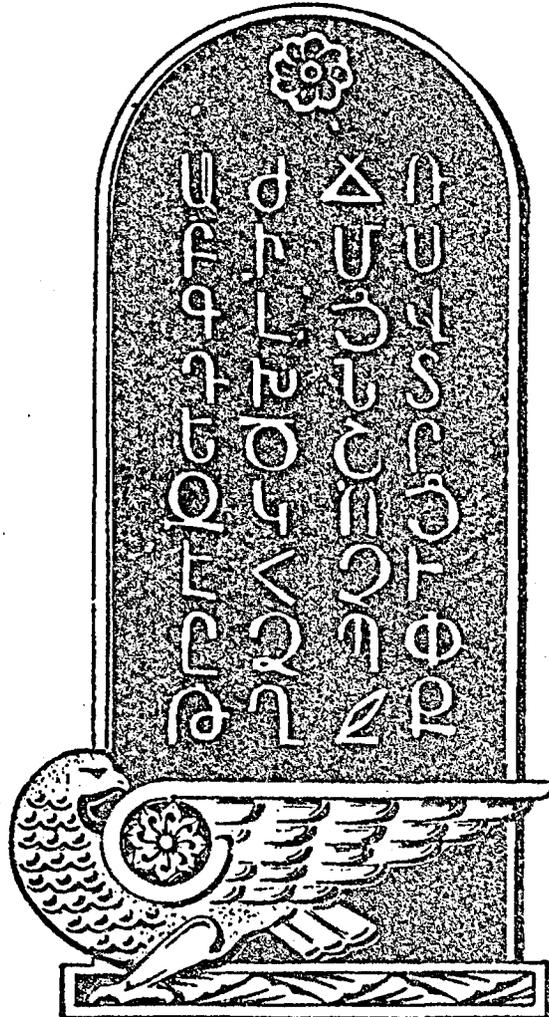


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TAKE TIME

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- Take time to think It is the source of power.
- Take time to play It is the secret of perpetual youth.
- Take time to read It is foundation of wisdom.
- +Take time to pray It is the greatest power on earth.
- Take time to love and be loved It is a God-given privilege.
- Take time to be friendly It is the road to happiness.
- Take time to laugh It is the music of the soul.
- Take time to give It is too short a day to be selfish.

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Հովիւ Արշակ Վարդապետ Խաչատուրեան

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Սիրելի Ծխականներ Սուրբ Գրիգոր Նարեկացի Հայց. Առթլ. Եկեղեցւոյ Բլիժլէնտիս  
Աստուծոյ Օրհնութեամբ բոլորեցինք մեր Երրորդ Տարին: Փառք Աստուծոյ:

Մնացինք հաւատարիմ Հայաստանեայց Եկեղեցւոյ Կանոններուն եւ Սուրբ Աւանդութեան  
մէջ, ծառայելու Աստուծոյ մեզի տուած շնորհքով եւ ձեր անմիջական գործակցու-  
թեամբ: Իցեւ թէ մենք կարենայինք աւելի օգտակար ըլլալ, այսպէս ասաց մեր ազաս  
Ամբրիկային մէջ, ուր Սէրն ու Ծառայութիւնը զգալի օրէն պէտք մը դարձաց է իւր  
ճանչիւմը Եկեղեցիի Տեղեկանքի թիւ մանաւանդ անչի համար:

Մեր նախահայրերէն ուսած ենք թէ ինչպէս Հայկ նահապետ, ըրուն անունով Հայ ենք  
կոչած մենք զմեզ Ազատութիւն տենչաց. - Բէլ բռնակալ մերժեց: Հայաստանեայց Ս:  
Եկեղեցին Վարդանանց Սրբոց Չօրավարներու, ԱԶԳ ԵՒ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻ ԳՈՅԹ ԵՒ ՍՈՒՆ  
Թեան անհատ եւ խումբերու թէ Հայաստանեայց Սուրբ Եկեղեցին ԱՆԲԱԺԱՆ ՄԷԿ ՄԱՍՆ  
է ՀԱՅ ԺՈՂՈՎՈՒՐԻՒՆ: Բռնակալներ այս օրերուն ոչ կը մտնեն եւ ոչ ալ կը թողուն  
որ ուրիշներ մտնեն մեր Սուրբ Եկեղեցիին ներս: Բլիժլէնտի մէջ մենք ունինք  
Հայաստանեայց Սուրբ Եկեղեցի, ՓԱՌԲ ԱՍՏՈՒԾՈՑ ՀԱՅ ՊԱՏԱՐԱԳ: Մենք անգամները այս  
պանծալի Սուրբ Եկեղեցւոյ ԴՌՏՈՒՄՆԵՐ ԱՆ ԱՍՏՈՒՄՆԵՐ, որ վարատին մէզն ու մառախուղ  
չքանան չարիքն ու յուսահատութիւնը, տարագրուին տագնապն ու տխրութիւնը աշխար-  
հի երեսէն:

Այս է եղած հանապազօրեայ աղօթքը Հայ անրուներու:

Շնորհակալութեան մասնաւոր խօսք ունինք այս առիթով ամէն անոնց, որոնք առիթ  
տուին մեզի, խորին երախտագիտութեան ու անկեղծ հաւատարմութեան զգացումներ ար-  
տայատելու այս առիթով: Երանի այն անրուներին, որ գիտէ իՄԱՍՏՈՒԹԵԱՆ ՉԱՅՆԻՆ աշա-  
կերտիլ, որոնք պատասխանատուութիւնը ունին անսակարկ ազատութեան աշակերտելու:

Բլիվլէնտի մէջ եւ այլ տեղ, ամէն անոնք, որոնք ՄԿՏՈՒԱՄ ԵՆ ՀԱՄԱԶԱՅՆ ՄԵՐ ՍՈՒՐԲ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՈՅ ԿԱՆՈՆՆԵՐՈՒՄ ԱՆԴԱՄ ԵՆ ՀԱՅԱՍՏԱՆԵԱՅՑ ԱՌԱՔԵԼԱԿԱՆ ՍՈՒՐԲ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՈՅ: ԱՅՍ ԻՄԱՍՏՈՎ ԱՄԷՆ ՀԱՅ ԱՆԴԱՄ Է ԲԼԻՎԼԷՆՏԻ ՀԱՅԱՍՏԱՆԵԱՅՑ ԱՌԱՔԵԼԱԿԱՆ ՍՈՒՐԲ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՈՅ: Մենք անդամներ ենք խոշոր ընտանիքի մը Հայ Ազգին:

Սիրելի տրատու անդամներ, այսինքն, նիւթով եւ դրամով եւ գործնականօրէն օժանդակողներ, կրկնապատկենք մեր աշխատանքները աւելցնելու համար մեր ուժերը եւ խօսինք եւ գործենք իմաստութիւնով, որպէսզի լաւ օրինակ ըլլանք մեր զաւակներուն եւ արժանի զաւակները այն անհետացող տարիներուն որ մեր նախնիք գիտցան, արժամեայ այս աշխարհին մէջ ցոյց տալ: Տարիներ մեր վրայէն հազուատներու նմակը սահին: ԵՐԱՆԻ ԱՅՆ ԾԱՌԱՅԻՄ ՈՐՈՒՄ ՏԷՐԸ ԵՐԲ ԿՈՒԳԱՅ ԿԸ ՏԵՍՆԱՅ ՈՐ ՊԱՀԱՆՉՈՒ ԾԸ ԿԱՏԱՐՈՒԱՄ Է: // Հայոց պատմութիւնը դիւցազներգութիւն մըն է յանուն ազատութեան եւ ԲՐԻՍՏՈՍԻ: Հայոց պատմութիւնը իր պատուաւոր տեղը ունի համաշխարհայի պատմութեան բեմին վրայ: Եւ այդ պատմութիւնը պէտք է աւանդել, սորվեցնել մենոր ՍԵՐՈՒՄԴԻՄ, որպէսզի ԱՆ ՃԱՆՉՆԱՅ ԻՆՔՁԻՐԸ ԵՒ ՀՊԱՐՏ ԸԼԼԱՅ իր ազգութեամբ Վազգէն Ա.

