul Tavitian who devoted much effort in attending Regional Council meetings, meetings for visitation of His Holiness Vasken I and church assembly meetings.

Zaven Gostanian  
Parish Council Chairman

## WOMEN'S GUILD

Chairlady  
Vice-Chairlady  
Recording Secretary  
Corresponding Secretary  
Treasurer

Mrs. Elbes Der Boghosian  
Mrs. Mary Kasparian  
Mrs. Araxie Derderian  
Mrs. Mary Sarkisian  
Mrs. Zarty Chilingirian

The Women's Guild with a membership of nineteen members is still a vibrant and visible organ of the church. They have aided the Parish Council in which the Women's Guild assistance was requested, particularly the annual bazaar, picnic and anniversary. Financial aid is rendered whenever needed.

The Guild has sponsored the following committees; Visitation Committee for homes, hospitals and nursing homes and a special committee for the preparation of Hokehjash (Requiem Dinners).

On the median day of Great Lent, the Guild sponsored their traditional Michink dinner. They also donated to St. Tarkmanchantz School in Jerusalem for the support of two school children.

Bank Balance, December 31, 1987

\$3,385.23

Mr. & Mrs. Club Annual Report for 1987

Chairman	Edward DerBogosian
Vice-Chairman	Sarkis Chobanian
Secretary	Virginia Chobanian
Treasurer	Charles Tashjian
Recording Secretary	Alice Basmajian

The Mr. & Mrs. Club held 8 regular monthly meetings with 28 active members.

The organization has held three successful functions during 1987.

		<u>Profit</u>
Chicken Dinner	May 23, 1987	\$937.00
Yard Sale	June 6, 1987	\$367.00
Card and Khema Night	October 31, 1987	\$328.00

The Mr. & Mrs. Club has aided The Parish Council in all endeavors particularly the Annual Bazaar, Festival 1987, helping in making mas, cleanup of the kitchen as well as financial aid whenever needed. This year many members were active in the most successful Fashion Show held on September 10, 1987. We have assisted the church when needed and have maintained a most active and cordial organization through its own social events. New members are welcomed at any time.

Social events for the year were:

Steak and Lobster	June 6, 1987
Card Night	October 31, 1987
Christmas Party	December 12, 1987

Our financial statement is as follows:

Balance on hand as of December 1987 shows a balance of \$2,062.46.

## LADIES AIDE SOCIETY

Chairlady  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Advisors

Mrs. Twanda McNeil  
Mrs. Mary Mooradian  
Miss Araxie Kasparian  
Miss Sue Kezerian  
Mrs. Zarty Chilingirian

The Ladies Aide Society with a membership of thirteen holds their meetings the second Wednesday of the month.

The group has actively participated in the church bazaar, picnic and Festival '87. They have helped the Women's Guild with their requiem dinners and wherever else they are called upon for support.

The fund-raising activities for the year included monthly kheyma suppers and the annual Mardi Gras (Poon Paregentan).

A monetary donation of \$1,000 was made for the 42nd anniversary of the church.

A Christmas party was held at a local restaurant where gifts were exchanged.

Bank Balance, December 31, 1987                      \$3,538.00

## CHURCH CHOIR

Chairman  
Vice Chairman  
Recording Secretary  
Treasurer

Richard Bazarian  
Edgar Movsesian  
Miss Virginia Tavitian  
Mrs. Alice Kasparian

Choir Director

Miss Sue Kezerian

Although no fund-raising affairs were held this year, the choir has proved its dedication to the church by its participation every Sunday in church services.

A donation was made to the Association of Church Choirs.

Bank Balance, December 31, 1987                      \$1,194.75

Beginning Balance - January 1, 1987

\$15,995.79

RECEIPTS

Sacraments	1,065.00
Hokehankist/Prayers	3,847.00
Memorial Contributions	4,374.50
Pledges	5,619.50
Plate	765.05
Dues	1,050.00
Altar Flowers	325.00
Altar Candles	323.25
Church Functions	19,996.65
Christmas Offering	1,135.00
Easter Offering	930.00
Gifts	1,825.00
Endowment Fund	710.86
Bank Interest	684.51
CD Interest	1,228.40
Building Fund	2,190.00
Church Hall Rental	100.00
Miscellaneous	783.24
Bookstore	69.00
Capital Improvements	5,750.00

Total Receipts

52,771.96

DISBURSEMENTS

Clergy Salary	3,750.00
Church Travel Expense	633.82
Taxes	320.20
Custodial Services	1,308.00
Repairs/Maintenance	7,704.62
Deacon/Soloist/Organist	370.00
Utilities	1,266.16
Transfer	10,000.00
Gas	4,349.10
Church Insurance	2,585.90
Diocese Dues	4,824.00
Church Functions	5,202.49
Church Stationary/Supplies	1,973.87
Altar Flowers	250.00
Postage	576.00
Capital Improvements	1,286.39
Miscellaneous	856.01
Bookstore	276.12

Total Disbursements

(47,532.68)

Ending Balance - December 31, 1987

21,235.07

Certificate of Deposit 8% maturing 11/20/88

20,000.00

Certificate of Deposit 8% maturing 8/31/88

10,000.00

PROPOSED 1988 BUDGET

RECEIPTS

SACRAMENTS	\$ 2,000	
HOKEHANKEESD & PRAYERS	4,000	
MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS	5,000	
PLEDGES	6,000	
PLATE	1,000	
MEMBERSHIP DUES	2,000	
ALTAR FLOWERS	500	
ALTAR CANDLES	500	
CHURCH FUNCTIONS	20,000	
CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS	1,500	
EASTER OFFERINGS	1,000	
GIFTS TO CHURCH	2,000	
ENDOWMENT FUND	1,000	
BANK INTEREST	500	
CD INTEREST	1,500	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	3,000	
CHURCH HALL RENTAL	500	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	3,000	
		\$55,000

DISBURSEMENTS

CLERGY SALARY	\$15,000	
CHURCH TRAVEL EXPENSE	1,000	
TAXES	500	
CUSTODIAL SERVICES	1,500	
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	5,000	
DEACON, SOLOIST & ORGANIST	1,000	
UTILITIES	1,500	
GAS	4,500	
CHURCH INSURANCE	4,500	
DIOCESAN DUES	5,000	
CHURCH FUNCTIONS	6,000	
STATIONERY & SUPPLIES	3,000	
ALTAR FLOWERS	500	
POSTAGE	500	
MISCELLANEOUS	2,500	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	3,000	
		\$55,000



