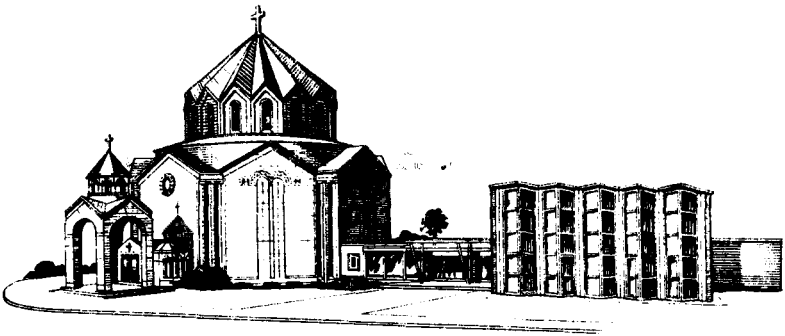




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ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT

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22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, Michigan 48075

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT
Southfield, Michigan

INVITATION TO ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday

February 17, 1967

8:00 P.M.

at the Armenian Cultural Building
22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, Michigan

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Verification of Eligible Voters
3. Election of 1966 Parish Assembly Officers (Chairman and Secretary)
4. Minutes of the 1966 Parish Assembly
5. Election:
 - a. Complete election of Diocesan Delegates (5)
 - b. Partial election of Parish Council (6)
 - c. Partial election of Auditors (1)
6. Pastors' Annual Report
7. Parish Council's Annual Report
8. Apostolic Society Report
9. Statistical Reports and Financial Statements of Church Auxiliaries.
10. Auditors' Report
11. Cemetery Committee Report (Armenian Memorial at Woodlawn)
12. Diocesan Delegation's Report
13. Armenian Cultural Building Report
14. Membership and Pledge Program Report
15. Proposals to the Diocesan Assembly (by the Parish Assembly)
16. New Business
17. Election Results
18. Benediction and Adjournment

PARISH COUNCIL

VERY REV. YEGHISHE V. GIZIRIAN
Senior Pastor

REV. FR. DIRAN PAPAZIAN
Pastor

PRESIDENT

MARTIN P. APKARIAN
Chairman

HARRY ZARTARIAN
Secretary

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PRAVER

Grant, O Lord, that Thy Holy Spirit may 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 to dedicate ourselves to Thee, and to be ready to make sacrifice of time and money for the extension of Thy kingdom.

Guide us, we beseech Thee, in the choice of our officers, and may they discharge their duties faithfully.

We praise Thee for those Thy servants labored and worshipped here before us, and especially for those who have departed this life since we last met together. Grant to them eternal rest, O Lord, and let Thy light perpetual shine upon them; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PASTORAL REPORT

Dear Parishioners,

The year 1966 marked a new era in our metropolitan parish. By the fall of the year our most cherished dream was realized with the completion, dedication and occupancy of our new church. It is also noteworthy that in 1966 we experienced the successful pastoral operation of our parish.

As we embark upon the New Year, a new chapter unfolds in the life of our community with the new church and our modern facilities. We look into the future with the sincere hope of serving our church to the greater glory of God.

We herewith submit for review a brief account of some of our pastoral activities and accomplishments during 1966:

WORSHIP

Divine Liturgy was held every Sunday. In addition to church services, it should be noted that during all of the Sundays of the year, without exception, appropriate sermons were given in both Armenian and English. Divine Liturgy and other church ceremonies were also conducted on special occasions.

ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS (Thu., January 6)

Badarak was offered with the participation of members of the Cultural Society of Armenians from Istanbul singing the Gomidasian version of the Badarak under the direction of Deacon Harry Ekzian.

FEAST OF ST. VARTAN (Thu., February 17). Badarak was celebrated.HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE FOR CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH AND ARMENIAN SCHOOLS (Sat. morning, January 8)

This special Badarak was performed on the occasion of Armenian Christmas.

THEOPHANY EVE, "JURAKALOUYTZ" (Sat., January 8).

Badarak was celebrated.

BLESSING OF WATER, "CHURORHNEK" (Sun., January 9)

This ceremony was performed in commemoration of Christ's Baptism on Armenian Christmas.

SUNRISE SERVICES were performed during Lenten Sundays. LENTEEN VIGIL SERVICES (PEACE AND REST HOURS) were held every Wednesday during Lent.

HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCES were conducted withMAUNDY THURSDAY (Thu. noon, April 7)

Badarak was celebrated in commemoration of the Last Supper and Institution of Holy Communion.

FEET-WASHING CEREMONY (Thu. evening, April 7)

BETRAYAL OF CHRIST, "KHAVAROOM" (Maundy Thu. evening, April 7)

TRE-ORE SERVICE, CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST, in English (Good Fri. noon, April 8)

BURIAL OF CHRIST, "TAGHOOM" (Good Fri. evening, April 8)

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE FOR CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH AND ARMENIAN SCHOOLS (Sat. morning, April 9)

This special Badarak was performed on the occasion of Easter.

EASTER EVE, "JURAKALOUYTZ" (Sat. evening, April 9). Badarak was celebrated.

GRAPE BLESSING CEREMONY on the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God (Sun., August 14)

FESTIVE ANTASDAN (Processional of Blessing of Four Corners of the World), on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Sun., September 11)

ANTASDAN was performed on major Holy Days during the morning hour preceding the solemn High Mass.

PONTIFICAL PRAYER, "HAYRABEDAGAN MAGHTANK," services were offered on various occasions according to our church calendar, including the Name Day of the Catholicos (Thu., February 17); the 11th anniversary of the consecration of His Holiness, the Catholicos (Sun., October 9); and on the Feast Day of Holy Etchmiadzin (Sun., June 12).

HOKEHANKIST (Requiem Mass) was conducted almost every Sunday as requested by parishioners and also on special occasions as directed by the Diocese.

SACRAMENTS AND RITES

The following services have been duly recorded in our Parish Registry for 1966:

BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS, 70. In addition to this number, 7 adults baptisms and 5 confirmations were separately administered as a result of conversion cases of non-Armenian Christian faiths to the Armenian Apostolic faith in connection with their marriage to an Armenian.

WEDDINGS, 24. Several **BETROTHALS** were also performed.
FUNERALS, 74.

VISITATIONS

This is a very important service for cementing good relationship between the church and its members. Pastoral visitations were rendered conscientiously to the best of our ability and time with warmth and understanding. During the year, numerous contacts were made including at least 300 sick calls in hospitals and homes; consolation visits to bereaved families; and Christian fellowship visits on different occasions, numbering approximately 400. Pastoral counseling and conferences were extended whenever requested.

MEETINGS

The Pastors attended and presided over the meetings of the Parish Council, Apostolic Society and almost all of those of the membership and executive body meetings scheduled by the church organizations, giving their advice and guidance. Meetings included those of standing and special committees. All church functions were attended. Considering the great number of meetings and functions of our metropolitan church and community, the Pastors had to attend an average of at least one meeting each day of the year.

CHURCH PUBLICATIONS

The Jahagir (The Torch Bearer), official paper of our parish, was published monthly during 1966 and was sent to a church mailing list of approximately 1,800. Every effort is made to present topics of interest to our membership as well as current and timely news pertaining to our parish. In addition to the Annual Reports Booklet for 1965, special issues of bulletins were published on the occasion of the bestowal of ecclesiastical honors upon our Pastor: (March); Dedication of our New Church and the First Official Visit of the New Primate to our City (November); Tercentenary Observance of the First Printing of the Armenian Bible (December) and the 45th Anniversary of the Ladies' Auxiliary (December) Sunday bulletins were prepared for each Sunday of the year and other announcements and fliers on numerous occasions.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The church maintained its regular cultural activities with the Pastors as the prime movers in these affairs. Also, the formation of a new AGBU Midwest District Committee in Detroit, with Mr. Mihran Kupelian as its Executive Secretary, greatly increased in quantity and quality the cultural programs in our building with the participation of distinguished guest lecturers. The Pastors encouraged these activities with their attendance and participation in varied programs which were held during the past year.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY AND CLERGY CONFERENCE

The Pastors accompanied the other Diocesan delegates of the church participating in the Diocesan Assembly at St. Thomas Armenian Church, Tenafly, New Jersey (April 29 - May 1) and contributed to the deliberations. The 1966 Assembly was an election meeting, and the new Primate elected was Bishop Torkom Manoogian. The Pastors also attended the Clergy Conference which preceded the Diocesan Assembly at the same site.

20TH ANNUAL ACYOA ASSEMBLY

The 20th Annual Assembly of the ACYOA convened in Providence, Rhode Island, on Friday, September 2 through Monday, September 5. Preceding the Youth Assembly, a Clergymen's Conference was held under the presidency of the new Primate, Bishop Tor-kom, in Saints Sahag and Mesrob Church in Providence. Fr. Diran attended the proceedings.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

The Very Rev. Yeghishe V. Gizirian, a member of the Diocesan Council, attended the monthly meetings of the Council in New York during the year.

METROPOLITAN DETROIT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Our Church is a member of the Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches which is comprised of 800 churches representing 23 denominations. The Pastors tried to fulfill their obligations to this august religious body, serving on the Board of Directors and attending various departmental meetings whenever possible.

INTER-CHURCH AND CIVIC RELATIONS

The Pastors endeavored to maintain good relations with our community-at-large, including churches and civic groups. Whenever contacted by any church or organizations to offer invocations and/or present lectures, requests were fulfilled by our own personal interest. The following are noteworthy:

An Invocation was offered at the groundbreaking ceremony of the Michigan Credit Union League in Southfield on Saturday, March 5.

An Invocation was offered for the National Association of Letter Carriers' 45th Biennial Convention held at Cobo Hall on Sunday, August 14.

A Prayer of Peace for the United Nations was offered at the United Nations Day observance of its 21st Anniversary at the Southfield City Hall, sponsored by the Southfield Optimist Club, on Monday, October 24.