ԱՅՑԵԼՈՒԹԻՒՆ - ՀՈՎԻՒԷՆ - ԾԻԱԿԱՆՆԵՐՈՒՄ

- Մեր Սուրբ Եկեղեցիին ծառայելու եւ ամէնէն գեղեցիկ սովորութիւններէն մէկը Հովիւէն-Ծխական յարաբերութիւնն է, որ աւանդութիւն է դարձած մեր մէջ:
  - Տունօրհնէք, հոգեւոր այցելութիւն - Աստուծոյ օրհնութիւնը բաշխելու:
  - Այցելութիւն, մօտենալ ընտանիքի անդամներուն ընկերական եւ ազգային ոգիով:

Շատ շատեր բարի եւ գնահատելի եւ մանաւանդ օգտաշատ գտան մեր այցելութիւններ թէ հոգեւոր եւ թէ ընկերային, եւ ազգային: Շատեր հրաշքի չէին հաւատար թէ Հայ հոգեւորականներու թիւը աւելցնելու համար աղօթքով լիցուն հայրերու եւ մայրե ու պէտք ունի մեր Սուրբ Եկեղեցին: Այս ոգիով այցելեցինք եւ խօսեցանք առանց խորութեան ամբողջ կարելի հայրերու տուները: - Հայ ժողովուրդի մեծագոյն տառապանքը ներկայ դարուն այն է թէ ՊԷՏՐՈՒՆԻ ԲԱԻԱԿԱՆ ԶԱՓՈՎ ՀԱՅ ԵՐԻՏԱՍԱՐ ՆԵՐՈՒ ԵՒ ԵՐԻՏԱՍԱՐԴՈՒՀԻ-ՆԵՐՈՒ, ՈՐՈՒՔ ՊԱՏՐԱՍՏԱԿԱՄՈՒԹԻՒՆԸ ՈՒՆԻՆ ՆԵՏՈՒԵԼՈՒ -

Փարոսը մեր Եկեղեցւոյ պաշտօնական թերթն է, որուն մէջ մենք մեր ծխականներէ եւ մեր Առաջնորդացրանի, մեր Ծխական Խորհուրդի եւ այլ զանազան մեր կազմակերպութեանց գրուածքները լոյս կը տեսնեն: Անխափան լոյս տեսաւ Փարոսը կանոնաւոր կերպով ամէն ամիս, մեր հակողութեան ներգեւ:

Հայերէն գրամբենագրութիւնը կատարուեցաւ մեր կողմէ այս տարի եւս:

Անգլերէն բաժինը գրամբենագրուեցաւ Տիկին Ալիս Պարտասեանի կողմէ, որուն համար զնահատութեան մասնաւոր խօսք եւ աղօթք ունինք մեր արտին մէջ:

Ուղարկուեցաւ Բլիվլէնտի Հայութեան ընդհանուր առմամբ, կը յուսանք որ անմիջապէս այս տարուան կիսուն ՓԱՐՈՍը պիտի հասնի ամէն Հայու տուն: Առանց խտրականութեան Փարոսը ուղարկուած է Բլիվլէնտի Հայութեան: Տրատու եւ կամ ոչ տրատու: Փարոս ուղարկուեցաւ Օհայօ նահանգի շատ մը Բաղաքներու մէջ գիտցուած եւ ծանօթ Հայեր: Փարոս ուղարկուեցաւ <sup>նաեւ</sup> միւս նահանգներու մէջ գտնուող մեր Սուրբ Եկեղեցիներուն: Ընդհանուր թիւը ուղարկուած Փարոսներուն - քանակ - 325: Նախանցեալ տարիներուն, էքըրն ուղարկուած Փարոսներուն թիւը այս տարի գերազանցուեցաւ քսանով:

Այս տարի մեր Եկեղեցւոյ գրասենակը օժտուեցաւ մեզի յատուկ ՀԱՍՑԱԳՐՈՒԹԵԱՆ (մասնաւոր կազմուածք եւ անուանացանկ) յատուկ պնակներով:

ՊԱՇՏԱՄՈՒՅՔ ՍՈՒՐԲ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՆ ՆԵՐՍ

Սուրբ Գրիգոր Նարեկացի Հայաստանեայց Եկեղեցւոյ մէջ ունեցանք առաւօտեան եւ Սուրբ Պատարագի պաշտամունք անխափան:

Առաւօտեան ժամապաշտութիւն - ժամը 10:00 ին:

Սուրբ Պատարագ - ժամը 10:30 ին:

Բանին Կենաց Բարոզութիւն - ժամը 11:45 ին: Հայերէն եւ Անգլերէն:

Մեծ Պահոց շրջանին ունեցանք Արեւագալի եւ Եկեղեցի պաշտամունք:

Կրօնական Պաշտամունք չունեցանք այն օրերուն, որ բանաւոր պատճառներով բացակայ գտնուեցանք մեր Ծուխէն: Թեմական, Հ.Ե.Ե.Կ. եւ Դպրացըասերու համագումարներուն ուր գործոն մասնակցութիւններ բերինք երբ հեռու գտնուեցանք մեր պատուական ծուխէն: Սուրբ անղանի սպասարկեցին Բարեշնորհ Տիրացու Կարպիս Պատրեան, Բարե-

Յարգելի Գրագրող

շընորհ Տիրացու Տք. Գեղամ Կօէքճան եւ Բարեշնորհ Տիրացու Արղար Արղին եւ  
Բարեշնորհ Տիրացու Արամ ձանճիկեան:

Գերշ. Տ. Թորգոմ Արքեպիսկոպոս Մանուկեան, Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հայրը Սեպտ. 14,  
Կիսասարկաւագութեան առտիճան շնորհեց Տիրացու կարպիս Պսլտրեանին, որ երկար  
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Տիրացու Տքթ. Գեղամ Կէօքճան եւ Տիրացու Արղար Արղին ստացան մասնաւոր Ուրառի  
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կարկ սպասարկութիւնը մատուցանեցին այս տարի եւս Տիկին Ժընէթ Արսլանեան, որպէ  
Դպրապետուհի եւ մեր դպրաց դասի անդամները:

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- Մկրտութիւն - 7
- Պսակ - 4      Երեք հատ մեր Եկեղեցւոյ մէջ:
- Թաղում - 7      Երեք թաղում Եկեղեցւոյ մէջ կատարուած Կարգ Հանգստեան  
Մէկ հատ Բիթսպոսը կ, Բէնսիլեանեայ  
Մէկ հատ էքորըն

Հակեցինք մասնաւոր կերպով որ ամէն անձ մասնակցի Սուրբ Հաղորդութեան Խորհուրդ-  
դին, քաջալերելի էր եւ գոհացուցիչ արդիւնքը:

Խորհրդակատարութեանց ակիզքին Հայերէն եւ թէ Անգլերէն բացատրութիւններ կարեւո  
նկատեցինք աւելի դիւրահասկնալի դարձնելու համար հաւատացեալին, կատարուած խոր  
հըրդակատարութիւնը:

ՄՇԱԿՈՒԹԱՅԻՆ ԵՒ ԴԱՍՏԻԱՐԿՉԱԿԱՆ ՁԵՌՆԱՐԿՆԵՐ



( Զանազան ապարեզներու նուիրուած անհատներու մէջէն ազնիւ մարդը ան է,  
որ գիտէ երիտասարդութեան նկատարելի կերտել եւ դարձնել ) Յովհաննէս Ոսկեբերանի  
այս նշանակալի եւ իմաստուն խորհուրդը իւրաքանչիւրիս մտքին խորը իր բարձր  
տեղը գրաւելու է:

