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**INVITATION
TO THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF
ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT**

Southfield, Michigan

Friday

February 10, 1978

8:00 P.M.

AT THE ARMENIAN CULTURAL BUILDING

22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

AGENDA

1. Invocation and Call to Order
2. Verification of the Eligibility of Members and Quorum
3. Election of Parish Assembly Officers - Chairman and Secretary
4. Minutes of the 1977 Annual Parish Assembly
5. Elections
 - a. Partial election of Parish Council (6)
 - b. Partial election of Auditor (1)
 - c. Election of Nominating Committee for 1979 (5)
6. 1977 Annual Report - Questions and Answers
 Note: No oral reports will be given at this meeting by the Pastor, Parish Council, Church Auxiliary Organizations or on Financial Reports for 1977. However, parish members are encouraged to come prepared to ask questions on any section of this Annual Report.
7. Review and Approval of 1978 Budget
8. New Business
9. Election Results
10. Pastor's Closing Message and Benediction
11. Adjournment and Refreshments

**THE VERY REV. FR. PAREN AVEDIKIAN
PRESIDENT**

Harry Terzian
Parish Council Chairman

Richard Norsigian
Parish Council Secretary

RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

- “5. All persons who have been baptized and confirmed in the Armenian Church, who accept its doctrine, canons and rites, and who fulfill their obligations to the church and community, shall be members in good standing of the Parish Church and shall constitute the Parish Assembly.
- “6. Every member of the Parish, 18 years of age or over, shall pay to his (or her) church an annual due, the amount of which shall be determined by the Diocesan Assembly. Such amount may be increased, but not decreased by the Parish Assembly.
- “7. Members in good standing of a Parish Church, who are 18 years of age or over, may participate in the assemblies of the same parish and may vote, provided that at least six months have elapsed since the date of their registration as members of the parish and their dues have been paid. They may be eligible for office one year after becoming members, provided they have attained the age of 21.
- “8. Members who fail to pay their dues for one or more years, automatically forfeit their right to vote at Parish Assemblies or to hold elective office within the parish. Such members may reinstate these rights by payment of their dues in arrears for at least the previous two years.”

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING PARISH ASSEMBLY

- “16. The Agenda of the Parish Assembly shall be prepared by the Parish Priest and the Parish Council. Other matters of new business may be added by majority vote of the Parish Assembly.
- “17. At Parish Assemblies the presence of a minimum of one-third of the eligible voting membership or fifty members shall constitute a quorum, and decisions shall be rendered by majority vote of members present and voting.
- “22. In a Parish Assembly each member shall be entitled to one vote which is not transferable and must be cast in person. In case of a tie vote the presiding officer shall cast the deciding vote or he shall authorize a second balloting upon the same question.”

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St. John's Armenian Church
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PASTOR'S REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

With the grace and mercy of God, we, the members of St. John's Armenian Church Community, have spent another year under the shadow of our Holy Mother Church. I am grateful to God for the opportunity to serve St. John's Church for another year. I did my human utmost to serve St. John's without sparing the graces which the Lord God has bestowed upon me.

Pastoral Staff

Almost through the end of the year 1977, our Church operated with an adequate pastoral staff. The Rev. Fr. Michael Buttero, Assistant Pastor, and The Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretzian, Priest in Residence, assisted me in attending to the needs of our Church and Community. At the beginning of the month of November, I was informed by the Primate, His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, that by December, both Fr. Michael and Fr. Baret were being transferred from St. John's in order to assume pastoral responsibilities in Long Island, New York, and Montreal, Canada, respectively. Both Fr. Michael and Fr. Baret were with us at St. John's for a little over three years, during which time they gave of themselves to our parish; and in turn, they were able to benefit from their experiences in our parish. At this time, on behalf of our parishioners and myself, I thank Fr. Michael and Fr. Baret for their services to our parish and their assistance to me, and pray that the Lord God will bless them in their new responsibilities towards the twin parishes of our Diocese.

Worship Service

Divine Liturgy was celebrated and Armenian and English sermons were delivered every Sunday and at all other occasions of the Church calendar. Services were also offered during the week, according to the requirements of our Church traditions.

Sacraments and Rites

During 1977, the following Sacraments and Rites were officiated: Baptism and Confirmation of infants and adults (60); Engagement Services (7); Holy Matrimony (29); and Funeral Services (62).

Acknowledgements of Services

During the past year, The Most Reverend Archbishop Sion Manoogian has continued to enhance the solemnity of our Church by celebrating the Divine Liturgy and preaching on the Major Feast Days of our Church, and by his monthly sermons, as well as by presiding at various Church Services and Church functions.

The following clergymen celebrated the Divine Liturgy and preached, or were present at our Church Services in connection with their visits to Detroit in 1977: His Beatitude, Archbishop Yeghishe Derderian, Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem; His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manogian, Primate of the Armenian Church of North America; The Most Rev. Archbishop Shahe Ajemian, Chancellor of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem; The Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Keshishian; The Very Rev. Fr. Arshen Ayvazian; The Very Rev. Fr. Ghevont Samoulian; The Very Rev. Fr. Asbed Balian; The Very Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Melkonian; The Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian; The Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebajian; and The Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian. On behalf of our Church, I extend my appreciation to our Church hierarchs and her dedicated servants for the opportunity of praying and exalting the Lord together at St. John's. It is my privilege also, at this time, to thank Deacon Levon Zenian for his sermon on May 8, 1977.