An Invocation was given at the Boy Scout Court of Honor ceremony held at the Longfellow School in Royal Oak in connection with the Eagle Scout award presented to Leon Sarkisian, a student of our Church School, on Tuesday, November 15.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving was offered at the Union Thanksgiving Eve Service of the Southfield Ministerial Association held at the Community Congregational Church in Lathrup Village on Wednesday, November 2.

DEDICATION AND CONSECRATION OF NEW CHURCH

Our new church was dedicated and consecrated on November 19-20 with great festivity by Bishop Torkom Manoogian, our new Primate, with the assistance of the Pastors and guest clergy.

The impressive order for the Dedication of the Sixteen Pillars, Main Door and Ambon in the name of the Holy Apostles, Four Evangelists, and St. Gregory the Enlightener took place on Sunday, November 20. The sixteen godfathers of the pillars, main door and ambon participating in the ceremony were: Deacon Ara Haig, George Keurajian, Edward C. Sarkisian, Arshavir Yeghissian, Hmayag Semerjian, Deacon John K. Semizian, Haig Jizmejian, Jack Kavlakian, George D. Bayleran, Vahram Boyajian, Paul Mazloumian, Sooren Gozmanian, Haigas Yagoobian, Harry A. Kezelian, Khoren Thomassian, Dr. Dennis Papazian, George Mashlakjian (main door) and Deacon Mihran Hoplamazian (ambon in the chancel).

It is the earnest hope and desire of our community that when His Holiness, Lord Lord Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians, visits the United States again to consecrate our Mother Cathedral in New York in 1968, he will come to Detroit to consecrate the main altar of our church. Patriarchal consecration will be a natural culmination since it was with the hands of our Holy Father that the entire site of the new church was blessed in June 1960.

GUEST CLERGY

Throughout the year our church played host to distinguished clergymen who were in town in connection with some mission or cultural activity. Many of them participated in church services as celebrants or as guests preachers in our church pulpit. The following visited our parish during the course of the year:

MOST REV. SION ARCHBISHOP MANOOGIAN, Primate of our Diocese, paid an official visit to Detroit on March 17-21 to bestow religious distinctions on the Pastors.

Upon the invitation of the Armenian General Benevolent Union, His Grace visited Detroit on June 18 to participate in the 58th Annual Convention of the organization and was the guest preacher during Holy Badarak in our church on Sunday, June 19.

Surpazan Hayr established residence in Detroit this year and attends Badarak on Sundays.

DEACON HAGOP JANOYAN, a former Deacon of our church now residing in Minneapolis, Minnesota, visited our parish during Easter and participated in church services.

DEACON HOVHANNES KASPARIAN, Director of Religious Study Programs of St. Nersess Theological School, conducted a Religious Study Conference for our area at the Veterans Memorial Building on April 15-16. On this occasion Diratzoo delivered a sermonette during the worship assembly of the Church School on Sunday, April 17.

On June 16-20, Deacon Hovhannes visited Detroit to finalize arrangements, as Spiritual Director, with the P.T.A. Summer

Camp Committee. During his stay, he assisted on the Holy Altar on Sunday, June 19, and was the guest preacher on Sunday, June 26.

On Sunday, August 28, Diratzoo visited our parish and participated in church services.

VERY REV. VASKEN DsV. KEBERSLIAN, Pastor of St. Gregory of Narek in Cleveland, Ohio, visited our parish April 15-16 to participate as a lecturer for the Religious Study Conference.

RT. REV. SHAHE BISHOP AJAMIAN, Patriarchal Delegate of the See of Jerusalem, visited our church on May 18-21 and delivered a message to the Ladies' Auxiliary on the occasion of their Hampartzoum and Vijag Celebration on May 19.

VERY REV. JIRAYR APEGHA TASHJIAN, Pastor of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church in Toronto, Canada, visited Detroit May 19-20 and participated in the program of the Ladies' Auxiliary Hampartzoum and Vijag Celebration on May 19.

REV. FR. ARNAK KASPARIAN, Pastor of St. Thomas Armenian Church in Tenafly, New Jersey, paid an informal visit to Detroit July 12-15 visiting with friends while en route to Evanston, Illinois to participate in the Board Meeting of the St. Nersess Armenian Theological School and Summer Religious Study Conference.

Upon the invitation of the Armenian Apostolic Society and Parish Council, Fr. Arnak and Yeretzgin Violet paid an official visit on November 18-22 to participate in the Dedication of our New Church.

REV. FR. HOUSIK NISHANIAN, a priest of the St. Gregory's Armenian Cathedral Church of Cairo, Egypt, visited our church on the celebration of the Feast of the Assumption on Sunday, August 14, while in town visiting relatives.

VERY REV. ZAVEN V. ARZOUMANIAN, Pastor of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, accompanied by his parents, visited our parish and relatives during August and attended church services on Sunday, August 28.

VERY REV. VERTANESAPEGHA KALAYJIAN, Pastor of the St. George Armenian Church in Waukegan, Illinois, visited our parish and city on August 28-29, while en route to Providence, Rhode Island to participate in the 20th Annual ACYOA Assembly.

VERY REV. KAREKIN DsV. KAZANJIAN, Pastor of the Armenian Church of Washington, D.C. visited our parish August 31-September 1 to meet some of our community leaders before leaving the country for Holy Etchmiadzin where he was to receive, upon his consecration as a bishop, his new assignment as Pontifical Delegate to Far Eastern Armenian communities with headquarters in Australia.

REV. FR. KHOSROV ASADOURIAN, the priest connected with the Cathedral Church of Sts. Sahag and Mesrob in the Quarter of Prado, Marseilles, France, arrived with his family mid-September to establish residence in this country. Der

Hayr has been attending Holy Badarak in our church since his arrival and has assisted the Pastors whenever the need has arisen.

VERY REV. HOOSIG DsV. BAGDASIAN, Vicar General of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem in Israel, visited our parish and relatives in October and was the celebrant and preacher at church services on Sunday, October 16.

REV. FR. LEVON ARAKELIAN, Executive Secretary of the Cathedral and Cultural Center Project of New York, visited our Parish on a cathedral mission October 15-18 and attended church services on Sunday, October 16. On this same day Der Hayr delivered a message to our Church School Children.

RT. REV. TORKOM BISHOP MANOOGIAN, newly-elected Primate of our Diocese, paid his first official visit to our parish on November 17-22 to preside over the Consecration ceremonies of our New Church and Dedication Banquet. During his stay, the Primate addressed our church organizations and delivered a lecture to our youth.

MOST REV. TIRAN ARCHBISHOP NERSOYAN, former Primate of our Diocese, visited our parish and relatives November 23-30, and delivered the first sermon in our new house of worship on Sunday, November 27, following the Dedication of the Church on November 20. Surpazan Hayr also delivered an address to our Church School children on Monday, November 28.

APPRECIATION

We extend our boundless gratitude and appreciation to all of our church organizations and their respective standing committees and to our parishioners for their ardent dedication and indispensable efforts on behalf of our church. May God continue to guide and inspire them for even greater productivity.

Many strides are still to be made for the welfare of our church. As we begin a New Year, we ask your prayers and encouragement in the fulfillment of our tremendous responsibilities in the service of our Holy Mother Church.

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December 31, 1966

Fellow Parishioners,

Another year has passed and once again I have had the honor and pleasure of serving our parish as Chairman of the Parish Council.

It is very obvious to all of you, I am sure, that our parish is growing at a very rapid rate. This quick growth creates many new problems and opportunities. To fulfill the expanded needs and requirements of our parishioners demands a tremendous amount of work in administration. Consequently, it is important that we have good parish organization, directed by dedicated and willing laity, to support the work of our clergy. There is a real need for more men and women to come forth and offer their service to the Church. Church work can give any individual great personal satisfaction.

As Chairman I wish to express my appreciation to Fathers Yeghishe V. Gizirian and Diran Papazian, the members of the Parish Council and to all those who have contributed with great enthusiasm in the performance of their duties for the good of our Church.

To all of you, my very sincere best wishes for a healthful, happy and prosperous New Year.

Very Sincerely yours,

Martin Apkarian

MARTIN P. APKARIAN
Chairman, Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Election of the Executive Body

A joint meeting with the outgoing and incoming members of the Parish Council was held on March 1 under the presidency of The Very Rev. Yeghishe V. Gizirian in the Armenian Cultural Building to conduct a formal transfer of duties following the ratification and blessings of the newly-constituted Parish Council by Archbishop Sion Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese. The following were elected to serve as the 1966-67 officers: Martin P. Apkarian, Chairman; John K. Semizian, Vice-Chairman; Harry Zartarian, Secretary; and Harry A. Kezelian, Treasurer.

Appointments and Committees

The following members of the Parish Council were appointed to serve as the 1966-67 liaison officers to our respective church auxiliaries and as members of standing committees:

Liaison Officers

Armenian Apostolic Society	Martin P. Apkarian
	Vahe Papelian
St. John's Armenian Church	Prof. George M. Kurajian
Calouste Gulbenkian Armenian School	Harry Zartarian
Armenian Co-operative Nursery School	Martin P. Apkarian
Men's Society	Dicron Tafraian
Ladies' Auxiliary	Harry A. Kezelian
Women's Guild	Albert Sarkisian
Komitas Choir	Sooren Gozmanian
Church School P.T.A.	Edward Yagoobian
A.C.Y.O.A. (Seniors and Juniors)	Stephen Boyajian
Library Guild	Prof. George M. Kurajian
Retired Senior Members of St. John's Armenian Church	Edward Yagoobian

Standing Committees

Pledge and Membership	John K. Semizian
	Stephen Boyajian
Armenian Cultural Building	Vahe Papelian
	Dicron Tafraian
Budget and Finance	Dicron Tafraian
	Martin P. Apkarian
	Harry A. Kezelian
	Vahe Papelian

Publicity
Books, Calendars
Plates and Candles
House
In-Lieu-of-Flowers

Sooren Gozmanian
Hairabed Mikaelian
Edward Yagoobian
Vahe Papelian
Prof. George M. Kurajian
Edward Yagoobian
Sooren Gozmanian
Harry Zartarian

Cemetery
W.S.U. Armenian Studies

Regular and Special Meetings During 1966

A total of 29 regular meetings were held during the year, 2 of which were held with the Diocesan Delegates. Three Quarterly Meetings were held with all of the executive bodies of our church-affiliated organizations as well as special meetings with various auxiliaries of the church, Church Schools and the Armenian-American Veterans of Detroit to discuss problems arising within these groups and to clarify the policy and decisions of the Council.