- Վարդանանց Տօնակատարութիւն Ս. Գրիգոր Նարեկացի Եկեղեցւոյ մէջ, յետ Ս. Պա - տարագի եւ նախ քան Ծխական Անդամական մասնաւոր ժողովէն ետք: Կիր. Փետր. 16, 1:

- Մշակութային Տօնախմբութիւնը այս տարի եղաւ բացառիկ, Կոմիտաս Վարդապետի նու - ուած (100 ամեակ) մասնաւոր Համերգի հրաւուիրուած էր Երգչուհի Աստղիկ Տէտէեան նոյ. 9, 1969ին Ամերիկեան Ֆէյթ Եոնայթըտ Եկեղեցւոյ մէջ:

- Այս առիթով յիշատակութեան արժանի է Ապրիլ 24ի, միացեալ գաղութային տօնա - կաթարութիւնը: Դժբաղտաբար նախապէս համաձայնութեան մը վստահելով Ս. Եկեղեցիս յուզախաբ եղաւ երբ տեսաւ թէ շատ, շատ Հայեր ուրոնք կարող էին Հոգեհանգստեան նԱՀԱՏԱԿՆԵՐՈՒ արարողութեան գալ, նախընտրած էին ՃԱՇԱՍԵՂԱՆՆԵՐՈՒ ՇՈՒՐՁ մեր նահա տակներու յիշատակը տօնախմբել:

Ուրախութեամբ կարելի է յիշատակել թէ Կիրակնօրեայ մեր վարժարանը շինչպէս նաեւ Հայկական դպրոցը <sup>որովհ</sup> ալաւ արդիւնքներ Յոյց տուին այս անցնող տարուան ընթացքին:

- Տարուան ընթացքին ունեցանք շատ մը Ամերիկեան խումբեր, լեւելու և սորվէլու: Անոնք եկած էին ծանօթանալու Հայ ժողովուրդի եւ Հայաստանեայց Սուրբ Եկեղեցւոյ մասին: Բլիվլէնտի Տիկիններու Կազմակերպութիւն մը ունկնդրեց 45 վարկեան տեւո - ղութեամբ դասախօսութիւն մը, որ Անգլերէնով ներկայացուց Արշակ Վրդ. Խաչատուրեան: - Բրիստոնէական Դաստիարակութեան ամիս մը, շաբաթական մէկ օր, դասախօսութիւն մը պատրաստեցինք Անգլերէն լեզուով, արդիւնքը գոհացուցիչ էր:

- Զախոզ էր մեր երիտասարդներու էՅ.ՍԻ.ՈՒԱՅ.Օ.էյի առաքելութեան շաբաթը, յոյսով ենք թէ ծնողներ յետ այսու աւելի ուշադիր ըլլան, յգնելու համար իրենց հարազատ - ներուան անհրաժեշտ փոխադրական միջոցները:

- ՊՕՅ ՍՔԱՌԻԹԻՆԿ - այս տարի նկատի ունեցանք կազմակերպել Պօյ Սթաթինկ խումբ մը Քաջալերուած զգացինք մեր առաջին տարուան ՀԱՅ ՈՒԱԶԻ յաջող արդիւնաբերութեան համար: Օրական Գէմբինկ մը կազմակերպած էինք ծնողներու ամիջական աշխատանք - րով, արդիւնքը անհամեմատելիօրէն յաջող էր: Անցնող տարիներու շարունակական հարցումներուն միակ միջոց նկատեցինք ՊՕՅ ՍՔԱՌԻԹԻՆԿը. որպէսզի այս ամառ մեր տղաքը իրարաու հետ խաղալէ եւ սորվելէ չի զրկենք: Դաստիարակչական բաժնին կարելի

է յիշատակել մեր աճող գրադարանի գիրքերը: Ծնողներ քաջալերեցէ՛ք որ ձեր սիրասունները Անգլերէն եւ թէ Հայերէն լեզուներով, գիրքեր վերցնեն մեր գրադարանէ Գրեթէ ամէն տարիքի համար հետաքրքրական եւ դաստիարակչական գիրքեր ունինք: Բաւականաչափ գիրքեր ունինք. մասնաւոր անձեր նշանակուած են դասաւորելու համար մեր գրադարանը, թուակարգելու համար, հեղինակներու եւ գիրքերու անուններով:

— Այս տարի եւս մենք օգտագործեցինք Հայկական Ռատիոյ ժամը, մեր Եկեղեցւոյ Դպրաց դասը մատուցանեց Ծնողեան Շարականներ եւ Արշակ Վրդ. Անգլերէնով կադաց Սուրբ Ծնողեան Պատգամը:

ԸՆԿԵՐԱԿԱՆ ԶԵՌՆԱՐԿՆԵՐ

Ինչպէս անցեալ տարիներուն, այս տարի եւս եղան — Իաշտահանդէսներ եւ զանազան ընկերային, քարեկամական հաւաքոյթներ մեր Եկեղեցւոյ շուրջ:

Սուրբ Եկեղեցւոյս Ծխական Խորհուրդը շնորհ չի խնայեց յաշուր եւ ընկերական դաշտահանդէս մը հրամանել մեր սիրելի գաղութին, ներկայ էին մեծ ու փոքր, ուտել խմելու եւ զուարճանալու:

Միշտ քաջալերեցինք մեր ներկայութեամբ եւ ճաշերը սպասարկուեցան աղօթքի մասնաւոր խմբական արտասանութեամբ: Աւետարանի ոգիով եւ եղբայրական ընկերակցութեամբ այս դաշտահանդէսները պատճառներ են իրար բերել այն անձերը, որոնք կարող չեն Եկեղեցի գալ միասնաբար: Սուրբ Գրական խօսքը արդար է երբ հոս ըսենք թէ (զի գեղեցիկ զի վայելուչ չի լինակին եղբարք ի միասին):

ՄՇԱԿՈՒԹԱՅԻՆ ՄՐԱՆԻ ՅԱՆՁՆԱԽՈՒՄԲ

Աստուծոյ օգնութեամբ եւ մեր հարազատ ժողովուրդի անկեղծ աշխատանքներով եւ օժանդակութեամբ, Սեպտ. 14, 1969 ին, Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հօր նախագահութեամբ, Հայ Դպրոցի եւ Եկեղեցւոյս Սրահին համար կատարուած ԽՈՍՏՈՒՄ ՀԱՆԳԱՆԱԿՈՒԹԵԱՆ Սուրբ Եկեղեցիիս ԾինՈՒԹԵԱՆ ՅԱՆՁՆԱԽՈՒՄԲԸ բարձրացուց 91.000.00 հազար Տոլար:

REPORT 3rd. YEAR OF THE PASTOR:

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH-----1969

PASTOR VERY REV. FATHER ARSHAG KHATCHADOURIAN

DEAR PARISHONERS of ST. GREGORY of NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH:

With God's Blessing we have accomplished our 3rd. year. Thanks to God. We have remained faithful to the Canons of the Armenian Church as well as in the Holy Tradition, to serve to God with the grace that the Almighty has bestowed upon us and with your immediate cooperation. We wish that we can be able to be more fruitful. Thus said in our free America where love and service has become a must for every church and family and especially for an individual.

We have learned from our Ancestors that Patriarch Haig "Hayastan" (which means Armenia) had an impetuous desire for freedom--Bela the dictator denied it. The Armenian Church through the hero's of ST. Vartan, Nation-Church had shown a fact in the history to other people that Armenian Church is an indivisible part of Armenian Nation, now a days some individuals they don't come to our Church and they don't let others to enter their Church. In Cleveland we have an Armenian Apostolic Church, Thanks to God we still have Armenian Badarak. We the members of this Praise Worthy Holy Church in Thankfulness to God, pray that may the mist and the fog disperse, dissolve mischief, and disappointment vanish confusion and sadness from the face of the world. This has been the every day prayer for Armenian Generations.