In connection with the worship services of our Church, it is my duty and privilege to thank each and every member of our Komitas Choir, including the Deacons of our Church, for their dedication and service to our Church and her worshipping congregation. Again, it is my pleasure to acknowledge, specifically, two individuals from our Choir who worked diligently during the past year to make our services dignified and inspiring: Deacon Ara Haig, Choirmaster; and Miss Michele Menoian, Organist. Unfortunately, because of ill health, Deacon Harry Ekizian has not been able to assist us regularly during the officiation of the Sacraments and Rites of our Church. However, Deacons Ara Haig, Daniel Shahan, John Semizian, Mihran Hoplamazian, Richard Norsigian, and Hagop Asadurian have attempted to bring this assistance to us as much as possible; and we thank all of them for their concern for the dignity of our Sacramental Services. Yet, we must state here that we are in need of a deacon upon whose assistance we can rely regularly for our Sacraments and Rites.

Pastoral Visitations

Hospital visitations, Nursing Home visitations to the sick and elderly, home visitations to the shut-ins, home visitations for consolation and counseling, home blessings, visitations with the families of the Parish in connection with Sacraments and for various other reasons have been attended to by myself, Fr. Michael, and Fr. Baret, and to the utmost of our ability. I would like, at this time, to remind our parishioners again to inform the Church Office directly when the services of a clergyman are needed.

Religious Educational Programs

Throughout the year, the Rev. Fr. Michael Buttero, Assistant Pastor, successfully conducted Bible Study Classes for interested parishioners. At this time, a similar program is in the making. I hope that with the assignment of a new priest to our parish, we will be able to meet this need of our parishioners as well.

On Lenten Sundays during 1977, five lectures were presented by all the clergymen of St. John's on various religious topics in the Sanctuary following the Worship Services. We found this program to be most effective; and, thus, we plan to present similar lectures in 1978.

Administrative Duties

Office work and management; Parish Council; Church Auxiliary Organizations' general body and committee meetings; attendance and participation in organizational functions; organization of religious, cultural, and educational programs; coordination of

Church Organizations; involvement and direction in renovation; and fund-raising and social-concern projects have been part of my administrative responsibilities during the past year.

Publications

During the past year, I have continued to follow closely and to offer my time and advice to the Editor of our Church monthly publication. I take this opportunity to thank the Editorial Staff and, particularly, the Editor of the *Torch Bearer*, Mrs. Gloria Mikaelian, for the commendable service she renders to our Church in connection with this publication.

Special Features of 1977

During the year 1977, our parishioners were again called upon to assist our sisters and brothers in Lebanon. The Fund-Raising Drive for the Relief of the Armenians in Lebanon was jointly sponsored by St. John's and the Armenian General Benevolent Union of Detroit. Our Community raised \$76,500.00 for the project, which characterizes clearly the charitable spirit of our parishioners. In this regard, I would like to thank the members of the Committee and its Chairman, Mr. Martin Apkarian, for their dedication in energetically pursuing this most worthwhile project. Again, for the record, I would like to state that I was the Co-Chairman of the Committee.

September 15, and October 8, 1977, were two very important days in the life of the Detroit Armenian Community. By now, we certainly are aware of St. John's Artifacts Collection and the Armenian Costumes Collection, the latter funded and sponsored jointly by St. John's and the Metro Chapter of the Armenian General Benevolent Union of Detroit. Our Community's most successful public relations venture occurred on September 15, 1977, at a press preview of the Heritage Collection, organized by Mrs. Jeanette Keramedjian. For days and weeks thereafter, the local media praised the effort of reviving the cultural accomplishments of our ancestors. Finally, on October 8, 1977, parishioners and friends were able to see for themselves the presentation of the Heritage Collection and the untiring efforts during the past few years of Mrs. Varsenick Apkarian, Mrs. Anoush Papelian, and Mrs. Sona Yavruian, which were elegantly offered to those in attendance. The General Chairman of this spectacular project was Mrs. Marie Manoogian, assisted by Miss Margaret Derderian, Mrs. Rosemary Hoplamazian, Mrs. Marge Manoogian, Mrs. Mary Simonian, and Mrs. Ruby Yagoobian. Numerous sponsors from our parish made this presentation possible by their generous donations. At this time, I would like to thank each and every member of this presentation, and the benefactors, for an unforgettable event in the life of our Community.