Church Membership and Pledge System

Our mailing list numbers approximately 1,800 and our pledge-paying membership, 930. It is regrettable that approximately 200 delinquent pledgees have not fulfilled their promise to the church. It is estimated that 25,000 Armenians live in the metropolitan area; more than one-half of this number expects to be ministered to by our parish.

As a result of the proposal presented by the Parish Council to the Annual Parish Assembly held on February 24, 1966 and approved and passed by this Assembly to increase membership dues, church sacraments, including baptisms, weddings and funerals, are performed without a fee to all church pledge-paying members-in-good-standing.

House Committee

This Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Vahe Papelian, has closely supervised the use and activities of our Cultural Building. It is constantly striving to improve the building facilities, services, maintenance, etc. The excellent condition of our building is a source of satisfaction to our entire community and is the result of the concerted efforts of the House Committee and our capable maintenance staff. Under the supervision of Mr. Frank Bartholomew.

Armenian Community Memorial at Woodlawn Cemetery

The Armenian Community Memorial at Woodlawn Cemetery, realized in 1961, was a rewarding success. As a result, the project was expanded in 1964 and an additional 1,000 plots were added to the original property. The Church encourages her people to participate in the 1967 campaign to successfully terminate the second half of this great undertaking.

Mr. Sooren Gozmanian, chairman of this project, advises that to date the sale of lots has been at such a rate that the church would not have to make any payments to the Woodlawn organization for its commitment. However, if there is not a marked increase in the sale of cemetery lots, the church will be required to begin making payments to the Woodlawn association. It is hoped that every parishioner will reexamine his position and if he has not as yet made a purchase, he will do so early in 1967 to take advantage of our present low prices.

Parish Council Pledge to Building Fund

A pledge of \$50,000 was made to the Armenian Apostolic Society in 1964 by the Parish Council, the sum of which was to be paid in three years. The third and last installment of \$15,000 was paid in 1966, completing our pledge. At the dedication Banquet of our Church on November 20, a new pledge of \$20,000, payable in two years, was made to the Society by the Council.

Church Picnic

The Annual Church Picnic took place on Sunday, August 14, at the Michigan State Fair Grounds under the chairmanship of Mr. Sooren Gozmanian and co-chairman, Mr. Albert Sarkisian. The Picnic Chairman and Parish Council are grateful to all of our church organizations and energetic committees who volunteered their time and talents to make this affair the gratifying success that it was. The Council especially commends Mr. Gozmanian for the fine organization of the picnic and the efficient manner in which it was conducted.

New Year's Eve Celebration

The sixth Annual New Year's Eve Celebration, sponsored by the church in the Cultural Building, was a tremendous success. This affair continued in the tradition of giving our people an enjoyable evening in a beautiful atmosphere.

The Parish Council is grateful to the New Year's Eve Committee and particularly to Mr. John Semizian, chairman of this year's affair, for the excellent job they rendered in providing those in attendance an unforgettable evening. It was a gratifying social and financial success.

Scholarships

The Parish Council was instrumental in financially assisting students to attend the Summer Study Program of St. Nersess School in Evanston, Illinois, and in aiding programs of our Junior ACYOA Chapter during 1966.

Pastors Honored

In a special ceremony during church services held on Sunday, March 20, the Pastors of our church were honored with religious distinctions by Archbishop Sion Manoogian, Primate of our Diocese. The Very Rev. Yeghishe Vartabed Gizirian was elevated to the rank of Dzayrakouyn Vartabed, and the right to wear a pectoral cross was conferred upon The Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian by means of a special pontifical encyclical from His Holiness, Lord Lord Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians.

The Detroit chapters of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America tendered a banquet and program that evening on the occasion of the celebration of ACYOA Day in honor of our Pastors, under the auspices of the Parish Council. His Eminence, Archbishop Sion Manoogian, presided over the affair.

Dedication and Consecration of New Church

It was a source of deep gratification to envisage the fruition of our dream -- the Dedication and Consecration of the New Church -- on November 19-20. This accomplishment is the realization of the fond dream of a decade.

With thanksgiving the Parish Council acknowledges the Christian efforts of the Armenian Apostolic Society, church organizations, and all those individuals who in some way, large or small, contributed to making the weekend ceremonies of November 19-20 a memorable and historical event in the life of our parish and community.

Apostolic Society and Dedication of New Church

The Armenian Apostolic Society, Inc., peculiar to our own parish, serves as the building committee responsible for the erection of our cultural and church buildings.

Following the completion of the new Armenian Cultural Building in Southfield in 1961, the Society launched its next great phase of construction of the church proper adjacent to the Building.

Under the dynamic leadership of Messrs. Alex Manoogian and Edward Mardigian, the Apostolic Society and its dedicated lay members gave great impetus to the construction of the new church. It was on November 19-20 that the Dedication and Consecration of our New Church was performed, marking the culmination of the second important project of the Society. The ceremonies were conducted by the newly-elected Primate of our Diocese, Bishop Torkom Manoogian, assisted by our Pastors, Rev. Fr. Arnak Kasparian and Rev. Fr. Khosrov Asadourian.

Cultural Month Celebration

By his patriarchal Srpadar Gontag issued in March, His Holiness, Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch of All Armenians, declared this year the Tercentenary of the First Printing of the Bible in Ar-

menian and directed that it be duly observed in October on the occasion of the Month of Armenian Culture. The Religious festivities of this celebration were observed on October 9 and the observance of this anniversary was rescheduled from October to December 2. Invited by the church to speak on this occasion was the noted lecturer from New York, Deacon Hagop Nersoyan, Ph. D., and member of the Council of Religious Education of the Diocese of America, who delivered an inspiring address on "The Bible and the Armenians."

Cathedral Fund

The construction of our Mother Cathedral in New York is expected to be completed in 1968. Each parish within our Diocese has been given a quota to aid in its financing. A sum of \$50,000 has been requested of our Detroit parish by the Diocese, \$15,000 of which was sent on account by the Parish Council this year. A campaign will be conducted in our church in 1967 by the Diocese to successfully raise the remainder of our quota. All parishioners are requested to participate in this long-awaited and most important undertaking.

Parish Schools

St. John's Armenian Church School

The 1965-66 academic year brought to close another productive year in the religious training of our children of the Church School. The Parish Council takes this opportunity to extend its sincere appreciation to the Board and staff members of the School and in particular to Mr. Robert Sivazlian, Chairman of the Administrative Board and dedicated staff member of many years, for his leadership and time, and to Miss Rose Samarian, Vice Chairman of the Administrative Board and a well-qualified teacher and counselor in the Southfield Public school system with many years of dedicated service to our School, for her time and immeasurable assistance.

The School began its 1966-67 academic year with a full program and new zeal. Several changes were made in its administrative staff. Deacon Nersess Jebajian was appointed Superintendent for the new school year, and Deacon Levon N. Zenian, Superintendent Emeritus, was invited to serve as Advisor to the Superintendent and as Director of Teaching Training Programs of the Church School.

Miss Violet Vagramian, a graduate of The University of Miami and the Komitas State Conservatory of Music in Erevan, was appointed as Music Director and Organist of the Church School. The Parish Council regretfully accepted her resignation in December following her return to Florida.

It gives us much pleasure to know that a well-qualified Administrative Board and devoted staff of 69 members are working harmoniously for a student body of 731, the largest in our Diocese. This number can be increased with little effort; however, the problem

of space remains serious, and the Church School needs a carefully-studied expansion program.

Appreciation is extended by the Parish Council to Mr. Robert Sivazlian who, again this year, conducted free fencing lessons in the Cultural Building for our Church School children and adults. Classes are held weekly on Tuesday evenings during the school year.

Calouste Gulbenkian Armenian School

It was with regret that the Parish Council accepted the resignation of Mr. Armen Ovhanesian, Principal of the School for two years, at the end of the 1965-66 academic year. The Parish Council takes this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation to Mr. Ovhanesian who initiated the after school Armenian language classes conducted at Monnier Elementary School in Detroit and the diversified Saturday programs at the Cultural Building.

The School began its 1966-67 academic year with several changes in its administrative staff. Mr. Antranig Keledjian, assistant to the principal, was invited to assume the post of Principal for the 1966-67 school session. A new Board of Education to oversee and assist the Armenian School was appointed by the Parish Council, replacing the "Tubrotzaser Meeootiun" (Armenian School Association) which was formed in 1965. It was the feeling of the Council that this organizational change would be more effective and beneficial to the school program. Mr. Nurhan Akarakcian was elected to serve as Chairman of this Board.

In addition to Sunday classes, a diversified Saturday program was begun in February offering classes in Armenian language, songs, folk dancing and history. The Young People's Orchestra, composed of a string ensemble, was also initiated under the sponsorship of the Armenian School this year and is enjoying much success under the direction of Mrs. Peruz Kavafian.

Sincere appreciation is extended by the Parish Council to the Board of Education and its devoted and faithful School staff of 20 members.

Calouste Gulbenkian Kindergarten

The Calouste Gulbenkian Kindergarten has continued its phenomenal growth under the devoted stewardship of Mrs. Nellie Boyajian, Administrative Supervisor, and Mrs. Arshaloys Nersesian, Supervisor of the Armenian language program, who were invited to head the Kindergarten staff for the 1966-67 academic year. The Mangabardez is preparing pre-school children for the Church and Armenian Schools, making the transitional period for these children a pleasant and useful experience. A dedicated staff of 35 members is caring for 140 children aging from three to five years old.