We have a special Thank You on this occasion to these people who gave to us a chance to express our deepest gratitude and unselfish loyal feelings. Blessed are these people who know to be a pupil To The Voice Of Wisdom, who have the responsibility to serve, to the freedom of mankind unconditionally.

In Cleveland as well as other states or countries, who ever is baptized according to the Canons of Armenian Church and ready to adhere to teachings are full members in Armenian Apostolic Church, in this sense every Armenian living soul is a member to the Armenian Church. We are members to the great family of the Armenian Nation.

DEAR DUES PAYING MEMBERS:

I mean the ones who support through wealth, let us double our energies in order to increase our strength and talk and word with wisdom, in order to set a good example for our children and the worthy children of past years. Where our forefathers knew in this transient world to live by their works. Years will pass as the clothes that we wear every day.

Blessed is the servant who's master finds his servant doing the commanded work. "Armenian History who's pages are full of Heroic Deeds for the sake of freedom and Christ. Armenian History have its own honorary place in the universal pantheon of World History, and that history should be delivered thought to our new generation, in order to recognize himself and feel proud in his nationality."VASKEN I

PASTOR'S VISITATIONS TO THE PARISHONERS:

One of the good custom to serve in the Armenian Church is the visitation from Pastor to his Parishoners.

-----HOME BLESSINGS-----Spiritual Visitation, to give God's Blessings.

---Visitation, to approach the members of the family in a spirit of friendship and as fellow Armenians.

Many people had found our visitation good and appreciative and especially beneficial in the field of religion and society.

Some people were not believers that in order to increase the number of Armenian Clergy, the Armenian Church needs Fathers and Mothers in an atmosphere of prayer to raise children for this Secular World. In this spirit we have continued our home visitation and spoke without segregation with most of the Armenian Families and added in a true sense that the greatest need of Armenian people which are suffering now is to provide enough boys and girls to commit themselves with convictions in the field of the Armenian Church and our beloved Nation.

#### PAROS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF OUR CHURCH:

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Paros is our official church publication where we see publicized the articles of our Parishoners, Diocese News, our Parish Council, and our Church Affiliated Organizations. Paros was issued in a twelve month successive period under our supervision.

The Armenian typing was done by us, this year too!--- The English typing was done by Mrs. Al Bardasian, to whom we have our special word and prayer in our heart.

Paros was sent to most of the Armenian families in Cleveland. We hope by the middle of this year the Paros will enter into the homes of all Armenian families in the Greater Cleveland Area. This year too Paros was sent to Armenians without any segregation. We mailed the Paros to dues paying and non-dues paying families without any reservation. The general number of Paros mailed monthly is 325. We had some additions especially from Akron.

This year our Church Office got a new addressograph, with the proper plates.

#### CHURCH WORSHIP:

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In St. Gregory Of Narek Armenian Apostolic Church we had morning Services and Divine Liturgy every Sunday except when we were present for Diocesan Assembly, A.C.Y.O.A. and Choir Convention.

MORNING SERVICES: 10:00 A. M.

DIVINE LITURGY: 10:30 A. M.

SERMON: (THE LIVING WORD OF GOD) 11:45 A. M. ---Spoke in Armenian and English.

Once again we were fortunate to have our Primate Archbishop Torkom Manogian in our Church---His Grace Celebrated the Divine Liturgy and preached the word of God to the present congregation---Arachnork Surpazan elevated Garbis Balderian into Sub-Deacon---as well as Dr. K. K. Goekjian and Artin Artin into the right of wearing the stole. September 14, 1969.

To the Church Altar the following persons rendered their service. The above mention ones and Aram Jangijian as stole bearer and Mr. Harry Chakamian. We have a special Thank You to Jeanette Aurslianian who was our Choir Director, Whom we have our abundant blessings and to the members of our Choir.

SACRAMENTS:  
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BAPTISMS: 7

WEDDINGS: 4---Three of them in our Church.

FUNERALS: 7---Three in our Church---One in Pittsburgh---One in Akron.

We have payed special attention that our Parishoners to partake in Holy Communion, the results was satisfactory. In the beginning of every Sacrament we have explained in Armenian and English to make it more understandable.

CULTURE AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:  
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Vartannatz Saints---was celebrated after Parish Assembly---February 16, 1969---Culture Program was an exception this year on the occasion of Centennial Celebration of Komitas Vartabed. Our Parish Council had invited Astghig Dedeyan(Soprano) to present a Concert on November 9, 1969 at Faith United Church of Christ.---April 24, 1969 Seven Armenian individuals collectively a very successful program in Al Koran Shrine Temple---unfortunately 3/4 of them did'nt appear to the Requiem Service which was held for our 2 million massacred Armenians in Turkey.--- Father Arshag had presented a 45 minute lecture in English to a group of 75 women about the Armenian Church and People.---Christian Education Month was a success---first in its kind in our Community, Conducted by Father Arshag in English, it was open to the public---It was failure our A.C.Y.O.A. Mission Week, we hope parents will not overlook the next year mission week.---Boy Scout new idea---In 1967 we had our first Summer Camp in our community for a one week period namely "HY-Y'S"--- we were questioned in 1968 about this Camp as well as in 1969, for 1970 we have thought to organize a Boy Scout, we are in the process---

Our Library is growing slowly but surely---We have books in Armenian and English for every age and every taste---

This year too we have used the Armenian Radio to reach our beloved people---Our Choir sang the Armenian Songs---

SOCIAL ACTIVITY'S:  
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Our Social Calendar for the year of 1969 was a very full one---With many Picnics by all our Church Affiliated Organizations and Parish Council---All were a huge success---Our Sundays after Church were filled with very wonderful Coffee Hours by all our Church Organizations and Parish Council---There were many Special Events and Programs that filled many a Happy Sunday----

CULTURAL HALL-SCHOOL BUILDING:  
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With God's help our own people proudly labored and presented their share to our Church Hall-School---September 14, 1969---\$91,000.00 was raised at our Kick-Off Banquet---Our Archbishop Torkom Manoogian was the guest speaker on this very wonderful occasion.

The Cultural Hall-School Building Committee is still working very devotedly---To all those on the Committee we give our Thanks and Blessings, for all the work they have done and are still doing.

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH  
PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Date: Sunday January 25, 1970 at 2:00 P.M.

Place: Parish Hall at 666 Richmond Road

AGENDA

1. Opening prayer by our Pastor.
2. Welcome by Parish Council Chairman.
3. Verification of eligible voters.
4. Election of officers of the Assembly (Chairman & Secretary).
5. Reading of the minutes of the Parish Assembly of 1969.
6. Questions pertaining to the 1969 Annual Reports.
7. Budget approval for 1970.
8. Election of Six Parish Council members.
9. Election of Nominating Committee.
10. Election of Auditing Committee.
11. Old Business.
12. New Business.
13. Remarks by the Pastor.
14. Closing with singing of Der Getso.

The Annual Parish Assembly is a very important event in the life of each Parish. It determines what will happen to the community for the coming year. The decisions made or not made at the meeting greatly influence the course of action that the Pastor, Parish Council, Diocesan Delegates, and Church organizations will take in the coming year.