Acknowledgements and Observations

At this time, I would like specifically to acknowledge and praise three Committees and their chairmen for the outstanding service they have rendered to our Church. Without their dedication and perseverance, our Church Budget would have fallen some \$210,000.00 short. They are: the Building Committee, Chairman, Mr. Armen Hovnanian; the Bazaar 77 Committee, Chairman, Mr. Charles Yessaian, and Co-Chairman, Mr. Arthur Mardigian, also Bingo Committee, Chairman, Mr. Vahe Papelian. These Committees and their Chairman have accomplished what would have been considered unthinkable only a few years ago. As the Pastor of St. John's, I extend to them my personal gratitude

and wish and pray that St. John's Church will never be deprived of their kind of enthusiasm in the future.

An area of concern for our parishioners should be the income of our Church. A church, in order to grow, must not depend upon income from non-parishioners. Our largest source of income should be the direct pledges of our parishioners. We must not only provide for today, but also for the future, to fall on in lean years. This is our Church. In the long run, we alone can provide for her.

Recommendations

As we enter 1978, I see ahead of us a year of renovation and expansion. Our Church needs more office and storage space; a place for our youth; a home for our elderly; and a house to collect, to maintain, and to preserve our ancestral heritage. We might not be able to embark upon all of these projects at once, but we must begin at whatever we see to be the most urgent now.

Appreciation and Conclusion

I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Fr. Michael Buttero; Fr. Baret Yeretian; the members of the Parish Council; our Church Bodies; Auxiliary Organizations; Standing Committees; as well as to individual parishioners, for their cooperation, services, and sacrifices which enabled our Church to conclude another fruitful year. The accomplishments and the success of our Church are their pride and fulfillment. I pray that God will bless each and every one abundantly, both in their homes and businesses. May the Lord God also give us guidance and perseverance to continue our good works.

Prayerfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Fr. Paren Avedikian". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Father Paren Avedikian
Pastor

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It has truly been a rewarding experience to have been able to serve our Church as a Parish Council member for the past six years. I thank the Parish of St. John's for affording me this opportunity as it has helped me to grow as an individual and also made me much more aware of the efforts that are required to keep our Church functioning smoothly. I hope in turn I have been able to contribute to the growth of our Church community.

During the past four years as Chairman, I have come to know many fine parishioners who give of themselves unselfishly in their service to our Church. The importance of giving cannot be stressed enough...giving of our time, service and financial assistance. We must give to our Church so that she may be able to provide for us at the time of our needs. It has been my observation, during these past few years, that our Church is here to provide her services to those who are in need, for both joyous and sad occasions, without expectations in return.

The St. John's Parish is fortunate that the majority of its parishioners stand ready to assist the Church in fulfilling her needs. As you are aware, we have been able to meet the financial burdens associated with our vast complex through major fund-raising affairs such as our Annual Bazaar and our Bingo Program. The Bingo Program, under the very capable chairmanship of Mr. Vahe Papelian with the dedicated participation of the committee, has spent week after week to bring us over \$74,000.00 in added revenue. The St. John's Bazaar was again a success this year under the leadership of Mr. Charles Yessaian and Mr. Arthur Mardigian and through the devoted efforts on the part of many parishioners. But the most important support of the Church must come from us, the parishioners, through our offerings. The Parish Council has not raised the dues for membership for six years nor does it propose an increase for 1978. This does not mean that those who are able to do so should not increase their offering. We are justifiably very proud of our Church and, therefore, should recognize that through our gifts she will continue to be the foundation of our faith, heritage, culture, and pride.

The past year has been very eventful for our Parish, and on the whole we can consider that we have been successful in our overall endeavors. The improvements that have been made to our building are detailed in other portions of the annual report. Among the more noteworthy accomplishments is the presentation of the Armenian Heritage Collection. This presentation has given our community an opportunity to view a part of our rich heritage. Among the other noteworthy accomplishments is the acquisition of additional artifacts for our museum, which has grown over the last several years; and we now are able to maintain a permanent display. The museum is a manifestation of our Armenian past that young and old alike can view and enjoy. It is hoped that individuals will offer items to our museum as donations so that the entire Armenian Community may enjoy and appreciate them.

We thank The Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretzian and Rev. Fr. Michael Buttero who served our parish for the past three years. We appreciate the contributions they made and wish them well in their new assignments.

Gratitude must be expressed to our Church Secretaries, Mrs. Helen Armoudlian and Mrs. Rose Boudakian for their continued efforts for our Church. They are always willing to assist our parishioners whenever called upon. Their cooperation, energy and encouragement makes the conducting of our operation much easier for all of us. Sincere appreciation and thanks to both of them.

Although the St. John's Parish has successfully grown and completed many projects over the years, there are some important objectives we must yet achieve. There is a need for a senior citizens housing project and we must embark upon the much needed building expansion to accommodate the increased activities within our community. It is sincerely hoped that we will initiate action on these important projects within the near future. We

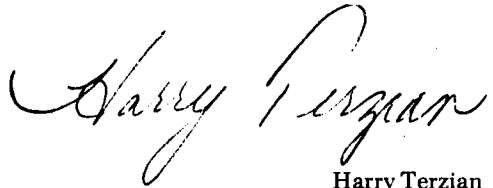
must be tenacious in pursuing our goals to move forward.