Armenian Co-operative Nursery School

The Nursery School, a self-sustaining project, is in its third

year of operation. It is one of the five schools (out of 75) which has been licensed in the Greater Detroit area, and is accredited by the state. The School and staff have received favorable comment from various local, state and social agencies for its fine equipment, facilities and program.

The Nursery began its 1966-67 school program with a change in its staff. In June the Parish Council accepted, with regret, the resignation of the Head Teacher, Mrs. Mary Murphy, a well-qualified teacher and school director for two years. Mrs. Catherine Borbi, an experienced and qualified instructor, was hired to replace Mrs. Murphy as the school's new director. Serving as the capable and energetic staff assistant for a second year is Mrs. Mary Egigian.

The School reopened on October 3, and nineteen pre-school children attend classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The Parish Council commends the Board and staff members for the fine program and steady growth of the School.

Komitas Choir

The Parish Council gratefully acknowledges the services of our Komitas Choir. The choir enriches our Badarak on Sundays and on feast days throughout the year. Many hours of rehearsals and traveling inconvenience are just a part of the sacrifices made by members of this devoted auxiliary to maintain their quality. The entire choir and Deacons of our church merit our wholehearted appreciation and commendation.

Several changes were made in the choir during 1966. In June the Parish Council accepted, with regret, the resignation of our loyal and faithful church organist of six years, Miss Charlene Kuzirian. Miss Louise Sarkisian, a music major at The University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and former Church School valedictorian, was appointed to replace Miss Kuzirian on July 1.

Following the Dedication of the New Church, Deacon Harry H. Ekizian retired in his fortieth year of service as Choirmaster of the Komitas Choir. A Testimonial Dinner in appreciation of his outstanding devotion and faithful service to his church will be tendered by the Parish Council in honor of Deacon Ekizian in 1967.

Through the coordinated and joint efforts of Deacon Ekizian, the Pastors and Parish Council, the services of Dr. Harry Begian, Associate Professor of Music at Wayne State University, were secured as Choir Director. Dr. Begian assumed his new position at the end of November.

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

After a long search for a qualified person to fill the post of a Youth Director for our parish to better serve the needs of our people, the Parish Council was happy to obtain the services of Deacon Nersess Jebejian on August 15. The Senior and Junior ACYOA Chapters of our church have been active during the past year and with the added aid of their new Youth Director, have launched a worthwhile program including religious, cultural, community service and

social activities and projects. The Parish Council commends the members of this organization for their devotion to and enthusiasm for the church and expresses its gratitude to all those responsible for the advancement of this important phase of our parish life.

Church School P.T.A.

The P.T.A. has continued its energetic support of Church School activities and has helped to keep parent and pupil interest in the school's program at a high level.

The 1966 P.T.A. Summer Camp for children was held on July 24-31 at Clear Lake Camp in Oxford Michigan. Due to the unexpected illness of Deacon Hovhannes Kasparian, Hayr Soorp Yeghishe served as spiritual director. Serving as the capable Camp Director for the third consecutive year was Mr. Harry Derderian. Mr. John Ohanian efficiently handled his job as chairman-in-charge of this project.

The summer camp is a most promising and rewarding project which is hoped to expand into a two-week program and offer even more varied activities for our children in 1967. The Parish Council takes this opportunity to thank the P.T.A. Committee, camp staff and counselors who have unselfishly given their time and talents to this wonderful activity and to commend the P.T.A. for carrying out their many worthwhile programs, including Christmas and Easter Communion breakfast packages, for the children of our Church School.

- Ushers' Corps

The Ushers' Corps, a project of the Men's Society, is an integral part of our church life. The Parish Council thanks the Corps and especially Mr. Harry Mardirosian, captain with many years service, for the efficient handling of our worshippers during the Badarak on Sunday mornings. The Parish Council also takes this opportunity to welcome the new captain of the Ushers' Corps, Mr. Berj Kurkechian, and to commend the members of this group for the particularly fine manner in which they performed their duties during the Dedication of our New Church the weekend of November 19.

Library Guild

Organized in 1965, the Library Guild (formerly known as "Library Promotion Committee") with the assistance of the Pastors and Parish Council made great strides this year towards establishing and maintaining a permanent Church Library for our parish. The bookshelves were completed early in the year by Mr. Harry Unjian, wood specialist and parishioner, as commissioned by the Pastors and Parish Council. The Council expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Unjian who undertook the job at a nominal charge.

The Guild, composed of a well-organized group of faithful and professional laity, advises that the dedication ceremony and formal opening of the library will take place early in 1967.

Retired Senior Members of St. John's Armenian Church

This organization, formerly known as "Senior Citizens," is in its second year of existence and has filled a long-needed source of recreational activities for our retired parishioners. We encourage and welcome retired members of our church to join their colleagues weekly in the activities of this group in the Cultural Building.

International Institute Committee

Each nationality in America is recognized as a contributing factor to the greatness of this country. We are often called upon to present segments of our culture to the general public. Under the sponsorship of the Ladies' Auxiliary, a group of women particularly interested in the authenticity and high caliber of these presentations have formed an International Institute Committee. Their activities include furnishing an appropriate display biennially during Christmastide at the Detroit Historical Museum, furnishing the display windows assigned to the Armenians at the International Institute, and participating in other functions throughout the year at the Institute and in the city-at-large. The Committee prepares the material according to designated themes. The Parish Council acknowledges with deep appreciation the efforts of this group in their worthwhile labors and especially to Mrs. Takouhy Papazian, coordinator of the Committee, who has devoted countless number of hours and endless talent for this project in the name of the church.

Narine Dance Group

The Narine Dance Group, a newly-formed Armenian dance ensemble sponsored by the Women's Guild, was organized early in 1966 by Mrs. Clara Dzovigian, director. This unique group is composed of eight young women who perform at church and civic functions and serve as the official representatives of our church in this capacity. The Parish Council acknowledges the rewarding efforts of Mrs. Dzovigian who voluntarily formed this group, endeavoring to develop the ensemble into an authentic Armenian dance group.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL AT NORTHLAND CENTER

In co-operation with the United Nations Association of Detroit, Northland Center held an International Festival for the first time on the occasion of the 21st anniversary of the United Nations on October 20-22. Sixteen foreign countries, including the International Institute Committee of our church under the joint efforts of members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Women's Guild and others, participated in the three-day festival with exhibits, demonstrations of needlework, bake sale and an international fashion show. Representing our church in the entertainment program was the Narine Dance Group who performed on Saturday evening, October 22. The Parish Council extends its thanks to all who participated in this festival in the name of

the church and especially to Mrs. Takouhy Papazian who coordinated this tremendous and laborious program for the Parish Council.

Project R.E.A.D.

In co-operation with the Detroit Board of Education and Mr. Paul Kulhanjian, Assistant Principal in the Detroit Public School System, St. John's began an instructional program in basic elementary education for Armenian Adults in the Cultural Building on October 24. Project Remedial Education for Adults is a result of federal funds made available to the state and its school system by the Economic Opportunity Act to expand its adult education programs.

Classes are offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings in the Cultural Building from 7-9 p.m., completely free of cost. The Board of Education provides all books and other necessary materials. Mr. Kulhanjian is the instructor, and we encourage our adults to take advantage of this unique opportunity and beneficial service. Parishioners are invited to join these weekly classes.

Memorial Shrine Honoring Armenian Martyrs of 1915

The Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide was held in our church on April 25, 1965. The Commemoration Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Hagop S. Derderian, announced that an appropriate monument would be erected on our church grounds as a permanent memorial and tribute to the Martyrs of 1915. As of December 31, 1966, Mr. Howard Atesian, Committee Treasurer, advises that a total sum of \$4,855.75 has been collected in pledges towards this noble project, including bank interest.

A vigorous campaign to raise the additional and necessary funds to complete this project will be conducted following the completion of the landscaping of our church grounds.

1967 Diocesan Assembly in Detroit.

Our Diocesan delegation was successful in its bid for the site of the 65th Annual Diocesan Assembly and Clergymen's Conference during the Assembly proceedings in Tenafly, New Jersey on April 29-30. The 1967 Assembly will convene in our church on May 3-7. Deacon Ara Haig was appointed by the Parish Council to serve as general chairman of the Assembly. We look forward to hosting the sister churches of our Diocese with great pleasure.

Armenian-American Veterans Memorial Building

This fine building continues to be an asset to our entire community. It has been put to good use not only by the Armenian-American Veterans of Detroit, but also by our church and civic groups. The Veterans are to be commended for the fine manner in which they have used and maintained this beautiful building, indeed

a befitting memorial for our honored war dead. The Parish Council gratefully acknowledges the generosity of this organization in continuing to donate the use of their building for the Church School and Kindergarten classes on Sundays and is hopeful that our ACYOA organizations will benefit from the Veterans' facilities in the forthcoming year.

Wayne State University Armenian Studies

Our church is continuing its support for this worthwhile program of Armenian studies at Wayne State University. We are hopeful of the continued expansion of this program.

Jahagir (The Torch Bearer)

The Jahagir, official parish paper published monthly, continues to be a source of communication and information to our Armenian community-at-large, as well as out of state and abroad. The Parish Council takes this opportunity to express its appreciation to the members of the editorial staff and our church auxiliary reporters for their volunteer time and talents in producing this fine publication.

Nominating Committee

The Annual Preliminary Parish Assembly was held in the church following services on Sunday, December 11. Elected to serve on this Committee were: Dr. Dennis Papazian, chairman, and Messrs. Vahram Boyajian and George Mashlakjian. The responsibility of this Committee will be to present candidates to be elected for the Parish Council, Diocesan Delegates and Auditing Committee at our Annual Parish Assembly on Friday, February 17, 1967.