It is to your benefit to be present and represent your interest

Parish Council

ST. GREGORY OF NA EK ARMENIAN CHURCH  
OF CLEVELAND

1969 ELIGIBLE VOTERS

1. Mr. Noubar Abdalian
2. Mrs. Noubar Abdalian
3. Mrs. Souren Abdalian
4. Mr. Robert Abdalian
5. Mr. Souren Aghajanian
6. Mrs. Souren Aghajanian
7. Mr. Jerry Ahlegian
8. Mrs. Jerry Ahlegian
9. Mrs. Mary Ahlegian
10. Mr. Paul Apkarian
11. Mr. Garabed Arpajian
12. Mrs. Garabed Arpajian
13. Mr. Henry Arslanian
14. Mrs. Henry Arslanian
15. Mr. Kevork Arslanian
16. Mrs. Kevork Arslanian
17. Mr. Paul Arslanian
18. Mrs. Paul Arslanian
19. Mr. Russell Arslanian
20. Mrs. Russell Arslanian
21. Mr. Ted Arslanian
22. Mrs. Ted Arslanian
23. Mrs. Zarouhe Arslanian
24. Mr. Artin Artar
25. Mrs. Artin Artar
26. Mrs. Mishac Aurslanian
27. Mr. Harry Aurslanian
28. Mrs. Harry Aurslanian
29. Mr. Harry Atkian
30. Mrs. Harry Atkian
31. Mr. Garabed Azarian
32. Mrs. Garabed Azarian
33. Mr. Alex Bagdasarian
34. Mrs. Alex Bagdasarian
35. Mrs. Anna Bagdasarian
36. Mr. Cross Bagdasarian
37. Mrs. Cross Bagdasarian
38. Mrs. Lary Bagdasarian
39. Mr. Obie Bagdasarian
40. Mrs. Obie Bagdasarian
41. Mr. Robert Bagdasarian
42. Mrs. Robert Bagdasarian
43. Mrs. Setrak Bagdasarian
44. Mr. Garbis Balderian
45. Mrs. Garbis Balderian
46. Mrs. Yeghsa Balderian
47. Mr. Nick Baltayan
48. Mrs. Nick Baltayan
49. Mr. Al Bardasian
50. Mrs. Al Bardasian
51. Mrs. Santoukht Bedrosian
52. Mr. John Benneian
53. Mrs. John Benneian
54. Mrs. Esgouhi Benneian
55. Mr. Peter Bogigian
56. Mrs. Peter Bogigian
57. Miss Marie Bosnoian
58. Mrs. Albert Bosnoian
59. Mr. Harry Chakamian
60. Mrs. Harry Chakamian
61. Mr. Adour Chakerian
62. Mrs. Adour Chakerian
63. Mr. Hacher Chakerian
64. Mrs. Hacher Chakerian
65. Mr. Ralph Chakerian
66. Mrs. Arshagouhi Chakerian
67. Mr. Mike Chekemian
68. Mrs. Mike Chekemian
69. Mrs. Elmas Davidian
70. Mr. John Davidian
71. Mrs. John Davidian
72. Mr. Sam Davidian
73. Mrs. Sam Davidian
74. Mr. Karekin Demirjian
75. Mrs. Karekin Demirjian
76. Dr. Gilbert H. Derian
77. Mrs. Gilbert Derian
78. Mr. Oscar Elloian
79. Mrs. Oscar Elloian
80. Mr. Tom Elloian
81. Mr. Harry Goekjian
82. Dr. K. K. Goekjian
83. Mrs. K. K. Goekjian
84. Miss Valerie Goekjian
85. Mr. Robert Gulugian
86. Mrs. Robert Gulugian
87. Miss Alice Hacherian
88. Mr. Jack Hacherian
89. Mrs. Jack Hacherian
90. Miss Martha Hacherian
91. Mr. Jack Hatchadourian
92. Mrs. Jack Hatchadourian

1969 ELIGIBLE VOTERS - Continued

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| 93. Mr. Aram Janjigian         | 121. Mrs. Khoren Odian         |
| 94. Mrs. Aram Janjigian        | 122. Mr. Eric Chanian          |
| 95. Mrs. Jennie Kapoudjian     | 123. Mrs. Eric Chanian         |
| 96. Mrs. Ann Karayan           | 124. Mrs. Alice Curlian        |
| 97. Mrs. Florence Karoghlanian | 125. Mr. Edward Panosian       |
| 98. Mr. Hapet Karoghlanian     | 126. Mrs. Edward Panosian      |
| 99. Mrs. Hapet Karoghlanian    | 127. Mr. Sam Panosian          |
| 100. Mrs. Mary Kasabach        | 128. Mrs. Sam Panosian         |
| 101. Dr. Mack Keverian         | 129. Mr. George Sakian         |
| 102. Mrs. Jack Keverian        | 130. Mrs. George Sakian        |
| 103. Mr. Deeran Krikorian      | 131. Mr. Artin Shoukas         |
| 104. Mrs. Deeran Krikorian     | 132. Mrs. Artin Shoukas        |
| 105. Mr. Elias Meketarian      | 133. Mrs. Margaret Vara        |
| 106. Mrs. Elias Meketarian     | 134. Mrs. Koharig Vartevarian  |
| 107. Mrs. Joseph Meketarian    | 135. Mr. Khosrof Vosgerichian  |
| 108. Mrs. Joseph Meketarian    | 136. Mrs. Khosrof Vosgerichian |
| 109. Mr. Tony Manashian        | 137. Mr. Krikor Yeranian       |
| 110. Mrs. Tony Manashian       | 138. Mrs. Krikor Yeranian      |
| 111. Mrs. Lousaper Mirakain    | 139. Mr. Ohannes Channesian    |
| 112. Mr. Nazar Mirakian        | 140. Mrs. Ohannes Channesian   |
| 113. Mrs. Nazer Mirakian       | 141. Mrs. Ann Zahigian         |
| 114. Mr. Samuel Mirakian       |                                |
| 115. Mrs. Samuel Mirakian      |                                |
| 116. Mrs. Mariam Morockian     |                                |
| 117. Dr. Vartkes Najarian      |                                |
| 118. Mrs. Vartkes Najarian     |                                |
| 119. Mr. Harry Odabashian      |                                |
| 120. Mrs. Harry Odabashian     |                                |

DIOCESAN DELEGATES REPORT

The 67th Annual Assembly of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America on May 2nd and 3rd, 1969 at the St. James Church, Watertown, Massachusetts.

The first session opened on Friday May 2, 1969 at 2:15 P.M. under the presidency of the Primate of the Diocese, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. There were 104 delegates present, out of a possible total of 143. The following officers of the Assembly were elected.

- Judge John K. Najarian - Chairman
- Dr. Hagop Etmekjian - Vice-Chairman
- Mr. Haig Toumayian - Armenian Secretary
- Dr. Dennis Papazian - English Secretary

The following Proposals were passed;

1. Proposed that the Diocesan Council seek and hire a Diocesan consultant in Christian education for a stipend of no more than \$9000.00 per annum. The consultant will organize an effective Diocesan Department of Religious Education.
2. Proposed that a Uniform Stipends for Clergymen be adopted.
3. Resolved that this Diocesan Assembly request His Holiness Vasken I, Catholicos and Supreme Patriarch of all Armenians, to create and implement as soon as possible a written directive for the purpose of defining the jurisdictional structure for the uniform governance and administration of the Church of Armenia.

Be it further resolved that this directive provide for the immediate statement of a code of statutes for the Administrative regulation and discipline of the Armenian Church, these statutes to be in harmony with the canons and traditions of our Church.

The election for Diocesan Council members was held and the following elected;

- Very Rev. Fr. Zaven Arzooonian
- Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian
- Rev. Fr. Levon Arakelian
- Dr. James Etmekjian
- Mr. Crosby Goshgarian
- Mr. Edward Bashian

The Proposed Budget for Fiscal 1969 was \$197,000.00 which was approximately a 25 per cent increase over the previous year. The Parish dues would be increased by 25 per cent to raise this income.

The Assembly would meet at the Holy Trinity Church of North Philadelphia in 1970.

His Grace, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, led the Assembly in prayer and then declared the meeting at an end. The Chairman adjourned the Assembly at 5:55 P.M. on Saturday May 3, 1969.

Submitted by: Nubar Abdalian  
Ralph Chakerian

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK  
ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF CLEVELAND  
PARISH COUNCIL SECRETARIAL REPORT - 1969

During the year 1969 the Parish Council fulfilled all necessary functions adequately.