We are particularly thankful to our Pastor, The Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian, for his untiring service and devotion to our Parish. His guidance has been invaluable to us in the performance of our duties. May the Lord continue to give him the strength and wisdom to serve the Church capably.

Over the past several years some individuals have indicated reluctance to run for Parish Council. I, too, had this feeling, but since becoming part of the Council I have realized the importance of giving to our Church. I strongly encourage all parishioners to participate in the vast activities associated with the Church. You are needed! With your participation we can continue to be the most energetic and successful Parish in the Diocese. With our support of the Diocese and the Holy Mother See of Etchmiadzin the St. John's Parish will continue to be a source of encouragement and hope for them in securing the future of the Armenian Church in this country.

I thank you for having given me the privilege of serving our Church and I pray that God gives us the wisdom and perseverance to continue our God-pleasing works.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harry Terzian". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Harry Terzian
Parish Council Chairman

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

EXECUTIVE BODY ELECTIONS

On March 1, 1977, under the Presidency of The Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian, a joint meeting was held with the outgoing and incoming members of the Parish Council. The officers of the newly constituted Parish Council were elected who would assume their duties following ratification by the Primate and the Diocesan Council and Installation Service in the Church. The ensuing were elected to serve as the 1977-78 officers:

Chairman	*Harry Terzian
Vice Chairman	Anoush Papelian
Secretary	*Richard Norsigian
Assistant Secretary	Souren Aprahamian
Treasurer	Souren Keoleian
Assistant Treasurer	*Martin Cholakian
Advisors	*Richard Apkarian
	*Arthur Barsamian
	*Armen Hovnanian
	Arthur Mardigian
	Leo Zamanigian

*Terms expire February 1978

APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND LIAISON OFFICERS

The following members of the Parish Council were appointed to serve as the 1977-78 Standing Committee Chairmen and Liaison Officers to our respective Church auxiliary organizations:

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

Pledge, Membership & Visitation	Anoush Papelian
Building Management	Armen Hovnanian
	Richard Apkarian
	Martin Cholakian
	Anoush Papelian
In Lieu of Flowers, Gifts, Sacraments, Plates & Candles	Souren Aprahamian
	Arthur Mardigian
Social Concern	Fr. Paren Avedikian
Policy Steering	Parish Council
Events Coordination-Calendar	Martin Cholakian
Wayne State University	Richard Norsigian
Hospitality and Friendship	Leo Zamanigian
Cultural	Richard Norsigian
Budget and Finance	Souren Keoleian
	Martin Cholakian
	Arthur Mardigian
Bequests	Arthur Mardigian
Church Publications & Public Relations	Souren Aprahamian
Bingo	Souren Keoleian

Building Addition	Richard Apkarian Martin Cholakian Armen Hovnanian Anoush Papelian
New Membership Drive	Parish Council
Pro Musica.	Arthur Barsamian
Parliamentarian.	Fr. Paren Avedikian
LIAISON OFFICERS:	
Armenian Apostolic Society	Harry Terzian
Armenian Cooperative Nursery School	Anoush Papelian
Ladies' Auxiliary	Anoush Papelian
Men's Society	Leo Zamanigian
Women's Guild	Anoush Papelian
Komitas Choir.	Arthur Barsamian
ACYOA Seniors	Martin Cholakian
ACYO Project Youth	Souren Keoleian
Library Guild.	Souren Aprahamian
Mr. & Mrs. Society	Richard Norsigian
Armenian American Veterans	Arthur Mardigian
Church School	Richard Apkarian
Armenian School.	Harry Terzian
Torch Bearer	Souren Aprahamian
Senior Citizens	Leo Zamanigian

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

During 1977, the Parish Council held 25 regular meetings and six special sessions; the first to define the role of building administrator, the second to meet with the new grounds' manager, the third for the election of the Parish Council executive body, the fourth with Diocesan delegates regarding the 1977 Diocesan Assembly, the fifth with the Library Guild regarding their status, and sixth with the Ushers' Corps regarding their responsibilities.

SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLIES

During the year, the St. John's Parish Council called two Special Parish Assemblies. The first, which convened April 19, 1977, and was attended by 84 members, was to familiarize parishioners with the Agenda for the forthcoming 1977 Diocesan Assembly. The members gave direction to the St. John's delegation regarding all issues on the Agenda.

The second Special Assembly, held on May 24, 1977, and attended by 61 members, received the reports from the St. John's delegation to the 1977 Diocesan Assembly.

PLEDGE AND MEMBERSHIP

St. John's began 1977 with a pledged membership of 968 units and ended with 987 units, an increase of 19 units over the previous year.

The annual pledge drive was repeated for the year 1978, and so far, 520 pledge cards have been received from parishioners. Of those responding, 75 have increased their pledge and 23 have decreased theirs.

The Church annual minimum pledge remained at \$130.00 per couple, \$65.00 per individual and \$15.00 for students. The minimum pledge has not been raised for the last six years.

We take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Rose Boudakian for her efficient and up-to-date

management of the pledge recording system of our Church, and advise our parishioners to consult with her when and if problems arise regarding their pledges.