Gifts of Cars

It is an established part of the Christian tradition that each man supports his church and his parish according to his own means and ability. It is in this regard that the Parish Council expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Mike Dorian, president of Mike Dorian Ford, who, for the third time, provided the church with an automobile for use by Fr. Diran; to Mr. Ed Kasparian, president of Ed Kasparian's Northland Ford, who, for the second time, provided the church with an automobile for use by Fr. Yeghishe; and to Mr. John Stepahnian, president of King Auto Sales, who, for the first time, presented an automobile to the church for use by Deacon Nersess.

Cultural-Educational Events and Distinguished Visitors

The following cultural-educational events and distinguished visitors were presented in the Armenian Cultural Building and in the community during 1966:

DR. LEO HAMALIAN, author, lecturer, Professor of English and Dean of Curricular Guidance of New York City College, appeared in the Cultural Building on January 30 under the sponsorship of the AGBU. He spoke on the subject "The Joy of Being an Armenian or How I Rediscovered Myself in the Middle East."

VARTANANTZ - BAREKENDAN were celebrated with an appropriate program on February 20.

BATVELI EDWARD TOVMASSIAN, Executive Secretary of the Armenian Missionary Association of America, was the main speaker at the annual dinner of the local A.M.A.A. held on March 6 in the Cultural Building.

REV. THOMAS BAILEY, Pastor of the Dearborn Woods United Presbyterian Church, was the guest lecturer of the PTA on March 8 and spoke on the subject of "How Do I Answer the Questions My Children Ask?"

MARJORIE HOUSEPIAN, author of the best-seller, "A Houseful of Love," was presented as a guest lecturer on March 12 in the Cultural Building by the AGBU.

DR. HAMPARTZOOM KELIKIAN, widely-known orthopedic surgeon of Chicago, Illinois, visited Detroit and our church the week-end of March 12.

VARTKES BOZACIYAN of San Paulo, Brazil, visited our church and relatives in early March while in our city on business.

DR. NED PAPANIA, clinical psychologist, was the guest speaker at the parents' meeting of the Armenian Co-operative Nursery School on March 28 in the Cultural Building. His subject was "Father's Role in Family Life."

MRS. EMMA BEGUIAN of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania presented a dramatic presentation of Armenian costumes in the Cultural Building for the AGBU's Founder's Day celebration on April 24.

HAIG ALLAHVERDIAN of Chicago, Illinois was the guest speaker in the Cultural Building for the AGBU's Founder's Day celebration on April 24.

ANTRANIK ZAROUKIAN, renowned poet, writer and editor from Beirut, Lebanon, spoke on the subject of "Civilization and Culture" to the members of the Knights and Daughters of Vartan on May 11 in the Cultural Building. Mr. Alex Manoogian and the AGBU made the arrangements for the lecture.

MUGURDITCH SHELLEFIAN of Istanbul, Turkey and former representative of the Armenian community in the Turkish parliament, and ONNIG HEPHEN, Director of the Gomidas Chorus of New York, visited our church on May 13.

“WHERE ARE MY PEOPLE?” a film by Dr. Michael Hago- pian, was presented by the AGBU in the Cultural Building on May 15.

GOVERNOR GEORGE ROMNEY was honored by the 17th Con- gressional District Republican Committee with a testimonial dinner on June 7 in the Cultural Building.

FRANK NAGY and HAROLD PAYNE of the State of Michigan Division of the Service of the Blind were the guest speakers at the June meeting of the Men’s Society in the Cultural Building.

MISS KAY ARMEN, popular star vocalist, toured our church on June 9 during a visit to Detroit to participate in the Building Fund Dinner of the Armenian Congregational Church.

MRS. ARAX EXERJIAN, President of the AGBU of America, addressed the AGBU Convention Banquet held in the Cultural Build- ing on June 18.

BERJ ZAMKOCHIAN, renowned organist of the Boston Sym- phony Orchestra, appeared at Ford Auditorium on August 18 in a recital held under the auspices of the Gregorian Institute of Ameri- ca. On August 22, the Detroit Armenian Cultural Association in- vited Mr. Zamkochian to speak at the Cultural Building on “The Role of the Armenians in the U.S.A.”

ANTRINAK BOUDAKIAN of Brazil was a guest at the Septem- ber meeting of the Men’s Society and was invited to address the group.

EDOUARD UTUDJIAN, distinguished Armenian architect from Paris, France and consultant-architect to our new church, visited Detroit October 15-18 to discuss and witness the progress of the new church.

PAUL CHAPUTIAN, Avak Sparabed of the Knights of Vartan, New York, paid the local Detroit chapters an official visit in Octo- ber. A dinner was tendered on this occasion in the Veterans Mem- orial Building on October 22.

ANTRANIG ANTREASSIAN, Executive Secretary of the District Committee of the Armenian Democratic Liberals of Boston, Massa- chusetts, appeared in the Cultural Building on October 30 as the guest speaker of the local A.D.L. chapter’s celebration of the or- ganization’s 45th anniversary.

DR. EMMANUEL VARANDYAN, Professor of English literature at Ohio State University in Columbus, visited Detroit November 4-6. Through the arrangements of the Cultural Society of Armenians from Istanbul, Dr. Varandyan appeared at the International Institute on November 4 as guest lecturer in connection with the observance

of Armenian Cultural Month and spoke on the subject of "The Historical and National Significance of Armenian Culture."

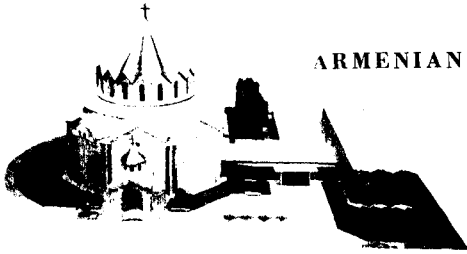
GARO SARKIS YEPREMIAN, place-kicking specialist from Cyprus acquired by the Detroit Lions football club this year, was the guest of the Men's Society on November 7 where he was officially welcomed to our church community.

CHARLES AZNAVOUR, popular Armenian singer, actor and songwriter of Paris, France, appeared at the University of Detroit Town and Gown series on November 13 in a one man show. A large representation of Armenians from our church community witnessed his exciting concert.

DR. HAGOP NERSOYAN, noted lecturer from New York and member of the Council of Religious Education of the Diocese of America. was invited by the church to be the guest speaker on December 2 for the celebration of the Tercentenary of the First Printing of the Armenian Bible in connection with Armenian Cultural Month. Dr. Nersoyan spoke on the subject "The Bible and the Armenians."

Appreciation

The Pastors and Parish Council acknowledges with sincere appreciation the outstanding services of the Diocesan Delegates, Church Auditors, Apostolic Society. all church organizations and their respective standing committees. volunteer workers assisting the Church office, and to all faithful parishioners who were willing to give unselfishly their time and financial contributions for the betterment of our church and for the glorification of God.



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December 31, 1966

Dear Parishioners,

We have attained our objective. The completion of our beautiful and traditional Church brings to a conclusion a series of important community projects that required approximately fifteen years. I am confident that every member of our parish is happy and proud of our achievement! The results of our efforts will stand as a monument and will serve our community for many decades. The golden dome on the Church has already become an important landmark.

There are still some minor details to be completed within the Church and, of course, the landscaping will also be completed this spring. This should bring our project to total completion. In order to pay our contractors promptly, we have borrowed \$125,000 from the National Bank of Detroit. If all outstanding pledges, including those made at the Dedication Banquet, were paid, we would be within \$75,000 of our total requirement. We do not want to pay high interest rates; we do want our Church to be free and clear as soon as possible. Therefore, you can readily see the importance of collecting all pledges as soon as possible.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Executive Committee of the Armenian Apostolic Society, members and contributors, the Parish Council, our church organization, and all those who possessed continuing faith and confidence in this worthy accomplishment, giving unselfishly their time and financial contributions to make this greatest dream of our community become a reality. I feel assured that you are pleased with the results of your efforts.

Sincerely yours,
EDWARD MARDIGIAN, President
Armenian Apostolic Society, Inc.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF CHURCH AUXILIARIES

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC SOCIETY, INC.

Chairman of the Board: Mr. Alex Manoogian
President : Mr. Edward Mardigian
Combined Membership of Armenian Cultural Bldg. & Church: 1,700
Total Amount Pledged: \$331,225.37
Total Paid as of 12/31/66: \$186,795.37
Balance Due: \$145,430.00
Pledges from Church Organizations: \$72,720.00
Total Paid as of 12/31/66: \$38,015.00
Balance Due: \$34,705.00
In-Lieu-of-Flower Donations: \$14,393.29
Fund-Raising Activities: \$3,355.14 (Dedication Banquet)
Compatriotic Union Donations: \$1,396.07
Grand Total Collected to Date: \$258,529.17, including contract payments

Financial Report: List of Contributors to the New Cultural Building and New Church published as of 1/31/66. A List of Contributors to the New Church pledged at the Dedication Banquet on 11/20/66 will be published in 1967 and sent to our members.

Main Activities: Dedication of Church, 11/19-20/66; and Dedication and Consecration Souvenir Book compiled, published and distributed.

Future Projects: Completion of Church Building Program; and Detailed Consecration Book to be compiled and published to coincide with consecration of the Main Altar of our New Church by His Holiness, Lord Lord Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians.

DIOCESAN DELEGATES

The 64th Annual Diocesan Assembly and Clergymen's Conference was held in Tenafly, New Jersey, at St. Thomas Armenian Church on April 29-May 1. Delegates representing our parish were: Very Rev. Yeghishe V. Gizirian, Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian, Messrs. Martin P. Apkarian, Edward B. Korkoian, Archie Yeghissian (alternate delegate) and Deacons Ara Haig and Daniel Shahan. Mr. Edward Mardigian was unable to attend the Assembly.

Our Delegates served on various committees, and Mr. Edward Mardigian was elected a member of the Diocesan Board of Trustees for a term of ten years.

Detroit was successful in its bid for the site of the 1967 Assembly which will convene here on May 3-7.

MEN'S SOCIETY

Chairman: Mr. Narses Gedigian

Total Membership: 82

Number of Meetings (Executive & General): 24

Main Activities: Blood Bank; New Year's Eve Raffle; Ushers' Corps; Dinner-Dance with Women's Guild; and Church Dedication Reception.