The Parish Council consisted of the following during the year;

Very Rev. Fr. Arshag Khatchadourian	- President
Mr. John Davidian	- Chairman
Mr. Kevork Arslanian	- Vice Chairman
Mr. Ralph Chakerian	- Treasurer
Mr. Ovie Bagdasarian	- Rec. Secretary
Mr. Deeran Krikorian	- Corres. Secretary
Mr. Cross Bagdasarian	- Advisor
Dr. Vartkes Najarian	- Advisor
Mr. Albert Bardasian	- Advisor
Mr. Sam Mirakian	- Advisor
Mr. Mike Chekemian	- Advisor

During the year Messrs. Albert Bardasian and Dr. Vartkes Najarian resigned from the Parish Council. Albert Bardasian was replaced by Sam Mirakian in August.

The Parish Council held eighteen formal meetings during the year.

On January 26, the Annual Parish Assembly was held at the Parish Hall with 47 dues paying members in attendance. Dr. Jack Keverian and Miss Alice Hacherian served as Chairman and Secretary, for the day, Messrs. John Davidian, Obie Bagdasarian, Dr. Vartkes Najarian and Deeran Krikorian was elected for a two year on Parish Council Messrs. Ralph Chakerian and Nubar Abdalian were elected for a two year term as Diocesan Delegates.

The celebration of Vartanantz was held on February 16, at the Parish Hall. The program consisted of musical selections and recitations by Fr. Arshag and members of the church.

Martyrs day was commemorated on April 27 with special wreath laying ceremonies on the Parish grounds.

On May 18, the Parish Council sponsored a Mothers' Day Pancake Brunch with the proceeds being donated to the church school.

Parish Council held its Annual Picnic on July 6, on the Parish grounds. Despite scattered showers, the picnic was a success.

On September 14, the Cultural Hall Committee held it fund raising banquet at the Charter House Motel. This fund raising affair was a huge success.

Sunday, November 9, the Parish Council sponsored the Gomidas Concert which was held at the Faith United Church of Christ.

Parish Council held coffee hour on November 30, for His Holiness Vasken I in celebration of his 60th birthday.

In December the Parish Council took on the Christmas tree sale project on the Parish grounds. This project was a success, thanks to all those who helped.

PARISH COUNCIL SECRETARIAL REPORT 1969 con't.

With the year 1969 behind us, we experienced success, progress and disappointments. Increased participation in church activities and church attendance are goals we must all strive toward in 1970. As we enter this new decade, let us all work together as good Christians and help one another as a means of developing future progress for our church.

Obie Bagdasarian  
SECRETARY, PARISH COUNCIL

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK  
ARMENIAN CHURCH OF CLEVELAND

1969 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME

Membership Pledges -----	\$ 7947.34
Church Plate Collections -----	11384.25
Christmas, Easter, Special Offerian-----	1051.00
Church Donations -----	422.00
Requiem Service (Hokehankist) -----	331.00
Baptism, Wedding, Funeral -----	236.00
Christmas Tree Sale -----	510.00
Paros Donation -----	450.00
Church Picnic -----	727.33
Parish Hall Rental -----	305.00
Miscellaneous -----	243.54
In Lieu of Flowers	
For Mr. O. L. Steele	\$ 10.00
Mrs. Arousiag Bagdasarian	5.00
Mrs. Violet Bagdasarian	934.00
Mrs. Rose Sahagian	50.00
Mrs. Tamitza Sarkisian	63.00
Mr. Edward Deeter	5.00
	<u>1067.00</u>
TOTAL	\$14,674.46

1969 FINANCIAL STATEMENT - Con't.

EXPENSES

Stipend (Pastor) -----	\$ 4910.00
Diocesan Dues and Clergy Insurance ---	1319.92
Office Supplies-----	771.48
Church Supplies -----	420.13
Pastor Car Expense -----	721.96
Assemblies, Seminars, Out of town meetings	347.00
Visiting Clergy -----	50.00
Petty Cash -----	275.00
Insurance (Parish Hall, Church, Car)---	649.00
Christmas Gifts -----	215.00
Sponsoring Armenian Softball team-----	208.75
Andonian & Ruzso (Architect Fee) -----	550.00
Organ Chimes -----	100.00
Miscellaneous -----	211.68
Utilities (Gas 710.44, Electric 554.16 Telephone 368.88, Water 40.18	1673.66
Property Maintenance:	
Parish Hall Repairs 183.74	
Grass Cutting & Snow Plowing315.00	
Parish Hall, Church Cleaning550.00	
Rubbish Removal 157.00	
Pest Control 120.00	
Miscellaneous 278.15	\$1603.89
TOTAL	\$14,027.47

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1969

Balance in Checking Account 12/31/68---	\$2,248.79
Surplus for year 1969 -----	646.99
Balance in checking account 12/31/69---	\$2,895.78
Balance in Savings Account 12/31/68----	\$5,491.85
Interest for 1969 (Est.)-----	245.15
Balance in Savings Account 12/31/69----	\$5,737.00
Balance in Memorial Fund Savings Account 12/31/68 -----	\$3,119.09
Interest for 1969 (Est.)-----	140.01
Balance in Memorial Fund Savings Account 12/31/69-----	\$ 3,259.10

Submitted by: TALPH CHAKELIAN  
Treasurer

Unaudited

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK  
ARMENIAN CHURCH OF CLEVELAND

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1970

INCOME

Membership Pledges -----	\$ 8,300.00
Church Plate Collection -----	1,050.00
Christmas, Easter, Special Offerings-----	920.00
Church Donations -----	300.00
Requiem Service (Hokehankist)-----	350.00
Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals -----	250.00
Christmas Tree Sales -----	800.00
Paros Donations -----	400.00
Church Picnic -----	800.00
Parish Hall Rentals -----	330.00
In Liew of Flowers -----	500.00

TOTAL INCOME \$14,000.00

EXPENSES

Stipend (Pastor) -----	\$ 4,900.00
Diocesan Dues and Clergy Insurance-----	1,300.00
Office Supplies -----	800.00
Church Supplies -----	450.00
Pastor Car Expense -----	550.00
Assemblies, Seminars, Out of Town Meetings	300.00
Property Maintenance -----	2,700.00
Insurance (Parish Hall, Church, Car) --	700.00
Utilities -----	1,600.00
Petty Cash -----	200.00
Christmas Gifts -----	200.00
Armenian Softball Team -----	100.00
Miscellaneous Expenses -----	200.00

TOTAL \$14,000.00

CULTURAL HALL\*SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT

January - December 1969

The major events of 1969 were the successful Kick-Off Banquet and the cooperative effort with the AGBU. None of the Committee's activities would have been to any avail without the enthusiastic cooperation and encouragement of the entire community. Before reading the specific details below, bear in mind that this is really a report of all of your efforts.

PRESENT MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE:

Chairman	-- Deeran Krikorian
Vice-Chairman	-- Noubar Abdalian
Secretary	-- Martha Hacherian
Treasurer	-- Russell Arslanian
Assistant Treasurer	-- Sam Mirakian
Members	-- Ann Abdalian Kevork Arslanian Cross Bagdasarian Obie Bagdasarian Ralph Chakerian Betty Cimoroni John Davidian Florence Karoghlanian Lucy Nigosian Krikor Yeranian

TOTAL MEETINGS DURING THE YEAR: 13

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR:

February 16, 1969

Special Parish Meeting was held to consider construction of a cultural hall. The presentation was made by Mr. David Andonian, architect selected by the Committee. The parish voted for construction of a hall including church school rooms.

March 10, 1969

The Building Committee met with representatives from the parish organizations to determine and consider their needs for the new building.

June 9, 1969

Approval was received from the Diocesan Office to proceed with our plans to build a cultural hall.

July 27, 1969

A joint meeting of the Building Committee and Cleveland AGBU was held, at which Mr. Zareh Melkonian, AGBU Mid-West Executive Secretary, was present. At this meeting agreement was reached to combine the efforts of the Building Committee and AGBU to raise funds.