ARMENIAN MARTYRS' DAY

The 62nd Anniversary Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide was observed at St. John's on Sunday, April 24, 1977, beginning with Divine Liturgy and Requiem Service at the Church and followed by a Madagh Dinner at the Hall attended by 670 parishioners. Mrs. Pergroohi Javizian from the Ladies' Auxiliary and Mrs. Victoria Reizian from the Women's Guild co-chaired the dinner. Members of A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors and A.C.Y.O. Juniors served the Madagh Dinner.

After the dinner a two-part program was presented, consisting of the eyewitness accounts of three surviving parishioners, Mr. Souren Aprahamian, Mr. Aram Aznavorian, and Mr. Zenas Melkonian, and the presentation of the play, "Sardarabad" written by Mr. Sooren Mamoulian and directed by Mrs. Nora Azadian.

THE VISIT OF HIS BEATITUDE PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM

St. John's was honored to receive a visit from His Beatitude, Archbishop Yeghishe Derderian, Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem, accompanied by The Most Rev. Archbishop Shahe Ajemian, Chancellor of the Patriarchate, on the weekend of November 18-20, 1977. His Beatitude was on tour of America. On Friday, November 18, 1977, a dinner was tendered in honor of the Patriarch at the Church Cultural Hall. The Chairman of the dinner was Mr. Richard Apkarian. On Sunday, November 20, His Beatitude was the Celebrant and Preacher in our Church. Following the Divine Liturgy, a Tea was given in honor of the visiting Hierarchs. The Chairman of the Tea was Mrs. Margaret Gozmanian.

LAST OFFICIAL BADARAK AND FAREWELL LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF THE REV. FR. MICHAEL BUTTERO, ASSISTANT PASTOR AND THE VERY REV. FR. BARET YERETZIAN

A letter dated November 1, 1977, from His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, The Primate, informed us that as of the end of November 1977, The Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretian was being assigned to St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church of Montreal, Canada as Pastor, and that as of the beginning of December 1977, The Rev. Fr. Michael Buttero, Assistant Pastor of St. John's was being assigned to the Holy Martyrs' Armenian Church of Bayside, Long Island, New York as Pastor.

The Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretian celebrated his last Badarak and delivered the sermon as a member of our Church Pastoral Staff on Sunday, November 27, 1977.

The Rev. Fr. Michael Buttero, Assistant Pastor, celebrated his last Badarak and delivered the sermon as a member of our Church Pastoral Staff on Sunday, December 4, 1977.

On Sunday, November 27, 1977, immediately following Church Services, a farewell luncheon was tendered in honor of both Fr. Baret and Fr. Michael at the Church Hall attended by some 450 people. The Chairman of the luncheon was Mr. Richard Apkarian.

We wish Fr. Baret and Fr. Michael both a fruitful and successful pastoral tenure in their new assignments.

TEA IN HONOR OF VERY REV. FR. HAIGAZOON MELKONIAN

On Sunday, July 31, 1977, The Very Rev. Fr. Haigazoon Melkonian, the first Detroit-born Armenian clergyman, who was visiting his family, was invited to celebrate the Divine Liturgy and deliver the sermon. Following the Services the Parish Council honored Fr. Haigazoon with a Tea at the Church Hall. The Chairman of the Tea was Miss Kathy Mekjian.

THE TORCH BEARER (CHAHAGIR)

Eleven issues of the **Torch Bearer (Chahagir)** were published during 1977. (Combined July & August issue).

Many informative and interesting articles as well as reports on activities involving the Church and non-Church affiliated organizations, and individuals were published on a timely and current basis.

The Pastor and Parish Council extend their gratitude to the Editor, Mrs. Gloria Mikaelian, and the Editorial Staff of the **Torch Bearer** for their dedicated services for maintaining the quality of our Church publication.

RELIEF FUND FOR ARMENIANS OF LEBANON

Moved by the persisting plight of our fellow Armenians in Lebanon, St. John's Armenian Church and the Armenian General Benevolent Union of Detroit, continued last year's Fund Raising Drive in 1977. The Committee was again Co-chaired by Mr. Martin Apkarian and Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian, who together with the Committee, comprised of representatives of St. John's and the A.G.B.U. worked hard to reach this year's goal set for Detroit. The Committee surpassed its quota by \$5,000.00 by raising a total of \$76,500.00.

In connection with the Fund Raising, two cocktail parties were organized; the first at the Detroit Plaza Hotel on June 3, 1977, a cocktail and dinner gathering, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Manoogian, and the second at the Church Cultural Hall on June 17, 1977, a cocktail gathering as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mardigian.

We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to those individuals of our community who rose to the occasion to help their fellow Armenians and again demonstrated the excellent reputation of our community throughout the Armenian Diaspora.