Future Projects: Pancake Luncheons; Bazaar; and joint affair with Women's Guild.

LADIES' AUXILIARY

Chairman: Mrs. Lousadzin Kazanjian

Total Membership: 245

Number of Meetings (Executive & General): 23

Main Activities: Vartanantz and Poon Barekendan Celebrations; Michink-Topig Luncheon; Hampartzoum Luncheon; and 45th Anniversary Dinner-Program.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Chairman: Mrs. Margaret Hatcherian

Total Membership: 140

Number of Meetings (Executive & General): 20

Main Activities: Lenten Luncheon; Two Bake Sales; Mother-Daughter Banquet; Dinner Dance with Men's Society; Christmas Dinner; Christmas Project at Michigan Home for the Armenian Aged; and Packing of "Mas" on Sundays.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION

Senior Chapter

Youth Director: Deacon Nersess Jebejian

Chairman: Mr. Arman V. Krimian

Total Membership: 55

Number of Meetings (Executive & General): 24

Main Activities: ACYOA Day Celebration; Spring Spectacular; Membership Drive Dinner; Fall Dance; Clam-bake; Christmas Party; and Sponsor Christmas Eve Services.

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Junior Chapter

Youth Director: Deacon Nersess Jebejian

Chairman: Mr. Gregory Arevigian (1965-66)

Chairman: Mr. Richard Kemsuzian (1966-67)
Total Membership: 55
Number of Meetings (Executive & General): 24
Main Activities: Orphan's Party; Father's Day Dinner; Membership Drive Dinner; Midwest Regional Conference; Bake Sale; Candy Sale; and Ecumenical Encounter.
Future Projects: Community Service Projects; Ecumenical Encounters; and International Dance Program.

KOMITAS CHOIR

Chairman: Miss Thelma Astourian
Choirmaster: Deacon Harry Ekizian (Jan.-Nov. 1966)
Choir Director: Dr. Harry Begian (Nov.-Dec. 1966)
Total Membership: 42
Number of Meetings (Executive & General): 5
Number of Rehearsals: 35
Main Activities: Annual Choir Affair

ALTAR GUILD

Chairman: Mrs. Vartanoush Soutanian
Total Membership: 10
Number of Meetings (Executive & General): 4
Purpose: Caring and cleaning of the Altar
Future Plans: Beautification of the Main and Side Altars, according to the need.

LIBRARY GUILD

(formerly known as Library Promotion Committee)

Chairman: Mrs. Varsanek Samarian
Total Membership: 16
Number of Meetings (Executive & General): 9
Main Activities: Bazaar at International Festival in Grosse Pointe; Bake Sale; Luncheon; and Cultural Month Hostesses.
Purpose: To establish and maintain a Church Library.

RETIRED SENIOR MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH

(formerly known as Senior Citizens)

Chairman: Mr. George D. Bayleran
Membership: 15
Meeting Days: 1-5 p.m. on Tuesdays
1-4 p.m. on Thursdays

Purpose: To give purpose and pleasure to leisure hours for seniors retired members of our parish.

Future Plans: To visit convalescing senior retired members of our parish.

CHURCH SCHOOL P.T.A.

Chairman: Mr. John Ohanian

Number of Dues-Paying Members: 125

Number of Meetings (Executive & General): 8

Main Activities: Marionette Show and Luncheon; Talent Show; Christmas and Easter Communion Breakfasts; Sponsor Summer Camp; Sponsor Junior Bowling League; Parent-Child Bowling Tournament; Annual Church School Picnic; and Sponsor Church School Valedictorian Bibles.

Future Projects: Boy Scout Troop; and Junior Softball League.

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL

Superintendent: Deacon Nersess Jebejian

Enrollment: 731 (Ages 6 - 17)

Number of Staff Members: 69

Classrooms: 40

School Hour and Days: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Annual Affairs: Rally Day; Christmas Program; Staff Christmas Dinner; Christmas and Easter Communions; Commencement Exercises; and End of School Year Picnic.

Curriculum: The Bible; History and Faith of the Armenian Church; Catechism; and Divine Liturgy.

Future Plans: Lenten Mite boxes for Cathedral Project; Baptismal Font Fund; and Expansion of Church School Program on Sunday mornings.

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL

Chairman, Board of Education: Mr. Nurhan Akaracian

Principal: Mr. Antranik Keledjian

Enrollment: 204 (Ages 6 to adults)

Number of Staff Members: 20

Classrooms: 18

School Hours and Days:

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on Sundays (Children & Adults)

9:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. on Saturdays

Annual Affairs: Armenian Christmas Hantes; Faculty Orientation; and End of School Year Hantes.

Curriculum: Armenian Language Teaching; Armenian History, music and Dancing.

Future Projects: Language Workshop; Summer Camp; Evening Classes; and Parochial School.

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN KINDERGARTEN

Administrative Supervisor: Mrs. Nellie Boyajian

Supervisor of the Armenian Program: Mrs. Arshaloys Nersesian

Enrollment: 140

Number of Staff Members: 35

Classrooms: 12

School Hours and Days: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Sundays

Annual Affairs: Children's Christmas Party; Armenian Christmas Hantes; and Joint End of School Year Hantes with Armenian School.

Curriculum: The Bible; and Armenian Language teaching.

ARMENIAN CO-OPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL

Head Teacher: Mrs. Mary Murphy (1965-66)

Head Teacher: Mrs. Catherine Borbi (1966-67)

Staff Assistant: Mrs. Mary Egigian

Enrollment: 19

Number of Staff Members: 2

Classrooms: 3

School Hours and Days: 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Main Activities: Bake Sale

Curriculum: Pre-School Education, including teaching of the Armenian language.

Future Plans: Strengthening of the Armenian language program.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT

OPERATING FUND - PARISH COUNCIL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION December 31, 1966

ASSETS

Cash:

Checking accounts:

General \$12,368

Special - social events 300

Saving accounts:

Building maintenance fund 6,663

Other 8,800 \$28,131

Loan receivable 1,400

Investments:

Vacant land (Sterling Township) -

at 12/31/63 value \$10,000

Cemetery lots (Woodlawn) 13,100 23,100

TOTAL ASSETS \$52,631

LIABILITIES

Payroll taxes and other payables \$ 747

Service fund held in safekeeping 292

Hall rental deposits 3,925

Prepaid pledges and deferred income 2,927 7,891

CHURCH EQUITY AT DECEMBER 31, 1966 \$44,740

Analysis of Church Equity

Building maintenance fund \$ 6,663

Unappropriated surplus 38,077

TOTAL \$44,740

Notes:

1. The unpaid balance of the new section of the Woodlawn Cemetery (\$500 burial rights, \$95,000 purchase price) at December 31, 1966 was \$63,353). This is a self-liquidating obligation.
2. Two thousand shares of Masco stock, valued at \$36,000, are held in escrow by the Parish Council for the Apostolic Society.

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT

OPERATING FUND - PARISH COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN CHURCH EQUITY
Year ended December 31, 1966

REVENUES	Actual	Budget
Pledges:		
Current year	\$ 53,899	\$ 75,800
Prior years	5,923	8,000
Plates and candles	6,619	5,000
Gifts and requiems	6,222	4,000
Christmas and Easter offerings	2,215	2,000
Annual activities - Picnics and New Year's Eve	5,006	5,000
Interest earned on saving accounts	1,422	1,500
Building rentals:		
Church organizations	2,200	2,200
Others	29,208	30,000
Miscellaneous		
Church	3,210	1,000
Building services	5,464	6,500
TOTAL	\$121,388	\$141,000

EXPENSES

Salaries, wages and stipends:

Priests, including expense allowance	\$ 14,928	\$ 16,000
Other church salaries	3,371	3,750
Office	10,879	11,000
Youth Director	2,185	5,000
Building maintenance	20,416	18,000
Temporary help	2,245	3,000
	\$ 54,024	\$ 56,750

Payroll taxes	\$ 1,321	\$ 1,500
Insurance, including employee benefits	5,474	6,000
Utilities	9,261	12,000
Telephone and telegraph	2,183	1,750
Postage and freight	1,418	1,200
Supplies:		
Church	2,283	1,000
Office	1,277	1,000
Buildings and ground	5,323	4,500
Repairs and maintenance:		
Current year	2,758	5,000
Provision for future years	-0-	2,500
Printing expenses	3,310	2,500
Visiting clergy expenses	655	750
Travel expense - clergy and delegates	291	500
Church School expenses	18	1,000
Armenian School expenses	5,981	5,000
Advertising and miscellaneous contributions	424	800
Capital improvements	2,830	2,500
Diocese dues, including \$400 for Etchmiadzin	7,755	7,900
Diocese special assessment	-0-	5,000
Detroit Council of Churches dues	-0-	250
Wayne State University Armenian Studies	215	215
Contribution - New Church Building	20,000	20,000
Miscellaneous expenses	1,358	1,385
TOTAL	\$128,159	\$141,000

Revenues over (under) expenses \$ (6,771)
Add church equity January 1, 1966 51,511
CHURCH EQUITY AT DECEMBER 31, 1966 \$ 44,740

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT

OPERATING FUND - PARISH COUNCIL PROPOSED BUDGET For Calendar Year 1967

ESTIMATED REVENUES

Pledges:	
Current Year	\$ 78,000
Prior Year	17,000
Rentals:	
Member organizations, current year	2,200
Member organizations, prior year	750
Other hall rentals	22,000
Plates and candles	7,000
Gifts and requiems	6,000
Christmas and Easter offerings	2,000
Annual activities	
New Year's Eve	3,000
Picnic	2,000
Interest on savings	750
Church (Sacraments, other)	3,000
Hall and checkroom	<u>5,500</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$149,200</u>