September 14, 1969

Kick-Off Banquet to raise funds was held at the Charterhouse Hotel. The guest speakers included Archbishop Terkomanian, Mr. Edward Mardigian, Mr. Zareh Melkonian, and Rev. Father Nerses Jebejian. At the end of the evening approximately \$91,000.00 had been pledged by the 110 persons present.

CULTURAL HALL-SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT Con't.

September 26, 1969

The Committee members sought additional pledges by mailing letters, making telephone calls, and visiting persons in the community who did not have an opportunity to pledge at the banquet.

December 31, 1969

Total number of pledgors	-----	103
Total pledges received to date	-----	\$97,395.00
Total amount collected to date	-----	\$17,188.60

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LADIES AUXILIARY ANNUAL REPORT 1969

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## WHY I JOINED THE CHURCH

Recently I joined the Church. People have asked me why. They certainly have a right to ask because for years I never gave it a serious thought. But now, having joined my nearby church, I consider it one of the finest steps I ever took in my life. I'm glad to tell you why.

For one thing, I joined the church because I finally decided to take a chance on God and on Jesus Christ as my Lord. I came to an honest conclusion about myself, that I was weak, often fearful, lost, bewildered, and that I needed a living faith. The only way things made sense to me was to believe in God, and the only God I found I could believe in was the God revealed by Jesus Christ. I don't think I have all the answers to the problems of life, but at least, I've committed myself this far. I've decided to come at religion "from the inside" I'm taking a leap of faith.

Then, I joined the church because I'm convinced my faith, to last any time, needs practical expression. Someone once said of an idealistic politician: "He had both feet planted firmly in midair." I think a lot of people try to do that in religion. They talk a lot but they never get down-to-earth about it. Well, I'm tried of being that way myself. It seems to me that everything good needs an organization isn't all you might wish. I suppose we could all be educated at home by ourselves, but most of us need schools. You can be a "lone-wolf" in politics but most of us need political parties to get things done. So it is with Christianity.

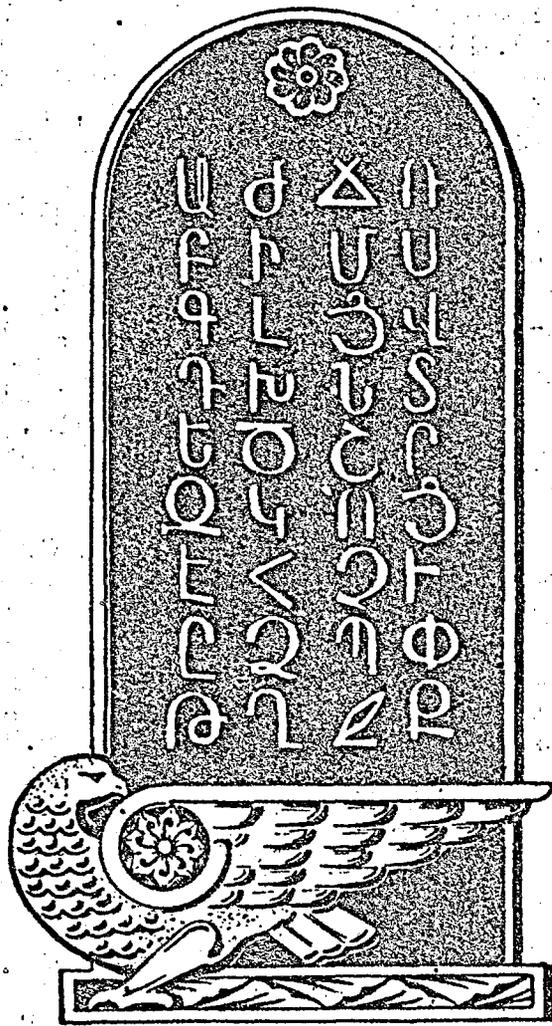
Of course, I joined the church not only to work but also to worship with other Christians. I'm no expert in Christianity and I find I can learn best by just being with other people who are also learning. It's a wonderful experience to worship with other people.

It gives me strength for my week's work. It broadens my perspective. The church is the only fellowship that recognizes no national boundary and it's good to belong to such a wide family of faith. The early Christians, we are told, "held the world together." I believe that humble worship before God holds us human beings closer together.

I wouldn't want to miss worship in my church.

Then, I joined the church when I thought of my children, or any of those coming after me in life. After all, the church gave me all I know of Christianity: It's a great heritage that stretches back to Moses and David, Isaiah, Paul, St. Sahag and Mesrob and comes down to our day in men like Gomidas and Khrimian Hayrig.

Finally, I joined the church because I ultimately believe this is the best way to follow Jesus. In Luke we read "As his custom was he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day." He who was the best man who ever lived, yes even God's Son, made it a habit of going to the church of his day. I'm satisfied to do my humble bit to follow in his steps. May I invite you to do the same?



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LADIES AUXILIARY ANNUAL REPORT 1969 Con't.

We lost three of our members during 1969; Mrs. Rose Sahagian, Mrs. Tamitza Sarkissian and Mrs. Violet Bagdasarian, who was one of our most active members and also a charter member of our Group. At the request of the families of Missak Arslanian and Violet Bagdasarian, we prepared and served Hoke - Jash in April and May.

We again as in the past, prepared the Dinner for the Annual Parish Council Picnic in July with the proceeds going to the Parish Council. The biggest item we bought this year was a Freezer, which has been paid in full.

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian visited our Parish in September and our Ladies prepared and served Brunch in his honor.

Our Ladies pledged \$6,000.00 to the Church Building Fund.

We sponsored a Food Bazaar on the Church property in September. Which could have been more successful had we had more patronage from our Parish Members.

Since we are members of The Church Women United of Cleveland, in November we prepared and served Luncheon to 87 women from various Churches in this area. This project gained for us much publicity and was most rewarding in that all those present were impressed deeply with our Ancient Religious Traditions explained by Father Arshag and our Ladies warm Armenian hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,  
Florence Karoghlanian,  
Rec. Secretary

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT  
Women's Auxiliary of St. Gregory of Narek Church

Bank balance as of January, 1969 \$3,590.79

INCOME:

Dinners	\$ 320.52	
Donations	279.00	
Dues	110.00	
Memorial Gifts	365.00	
Luncheons	395.00	
Sale of food	1,080.25	
Interest	195.26	
Miscellaneous	10.69	
TOTAL INCOME - 1969	2,725.72	2,725.72
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 6,316.51

EXPENSES:

Luncheons & Dinners	\$639.30	Postage	\$8.00
Robes	106.94	Coffee Hours	42.89
Gifts	36.17	Flowers	24.45
Dues	30.00	Miscellaneous	2.65
Freezer	318.00		
Radio & Press	17.10		
		TOTAL EXPENSES - 1969	\$1225.50
		Balance as of December 31, 1969	\$5,091.01
		LUCY M. NIGOSIAN, Treasurer	

ARMENIAN YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD  
ANNUAL REPORT  
JANUARY - DECEMBER 1969

OFFICERS:

Chairman	Alice Ahlegian
Vice-Chairman	Helen Krikorian
Recording Secretary	Alice Bagdasarian
Corres. Secretary	Alice Hacherian
Treasurer	Marge Benneian

COMMITTEES:

Program Committee	Alice Ahlegian, Helen Krikorian
Membership	Jeanne Arslanian, Louise Ohanian
Ways and Means	Helen Chekemian, Martha DeSalvatore
Social	Eileen Hacherian, Barbara Odabashian
Sunshine	Jennie Kapoudjian
Paros	Jeanne Arslanian

Total Membership of Guild 25 members

ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR

January	Regular Business Meeting
February	Speaker - Investment Broker
March	Fashion Show at Diamonds Party Center
April	Business Meeting
May	Election and Installation of Officers
June	Annual Dinner at Virginian Restaurant
September	Business Meeting
October	8th Anniversary Party and Millinery Fashion Show
November	Gourmet Cooking Demonstration
December	Christmas Party with Pirate Bingo

The Guild purchased two new velvet altar drapes, 1 blue and 1 red and installed new motorized unit.