YOUTH SPORTS' ACTIVITIES

We had an outstanding year in Youth Sports' Activities. The Basketball Program covered boys from 9 to 18 years and girls from 12 to 18 years in our own Basketball League. Our Open (16 and over) and Junior (12 to 15) girls' teams participated in the Orthodox Youth Athletic Association (OYAA) Regular Season Basketball. Both teams were unbeaten and won their division championships. The Open team also won the OYAA National Tournament held in Detroit in March, the Junior team lost in the semi-finals. A combined team of girls also won the Pittsburgh Tournament in April held in Pennsylvania. These accomplishments by our girls is a tribute to the success of our Basketball Program.

Our Seniors (18 and over), Intermediate (16 to 18) boys participated in the OYAA Regular Season Basketball. The Seniors had an average season, but the Intermediates were unbeaten and won their division championship. The Intermediates were runners-up in the OYAA National Tournament and they won the Pittsburgh Tournament.

We had Senior and Intermediate boys' Softball teams in the OYAA Regular Season, the

Seniors won their division championship. They lost in the semi-finals of the OYAA National Tournament.

The ACYOA also participated in various Church sponsored sports' activities under the direction of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

A sports committee has been established to develop and improve all areas of our Youth Sports' Activities. Anyone with new ideas should contact them with their suggestions. The Pastor and Parish Council wish to express their appreciation to all of those who so generously donated their time to make our Youth Sports Activities Program a success. Our special thanks to the Armenian-American Veterans for the unlimited use of their facilities.

"THE HERITAGE COLLECTION"

As it was reported last year, this is a joint project of St. John's and the Metro Chapter of the A. G. B. U. of Detroit. The Committee for this project has been at work for two and one half years and has reproduced eighteen authentic Armenian costumes. All expenses incurred in the creation of this collection have been underwritten by the two sponsoring Organizations.

One month prior to the presentation of the costumes to the public, Mrs. Jeanette Keramedjian organized and effectuated a remarkable example of public relations. Local press and television personalities were invited to a preview of Armenian artifacts and "The Heritage Collection". The dramatic presentation was extremely well attended. A luncheon of Armenian delicacies was served following the preview. The local media responded with unprecedented coverage in warm and complimentary terms. Father Paren is to be congratulated on his effective presentation of the artifacts at the press preview as well as the October 8 gala.

A benefit dinner was held on October 8, 1977 during which the costumes were presented to the public for the first time. Mrs. Marie Manoogian chaired this affair. Her committee included the five members of the costume committee, Varsenick Apkarian, Margaret Derderian, Rosemary Hoplamazian, Anoush Papelian, Sona Yavruian, and in addition Marge Manoogian, Mary Simonian, Jeanette Keramedjian, and Ruby Yagoobian.

Special thanks must go to Mrs. Alex Manoogian and her committee whose tireless efforts resulted in an exceptional happening.

We gratefully acknowledge the contributions of the following men:

Mr. Berj Fazlian of Montreal traveled to Detroit several times to coordinate the presentation in a very entertaining and professional manner.

Mr. Edmond Azadian was especially helpful in researching and preparing the script.

Mr. Ara Berberian, well known Detroit concert artist, honored us by narrating the script.

Through the generosity of numerous sponsors, the entire presentation was subsidized and, therefore, was a financial success. A ten thousand dollar profit was shared by the sponsoring Organizations.

Future plans include local appearances as well as showing the Collection in other cities. Costumes will be added to the existing eighteen in an attempt to include the dress of various regions which could not be part of the original group.

The committee implores members of our congregation to be aware of any historically significant objects or clothing which may be in their possession. Many irreplaceable items were lost or abused beyond repair in the past, because we have only recently become aware of the importance of our ancient art.

We would welcome, as part of the Collection, any suitable old Armenian clothing, jewelry and accessories.

PRO MUSICA

Pro Musica presented one program in 1977, a recital by three local area college students, Kim Minasian, soprano; Glenn LeClair, pianist; Arpi Demergian, cellist. The three talented artists were well received; and since the program was combined with a student art exhibit, it provided a beautiful showcase of young Armenian talent to our community.

The Pro Musica Committee feels that an excellent lineup of artists are anxious to come to Detroit, but lack of support from the community prevents them from being scheduled. A packed house is possible in our community; but the token attendance, which has been our experience, is rather disappointing for the artist as well as for the hard-working committee.

We hope in the future our community will increase its support of the work of the committee.

STARS OF YEREVAN CONCERT

St. John's Armenian Church, in conjunction with the Tekeyan Cultural Association, sponsored a unique concert on Tuesday, November 15, 1977, featuring Roupen Mateosian and other renowned artist entertainers from Yerevan, Armenia.

The standing-room-only event which took place in St. John's Armenian Cultural Hall was a sellout with close to 800 persons attending.

ARMENIAN ARTIFACTS

Since Bazaar 1976, the Church Library has been used both as a Library and a Museum. During 1977, two additional library bookshelves were constructed for the books ; and other cabinets were remodeled to accommodate the growing artifacts' collection of St. John's. New lighting fixtures were also added during the year to better display the artifacts. We hope to have a museum shortly on Church premises.

It is appropriate to mention at this time that during 1977 the St. John's collection was increased with 85 new artifacts.