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES

Salaries and stipends:	
Priests	\$ 16,000
Church	5,250
Office	11,500
Building	20,000
Temporary help	3,500
Youth Director	6,000
Payroll and other taxes	2,000
Insurance, including employee benefits	6,000
Capital improvements	2,500
Repairs, current year	5,000
Repairs, future years	2,500
Utilities	12,000
Buildings' and grounds' supplies	6,000
Office supplies	1,500
Church supplies	2,000
Postage and freight	1,500
Telephone and telegraph	2,200
Printing Torch Bearer	3,000
Printing Annual Report	500
Publicity	150
Armenian School	5,000
Visiting clergy	750
Travel expense, clergy and delegates	100
Diocese dues and Etchmiadzin	7,800
Detroit Council of Churches	300
Wayne State University Armenian Studies	215
Contributions, New Church Building	10,000
Miscellaneous contributions	300
Contributions to Congregational Church	2,000
Deficit to be recovered (prior years)	10,000
Contingencies	<u>3,635</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$149,200</u>

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT

IN-LIEU-OF-FLOWERS FUND
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES
 IN BANK BALANCES
 Year ended December 31, 1966

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Apostolic Society</u>	<u>Others</u>
CASH IN BANK AT JANUARY 1, 1966	\$ 3,848.58	\$ 3,191.96	\$ 656.62
*CASH RECEIPTS (Contributions in memory of):			
Magar Elian	782.00	406.00	376.00
Oskian (Oscar) Kachadoorian	10.00	10.00	
Yenovk Hovnanian	38.00	38.00	
Keghanoush Mahakian	265.00	150.00	115.00
Daniel Der Gazarian	202.00	101.00	101.00
Koran Oynoian	249.00	249.00	
Maritza Torossian	78.00	19.50	58.50
Karop Arakelian	151.00	151.00	
Karl Karnig Oskoian	388.00	194.00	194.00
Krikor Bagdasarian	33.00	33.00	
Frank S. Ahlijian	623.00	623.00	
Isabelle Devletian	207.00	103.50	103.50
Armenag (Mike) Goolian	10.00	10.00	
Dick (Diran) Soorian	52.00	26.00	26.00
Josephine (Lucille) Sarkisian	125.00	31.25	93.75
Aram D. Avakian	72.00	72.00	
Joseph (Hovsep) Kachadurian	20.00	20.00	
Sophie (Serpouhi) Garabedian	58.00	58.00	
Setrak Cholakian	325.00	162.50	162.50
Charles Sakalian	51.00	51.00	
Yervant Hamparian	342.30	342.30	
Atanas Derderian	543.10	271.55	271.55
Vartouhie Karageusian	172.00	172.00	
Sarkis Saroian	334.00	334.00	
Kayajan Israelian	15.00	15.00	
Leon Kalionjian	251.00	251.00	
Keghetzig Megrdigian	276.00	276.00	
Perghoui Der Boghosian	189.00	189.00	
Marie (Myrenie) Ananian	398.60	199.30	199.30
Marka (Marouke) Toomajanian	62.00	62.00	
Hovhannes Garougian	34.00	34.00	
Dertad (Dick Fernando) Yaylalian	235.04	235.04	
Mariam Kludjian	232.25	232.25	
Satenig Mikitaroff	208.00	208.00	
Giragos Derderian	292.50	146.25	146.25
Mariam Samaritan	427.00	427.00	
Edith C. Derderian	149.00	149.00	
John Nigohosian	5.00	5.00	
Minas Mooradian	723.43	364.22	359.21
Jack Davidson (Hagop Tavitian)	812.00	812.00	
Ebraxe Arzoumanian	202.00	202.00	

IN-LIEU-OF-FLOWERS FUND (Continued)

Aram Yenovkian	\$ 556.00	\$ 278.00	\$ 278.00
Louis (Levon) Patrosean	5.00	5.00	
Vartkes Hogikyan	255.00	255.00	
Hovhannes Vartoogian	654.00	654.00	
Alice Apigian	220.00	220.00	
Araxie Serkaian Terterian	1,177.00	541.00	636.00
Mariam Dedeian	107.00	107.00	
Seranoush Vartanian	38.00	38.00	
Annette (Asanet) O. Artinian	439.00	439.00	
Ghevont (Artin) Malian	685.50	685.50	
Sarkis (Sam) Karibian	702.00	529.00	173.00
Mary Strokian	52.00	52.00	
Sofik Dolikian	395.00	395.00	
Artin Arzoumanian	325.00	325.00	
Isgouhie Rose Markarian	112.00	112.00	
Seran Balakian	353.50	353.50	
Martin (Mardig) Koumjian	42.00	42.00	
Soultan Koradjian	431.00	431.00	
Pepron Semizian	732.00	732.00	
John Berberian	131.00	131.00	
Moushegh (Mike) Papazian	51.00	51.00	
Siroon Debelian	715.25	715.25	
	<u>\$21,669.05</u>	<u>\$17,718.87</u>	<u>\$ 3,950.18</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Apostolic Society	\$16,071.79	\$16,071.79	\$
St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church	515.80		515.80
Yeridasart Hayasdan	850.21		850.21
Chomaklou Association	575.30		575.30
Armenian Relief Society	115.00		115.00
Hama Erzinga	278.00		278.00
Michigan Home for the Armenian aged	58.50		58.50
Needy of Palou	194.00		194.00
Arabkir Union	26.00		26.00
Lraper Publication	318.00		318.00
American-Armenian Veterans	162.50		162.50
Grand Rapids Veterans Hospital	101.00		101.00
Soc. Dem. Hunchagian	93.75		93.75
Baikar Publication	406.12		406.12
Kalfayan Orphanage	135.00		135.00
Surp Khatch Tibrevank	115.50		115.50
	<u>\$20,016.47</u>	<u>\$16,071.79</u>	<u>\$ 3,944.68</u>

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1966 \$ 1,652.58 \$ 1,647.08 \$ 5.50

* - This report is on a cash basis. Contributions for In-Lieu-of-Flowers not received as of December 31, 1966, will be reported with our 1967 statement.

MEN'S SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS Year ended December 31, 1966

CASH IN BANK AND ON HAND AT DECEMBER 31, 1965 \$1,895.71

CASH RECEIPTS:

Membership dues	\$ 269.50
Pre-Meeting dinners	666.25
50-50 raffle	61.00
Hye-Hullaballo	1,000.00
Key chains	100.50
New Year's raffle - stock	1,891.80
Prior New Year's raffle	779.00
Miscellaneous	<u>121.00</u>
Total	\$4,889.05

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Pre-Meeting dinners	\$ 840.60
Church Building Fund	1,850.00
Donation	25.00
Hye-Hullaballo	139.20
New Year's raffle - stock	879.20
Prior New Year's raffle	740.85
Postage and office supplies	85.00
Miscellaneous	<u>92.09</u>
Total	\$4,651.94

Add: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements \$ 237.11

CASH IN BANK AND ON HAND - DECEMBER 31, 1966 \$2,132.82

LADIES' AUXILIARY

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS Year ended December 31, 1966

CASH IN BANKS AT DECEMBER 31, 1965 \$2,105.32

CASH RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$	643.00
Gifts		603.25
Vartanantz - net profit		1,252.57
Hampartzoum		161.66
Crosses		14.00
Michink - net profit		690.19
Interest income		97.20
Mas donations		200.00
Labor for New Year's Eve Celebration		300.00
Armenian School Affair - net profit		86.90
45th Anniversary - net profit		<u>626.26</u>
Total		<u>\$4,675.03</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Building Pledge	\$4,000.00
Flowers	57.90
Gifts	20.00
Printing	75.00
Stage curtain	117.25
Costumes	20.00
Postage	175.26
Miscellaneous	<u>5.01</u>
Total	<u>\$4,470.42</u>

Add: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements \$ 204.61

CASH ON HAND AND IN BANKS - December 31, 1966

Savings account	\$	573.65
Checking account and cash on hand		<u>1,736.28</u>

\$2,309.93

WOMEN'S GUILD

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS Year ended December 31, 1966

CASH IN BANKS AT DECEMBER 31, 1965

Manufacturer's National Bank (Checking)	\$ 746.42	
Standard Federal Sav. & Loan (Savings)	2,864.54	
United States Savings Bond - At Cost	<u>72.00</u>	\$3,682.96

CASH RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 425.00	
Christmas dinner 1965	16.00	
Fall bake sale 1965	14.00	
Spring bake sale 1966	123.51	
Fall bake sale 1966	256.05	
Raffles	46.50	
Skirt rental	85.00	
Lenten luncheon	251.15	
Mother and Daughter Banquet 1965	30.00	
Mother and Daughter Banquet 1966	2,303.19	
Gifts and donations	10.00	
Supplies refund	20.00	
Hat demonstration	9.30	
Hye-Hullabaloo	1,012.50	
Christmas dinner 1966	228.00	
Interest earned on savings	154.21	
Total	<u>\$4,984.41</u>	

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Christmas dinner 1965	\$ 56.98	
Christmas project 1965	17.21	
Secretarial supplies and mailings	184.38	
Films and processing	15.05	
Lenten luncheon	143.18	
Mother and Daughter Banquet	728.48	
Gifts and donations	66.80	
Fall Bake Sale	10.40	
Tea Honoring Bishop Manoogian	14.00	
Apostolic Society	6,000.00	
Christmas dinner	165.79	
Hye Hullabaloo	112.50	
Total	<u>\$7,514.77</u>	

Less: excess of cash disbursements over cash receipts \$2,530.36

CASH IN BANKS - DECEMBER 31, 1966

Manufacturer's National Bank (Checking)	\$ 261.85	
Standard Federal Sav. & Loan (Savings)	<u>890.75</u>	
		<u>\$1,152.60</u>

**ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
SENIOR CHAPTER**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS
Year ended December 31, 1966**

CASH ON HAND AND IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1965 \$ 259.25