Treasurer's Report

Bank balance as of 12-20-68	\$3,156.43
Income for year	<u>1,341.58</u>
Bank balance as of 12-20-69	\$4,498.01

Respectively submitted by:

Alice Ahlegian, Chairman  
Marge Benneian, Treasurer

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK  
ARMENIAN SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

1969-1970

This year Armenian School has three classes. One for beginners, one for advanced and one for adult students. Also a class on the west side.

Our teachers are for adults Mr. Aram Janjigian, beginners, Mrs. P. Panosian, Advances, Mrs. A. Davidian. West side, Mrs. Morookian.

At present we have twelve youngsters and twelve adults enrolled.

Mrs. Z. Arslanian and Mrs. M. Kasabach take care of pre-school children.

The classes are held on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. Thirty class sessions are scheduled during the course of the year.

We have incorporated programs suitable to all the members of the school.

Nov. 21st -- "Armenia as we Saw It" presented by Mr. & Mrs. Zodack.

Feb. 27th -- "History of Armenian language" to be presented by Father Arshag.

April 17th - "Famous Armenian Literature Figures" to be presented Goekjians

June 12 ---- "Armenian Composers and their Music" also children will participate.

This will close the Armenian School year.

Treasurers Report           \$19.00

ST GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

\*\*\*\*\* 1969\*\*\*\*\*

The current year began with an enthusiastic response by the volunteer staff to a Teacher Training Program on September 20th.

Every family with school-age children was contacted before registration day. Sixty-seven students registered for class on September 28th.

This has been a year for innovations and adjustments - because of the many problems that beset a Sunday School program, as well as our American Society. Among these innovations are the use of lesson plans, a more extensive use of visual aids, student/teacher interns, guest speakers, consultants, pre-class meetings and a new Young-Adults Discussion Group.

Fire drills and Escape Route Maps were a harsh necessity because of the age and condition of our building.

Special effort was made to give the classrooms an attractive and home-like atmosphere. When a pupil is absent, one of the staff responds with either a phone call, a postcard or a visit.

Sunday School pins have been awarded to those children celebrating their birthday who have been in the Sunday School for at least one year.

ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT Con't.

The Sunday School has pledged \$300.00, over a three-year period to the Building Committee for the proposed Cultural Hall/School.

A room mother schedule for the Nursery Class has been prepared for the entire year. The School provides cookies and beverage each Sunday for the Nursery Class; on a youngster's birthday, the parents may use this occasion to help celebrate this important day.

Once each month the Sunday School has been responsible for coffee hour; and greatly appreciates the efforts of those who have aided the staff in this endeavor.

The monthly Perfect Attendance Report is posted on the bulletin board in the Church Hall.

A 16mm sound projector is needed. A well-built professional model will cost approximately \$600.00. The Ladies Guild has agreed to contribute 25% of the cost; the Sunday School has collected \$58.25 and has agreed to contribute 25% of the cost. The Women's Auxiliary and the Parish Council have or will be asked to donate 25% of the cost. This machine will be a great visual aid in religious education and would be available for use by the entire parish.

This year at the Christmas Party, we broke away from tradition and had the older classes exchange gifts to learn from and enjoy the experience of giving.

None of the above would have been possible without the wholehearted cooperation and encouragement of the congregation. Y our special talents, efforts, contributions and appreciation were the vital ingredient that made our endeavors possible and worthwhile.

CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF  
1969

Father Arshag Khatchadourian  
Mrs. Anne Abdalian  
Mrs. Jeanne Arslanian  
Mrs. Sandy Arslanian  
Mrs. Alice Bagdasarian  
Mrs. Sue Bagdasarian  
Mrs. Alice Bardasian  
Mrs. Maryann Demirjian  
Mrs. Florence Goekjian  
Miss Valerie Goekjian  
Mr. Aram Janjigian  
Mrs. Florence Janjigian  
Mrs. Jennie Kapoudjian  
Mrs. Anne Karayan  
Mrs. Helen Krikorian  
Mrs. Stormy Panosian  
Mrs. Lillian Tellalian

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT - Con'T.

Church Sunday School  
Activities Report for 1969

January 19	Communion - students and staff
January 19	Teacher's meeting
February 23	Teacher's meeting
March 16	Teacher's meeting
April 6	Communion - students and staff
April 6	Easter Sunday Coffee Hour
April 20	Teacher's meeting
May 4	Teacher's meeting
May 18	Mother's Day Pancake Brunch (given by Parish Council)
June 8	Communion - students and staff
June 8	Final day of school
June 15	Sunday School picnic
September 14	Coffee Hour
September 20	Teacher Training Program
September 28	Registration
October 4	School Year started
October 12	Dedication services for staff
October 19	Communion - students and staff
October 22	Teacher Training Session and meeting
October 26	Coffee Hour
November 2	Group pictures taken
November 19	Teacher's Business Meeting
November 23	Coffee Hour
December 14	Christmas Caroling - students and staff
December 21	Christmas Party
December 21	Coffee Hour

CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL  
BUDGET REPORT 1969

INCOME:	Balance, Jan. 1, 1969		\$ 503.97
	Offerian	\$211.95	
	Mite Boxes	46.49	
	Easter Coffee Hour	25.50	
	PTA	9.00	
	Pancake Brunch	85.00	
	Picnic	104.95	
	Donations	130.25	
	Bank interest	23.81	
	Misc.	29.82	
			<u>\$ 666.77</u>
			<u>\$1,170.74</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
	Material and Supplies	509.20	
	Gifts	104.85	
	Refreshments	75.82	
	Church Flowers	18.71	
	Misc.	50.00	
			<u>\$ 758.58</u>
	Balance, Jan. 31, 1969		<u>\$ 412.16</u>

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK  
ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF CLEVELAND  
CHOIR REPORT 1969

Of all the organizations, again this year the Choir has the joy of participating in the regular Sunday Church Service as well as the holiday festivities held by the Church.

Members of the choir who make it so much fun are:

Jeannette Aurslanian  
Artin Artar  
Marie Bosnoian  
Annahis Davidian  
Alice Doyle  
Donna Kansy  
Kenneth Kansy  
Helen Krikorian  
Elmas Mekatarian  
Sue Mirakian  
Adele Ourlian  
Margaret Yeranian

Officers of the Group:

Father Arshag. President  
Jeannette Aurslanian, Choir Master  
Alice Doyle, Chairman  
Adele Ourlian, Secretary  
Marie Bosnoian, Treasurer  
Rose Azarian, Advisor

CHOIR REPORT Con't.

The choir took part in a coffee hour on October 16th for Father Arshag on behalf of his birthday.

Programs in which the Choir joins in are successful because of the spirit of its members. These members extend their friendship to each other outside of choir by getting together at frequent intervals at each others homes.

The Choir has pledged \$300.00 to the Building Committee for the proposed Cultural Hall and School.

Father Arshag was our delegate to the Twenty-third Annual Choir Assembly, on November 14, 15 and 16 in Toronto, Canada. We made two proposals at this time.

Miss Shakey Godoshian was our weekend guest in November. She is the Regional Representative of the Central Council of the Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America. Miss Godosian explained the work that is being done on behalf of the Association.

The Ladies Auxiliary presented us with 18 new Shabeegs sewn by our Mrs. Odabashian. Along with this the choir purchased new head pieces for each girl.

Unfortunately we are in need of an organist, due to Mrs. Annahis Davidians' resignation. If anyone can help us out, please contact Parish Priest.

With donations from Parish Council and Dr. K. K. Goekjian we were able to purchase chimes for the organ.

For money making projects we sold Armenian Record Albums of beautiful folk songs. Their are a few still available for sale.

The Choir joins me in looking forward with you to another musically happy year.

Alice Doyle  
CHAIRMAN