PRESENTATION OF SLIDES OF INTERIORS OF TURKEY

On Wednesday, August 17, 1977, The Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian presented his impressions and slides of the Interiors of Turkey at the Church Cultural Hall. Seven hundred parishioners attended this memorable presentation.

CHURCH PICNIC

The eighteenth Annual Picnic of St. John's was held on the Church grounds on Sunday, July 17, 1977, under the dynamic Co-chairmanship of Norman and Solange Messelian. More than 1500 parishioners enjoyed the well planned and organized event.

GARAGE SALE

The third "Garage Sale" was held on Monday and Tuesday, August 15 and 16, 1977, which was once again very successful. The Chairwoman for this undertaking was Victoria Reizian, who did an outstanding job.

Parish Council expresses their appreciation to Mrs. Reizian and her committee members.

BINGO

The Bingo Committee, chaired by Mr. Vahe Papelian has been in existence now for the last five years. The efforts and the dedication of the Committee have resulted in providing a substantial income for the operation of our building complex. The excess income, over budget, resulting from the success of the program, made possible for us this year to provide for the needs of our Cultural Building complex.

The Pastor and the Parish Council would like to thank the Chairman, Vahe Papelian ; Committee Members, Arthur Boudakian, Tom Hanesian, Sooran Yavruian and regular helpers: Lucy Ardash, John Bahadurian, Mary Banks, Nora Baylerian, Paul Bazigian, Emma Betrosian, Rose Boudakian, Mary Cholmakjian, Alice Davidson, Lucy Fundukian, Emma Hovsepien, George Mark Jevarjian, Alberta Kazarian, Ann Manoogian, Arthur Mardigian, Helen Mekjian, Norman Messelian, Solange Messelian, Pam Paniccia, Anoush Papelian, Harry Tokatlian, Ashod Torosian, Isabelle Vahratian, Richard Vahratian, Ida Varadian, Carl Varadian, Sona Yavruian; Rose Yessaian, and Judy Yousoufian for their dedication and responsiveness to each week's challenge.

CHURCH BAZAAR

St. John's Church Bazaar was held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 11, 12 and 13, 1977, with Mr. Charles Yessaian as General Chairman.

Church Organizations and numerous individuals from the parish worked unselfishly to provide manpower and leadership for the numerous Bazaar projects.

This year's Bazaar was a clean sweep for the ladies: they won the Bake Contest, the Dance Contest, the Tavloo Tournament and the Big Raffle.

A total of \$34,577.00 has been realized from the Bazaar.

The Pastor and Parish Council wish to extend their congratulations and appreciation to Mr. Charles Yessaian, General Chairman, and to Mr. Arthur Mardigian, Co-Chairman, and each and every person of the Bazaar Committee who worked so diligently to make this year's Bazaar a great success.

BUILDING REPORT, 1977

During 1977, the Church Cultural Building continued to be used by the Church, Church Organizations, Non-Church Organizations of the community, and for rental purposes by individual Church members and by outsiders. Some of the major improvements for the year 1977 were: Purchased 146 new, long tables ; 700 new cushioned chairs.; 550 complete dinner service sets, including silverware and glassware; a tractor and lawn mower, received as a gift, a dough rolling machine; a slicer and table; redesigned the heating and cooling and air filtration system of the Cultural Hall; and partially repaired the Church roof.

We would like to bring two specific items to the attention of our parishioners. In 1976, we purchased an ice maker for our Hall. Based on the figures of 1977, within six months the ice maker paid for itself and has netted us a savings of \$1,600 for this year. Also, we feel that it is because of the new capital improvement expenditures incurred during the past year related to the Church Hall, that our Hall rental deposits have increased by \$1,300, an increase of four more bookings over the previous year.

The Parish Council has continued to pass the bulk of the burden of the Church Cultural Building operation to the outside renters of the Church Hall in order to be able to provide the Church facilities to our Church Organizations, Church members, and the Non-Church Organizations within our community at a minimal rental basis.

The following are the statistical studies of the Church Hall rental usage for 1977:

CHART OF HALL USAGE

No. of Fet.Sac.Sun.	No Not Used	No Used Fet.Sat.Sun.	Parishioners	Armenian Organizations	Church Organizations	Non Armenian	Weekday			
							Dinner	Loucheon	Hokelash	
January 1977	14	7	4/2 5/4 5/1		1	2	4			
February 1977	12	6	4/1 4/4 4/1		0	2	4	1	2	3
March 1977	12	4	4/2 4/4 4/2		0	3	5			
April 1977	14	6	5/2 5/4 4/2		2	1	5			4
May 1977	13	2	4/4 4/4 5/3	2	2	3	4	1		3
June 1977	12	2	4/4 4/4 4/2	2	0	2	6			
July 1977	15	4	5/3 5/5 5/3	5	0	1	5			3
August 1977	12	2	4/3 4/4 4/3	3	0	1	6			3
September 1977	14	3	5/3 4/4 4/4	1	0	3	6			3
October 1977	14	7	4/1 5/4 5/2	1	1	1	4	1		2
November 1977	12	2	4/3 4/4 4/3	1	2	6	1			2
December 1977	14	6	5/4 5/4 4/0	0	0	3	5			2
TOTAL	157	51	52/32 53/49 52/25	15 14.2%	8 7.5%	28 26.4%	55 51.9%	3	2	28