CASH RECEIPTS

Membership dues	\$ 262.00
Special activities:	
Eastern Melodies	3,247.90
Spring Spectacular	1,327.80
ACYOA Day (Net)	169.65
Clambake	175.30
Christmas party	123.85
Telephone Directory	387.61
Coca Cola	312.80
Miscellaneous activities (Net)	<u>75.28</u>
Total	<u>\$6,082.19</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

ACYOA Central Council taxes	\$ 495.00
Church Building Fund	500.00
Delegates expenses	210.00
Central Council dues and fees	53.00
Coca Cola	393.83
Postage	129.93
Special activities:	
Eastern Melodies	1,582.83
Spring Spectacular	670.73
Clambake	133.69
Christmas party	50.00
Gifts and donations	176.67
Miscellaneous	<u>161.70</u>
Total	<u>\$4,557.38</u>

Add: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements \$1,524.81

CASH ON HAND AND IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1966 \$1,784.06

**ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
JUNIOR CHAPTER**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS
Year ended December 31, 1966**

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1965 \$564.05

CASH RECEIPTS:

Membership	\$ 132.00
Retreat	342.00
Donations	70.00
Regional Conferences	74.51
Father's Day	541.50
Candy sales	667.30
Trips and socials	43.00
Miscellaneous	<u>68.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1,938.31</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Regional Conference	\$ 126.52
Membership expense	128.59
Retreat	319.00
Central Council dues	104.00
Central Council taxes	90.00
Father's Day	373.43
Candy sales	590.04
Trips and socials	121.35
Stationery	56.20
Miscellaneous	<u>78.36</u>
Total	<u>\$1,987.49</u>

Less: excess of cash disbursements over cash receipts 49.18

CASH ON HAND AND IN BANKS - DECEMBER 31, 1966

Savings accounts	\$ 220.31
Checking account and cash on hand	<u>294.56</u>

\$514.87

KOMITAS CHOIR

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS Year ended December 31, 1966

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1965 \$ 385.72

CASH RECEIPTS:

Plate collections and donations	\$ 634.91
Annual affair - dinner	930.50
Liturgy books	113.00
Sale of extra robe material	50.00
Total	<u>\$1,728.41</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Dues and plate collections to Central Council	\$ 250.00
Delegate expenses to AACCA Convention	100.00
Annual affair - dinner	592.94
Robes for Deacons and Choir Members	502.07
Gifts and flowers	88.16
Liturgy books	38.00
Miscellaneous	53.13
Total	<u>\$1,624.30</u>

Add: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements 104.11

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1966 \$ 489.83

ALTAR GUILD

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS Year ended December 31, 1966

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1965		\$147.32
LESS CASH DISBURSEMENTS:		
Material	\$38.73	
Picture	<u>11.00</u>	<u>49.73</u>
CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1966		<u>\$ 97.59</u>

LIBRARY GUILD

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS Year ended December 31, 1966

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1965 \$ 497.95

CASH RECEIPTS:

Luncheon	\$335.11
Grosse Pointe Fair	343.15
Dues	16.00
Bank interest	35.05
Bake sales	196.98
Cash donations	<u>62.00</u>
Total	<u>\$988.29</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Luncheon	\$ 70.78
Grosse Pointe Fair	47.35
Bake sale expense	9.98
Bake sale expense - 1965	<u>18.00</u>
Total	<u>\$146.11</u>

Add: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements 842.18

CASH ON HAND AND IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1966 \$1,340.13

CHURCH SCHOOL P.T.A.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS Year ended December 31, 1966

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1965 \$ 432.28

CASH RECEIPTS:

Membership dues	\$ 69.50
Puppet show	400.47
1966 Camp income	2,947.26
Easter breakfast	124.00
Bowling income	291.00
Donations & miscellaneous	<u>174.50</u>
Total	<u>\$4,006.73</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Puppet show	\$ 168.42
Easter breakfast	83.08
Camp - partial	660.82
Bowling	449.21
Meeting	39.38
Picnic	266.39
Postage and stationery	47.84
Gifts, donations	60.13
Miscellaneous	<u>18.45</u>
Total	<u>\$1,793.72</u>

Add: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements 2,213.01

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1966 \$2,645.29

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS
Year ended December 31, 1966

CASH IN BANKS AT DECEMBER 31, 1965

Checking account	\$3,374.29	
Savings account - Building Fund	1,674.23	
Special savings account	<u>1,093.69</u>	\$6,142.21

CASH RECEIPTS:

Offerings (regular):		
Primary	877.55	
Junior	791.63	
Intermediate	292.65	
Senior	941.04	
Special offerings:		
Pledges - Building Fund	754.25	
Birthdays	257.60	
Palm Sunday	13.36	
Lenten offering	547.21	
Easter offering	298.80	
Christmas offering	255.29	
Rally Day	232.87	
Gifts	61.00	
Donations	25.00	
Miscellaneous	2.00	
Conferences	85.00	
Book Sales	194.36	
Exchange Items:		
Staff Photos	22.50	
P.T.A.	18.42	
Interest earned	<u>179.39</u>	
Total	<u>\$5,849.92</u>	

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Textbooks and teaching supplies	\$2,609.16	
Books and publications	9.00	
Postage and stationery	69.00	
Mimeo	30.00	
Supplies	126.68	
Miscellaneous	10.00	
Scholarships	200.00	
Petty cash	10.00	
Office expense	71.13	
Books - Resale	84.00	
Students' gifts	8.45	
Senior breakfast	11.58	
Library Fund	170.65	
Children's garden project	7.34	
Conference	136.61	
Staff Christmas dinner	84.68	
Building Fund pledge	2,500.00	
Exchange items:		
Staff photos	70.00	
P.T.A. gift	<u>18.42</u>	
Total	<u>\$6,226.70</u>	

Less: excess of cash disbursements over cash receipts 376.78

CASH IN BANKS - DECEMBER 31, 1966

Checking account	\$1,818.12	
Savings account - Building Fund	252.49	
Savings account	<u>\$3,694.82</u>	
		<u>\$5,765.43</u>

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS Year ended December 31, 1966

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1965 \$ 468.76

CASH RECEIPTS:

Appropriation from Parish Council	\$ 810.00
Sale of textbooks	30.72
Tuitions	<u>301.00</u>
	<u>\$1,141.72</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Principal's salary	\$ 250.00
Teachers	640.00
Textbooks and stationery	144.07
Refreshments and lunches	154.86
Advertising	91.85
Printing expenses	57.20
Rent paid to Monnier School	39.00
Mailing and circulars	52.50
Costumes	50.82
Photos	<u>18.08</u>
Total	<u>\$1,498.38</u>

Less: excess of cash disbursements over cash receipts \$ 356.66

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1966 \$ 112.10

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN KINDERGARTEN

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS Year ended December 31, 1966

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1965 \$ 217.94

CASH RECEIPTS:

Offerings:

Kindergarten	\$ 589.25
Birthday	16.90
Lenten Self-Denial (Bldg. Fund)	110.02
Donation	7.75
Sale of records and pictures	11.06
Sale of Armenian manuals	<u>35.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>769.98</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Textbooks and teaching material	\$ 378.13
Supplies	84.67
Juice, cookies, etc.	155.00
Postage	5.00
Staff Christmas dinner	25.00
Pictures, frame	60.75
Armenian Apostolic Society, Inc. Building Fund	165.00
Detroit Armenian Women's Club	<u>20.00</u>
Armenian Folklore - 2 copies	
Total	\$ <u>893.55</u>

Less: excess of cash disbursements over cash receipts \$ 123.57

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1966 \$ 94.37

ARMENIAN CO-OPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS Year ended December 31, 1966

CASH ON HAND AND IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1965 \$ 232.44

CASH RECEIPTS:

Tuition	\$2,491.84
Registration fees	120.00
Insurance charges	37.00
Bake sale	34.50
Sale of dishes	163.00
Sale of nuts	<u>1,086.15</u>
Total	<u>\$3,932.49</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Insurance premiums	\$ 32.10
Teachers' salaries	2,115.00
Social Security Tax	38.14
Groceries	141.15
Play supplies	72.04
Loan repayment (final installment)	300.00
Postage	12.50
Movie film	48.79
Dues and subscription	47.75
Office supplies	13.71
Advertising	11.77
Cost of nuts	777.22
Miscellaneous	<u>49.94</u>
Total	<u>\$3,660.11</u>

Add: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements \$ 272.38

CASH ON HAND AND IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1966 \$ 504.82

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. Dr. Dennis Papazian, Chairman
2. Vahram Boyajian
3. George Mashlakhjian

NOMINATIONS

Candidates for Parish Council (6 to be elected for 2-year term)

1. Col. Parnag G. Adamian
2. Martin P. Apkarian (Incumbent)
3. Carl Banerian
4. Charles Boyajian
5. Sooreb Gozmanian (Incumbent)
6. George Laktzian
7. Michael Megregian
8. Vahe Papelian (Incumbent)
9. Albert Sarkisian (Incumbent)
10. John K. Semizian (Incumbent)
11. Edward Yagoobian (Incumbent)
12. Archie Yeghissian

Diocesan Delegates (5 to be elected for 4-year term)

1. Martin P. Apkarian (Incumbent)
2. Howard Atesian
3. Deacon Ara Haig (Incumbent)
4. Jack Kavlakian
5. George Keurajian
6. Edward B. Korkolian (Incumbent)
7. Martin Manoogian
8. Edward Mardigian (Incumbent)
9. Edward C. Sarkisian
10. Deacon Daniel Shahan (Incumbent)

Candidates for Auditing Committee (1 to be elected)

1. Garbis Ohanian (Incumbent)
2. John Samarian

Auditing Committee (elected 1966)

1. John Bahadurian (3-year term)
2. Albert P. Semonian (2-year term)
3. Garbis Ohanian (1-year term)

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING CHURCH MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

"Members who fail to pay their dues for one or more years thereby automatically forfeit their right to vote or hold office in parish meetings and are subject to the provisions of this article, unless they pay all their dues in areas of the dues of the period covering not less than the last four years."

Article 8 under the heading of "Parish Assembly" of the By Laws of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

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