	FRIDAY			SATURDAY			SUNDAY				
	Parishioners	Arm. Org.	Church Org.	Parishioners	Arm. Org.	Church Org.	Other	Parishioners	Arm. Org.	Church Org.	Other
January 1977		1	1				4				1
February 1977						1	3				1
March 1977						2	2				1
April 1977							3				1
May 1977	1	2	1	1	1		3				1
June 1977			1				3			2	1
July 1977	1			2	3		2	1			1
August 1977				3	2		2	3			1
September 1977				1			3				1
October 1977				1	1	1	2	1	2		
November 1977	1				1	2	1		1	2	1
December 1977				4		2	2				
TOTAL	3	1	6	22	6	3	10	30	6	5	9

The above tables indicate that out of 157 weekend days the Hall was not in use for 51 days. It is important to underline the fact that Church Organizations used the hall 26.4% of the 157 weekend days, while paying, aside from their assessments, only 5.7% of the income; the Armenian Organizations used the Hall 7.5% of the 157 weekend days, while paying only 3.6% of the income; the parishioners used the Hall 14.2% of the 157 weekend days, and paid 18.2% of the income; the outsiders used the Hall 51.9% of the 157 weekend days, and paid 72.5% of the total income of the Hall.

We would like to express our appreciation to Mrs. Helen Armoudlian, and Mr. Nerses Markarian for their management of the various aspects of the Church Cultural Building facilities, and to our maintenance staff for the presentable condition of our buildings.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER DANCE

The annual gala New Year's Eve celebration, under the able chairmanship of Richard Norsigian, was once again a great success with a capacity crowd in attendance. The cooperative spirit of committee members, Helen Armoudlian, Barbara Besh, Katherine Mekjian, and Jacqueline Melkonian made this an outstanding event.

IN APPRECIATION

The Pastor and Parish Council extend their heartfelt gratitude to the Apostolic Society, Diocesan Delegates, Church Auditors, Church Organizations and their Executive and Standing Committee Members, the entire staff of the Parish Schools, Church Choir, Deacons, Acolytes, Ushers, Church Staff, Church Office Staff, Church Building Staff, volunteer workers assisting in the Church Office, Church Projects' Committee chairmen and members, and to all the faithful parishioners who, during the past year, gave unselfishly of their time and financial resources for the life, the vitality, and the improvement of our Church and community, and for the betterment of our people and for the Glory of God.

DIOCESAN DELEGATES' REPORT

TO THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH REGARDING THE 75th ANNUAL DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY HELD ON MAY 5-7, 1977 AT ST. SAHAG & ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH, PROVIDENCE, R.I.

A total of 118 delegates, lay and clergy, represented the parishes of the Diocese.

Representing St. John's Armenian Church of Greater Detroit were:

Fr. Paren Avedikian

Fr. Michael Buttero

Mr. Martin Apkarian

Mr. Martin Cholakian

(Alternate for Mr. Mihran Hoplamazian)

Mr. Sooren H. Gozmanian

Mr. Ara Haig

Mr. Simon Javizian

Mr. Edward Korkoian

Mr. Daniel Shahan

Mr. Harry Terzian (Parish Council Chairman)

Fr. Paren and Messrs. Haig and Shahan served on the "Religious Aspects of our Church Life" Panel.

Fr. Michael and Mr. Apkarian served on the "Archdiocesan Plan" Panel.

Messrs. Korkoian, Javizian, and Gozmanian served on the "Budget and Finance" Panel.

Messrs. Terzian and Cholakian served on the "Parish Relationship" Panel.

Fr. Paren, Fr. Michael, and Mr. Gozmanian chaired their respective panels.

Significant Assembly Actions

1. Defeated amendment to by-laws by St. John's parish of Southfield, Michigan. (Presented second time for final approval.) To lift limit of number of Diocesan Delegates from any single parish.
2. Defeated proposal by St. Gregory parish of Chicago, Illinois to re-assign clergymen to a different parish every five years.
3. Approved proposal of Holy Cross parish of New York City, New York for the creation of a Diocesan Committee for the purposes of identifying and making recommendations for the preservation of historical and religious landmarks, buildings, and institutions having value to the Armenian Church of America.
4. Approved proposal of St. James Parish of Watertown, Mass. to establish a theological education fund in the Diocese to educate and provide for the needs of candidates to the priesthood, who would serve in our Diocese. Recommended that funding be by a 1% contribution by each parish of its annual budget.
5. a. Adopted a comprehensive mandatory clergy pension plan to be funded by each parish by a minimum payment of \$750.00 annually for each clergyman serving the parish. The Diocese will fund the payments for those clergymen not assigned to a parish. Clergymen can increase their pension benefits by making additional personal payments into the pension fund.
- b. Approved a \$200.00 monthly benefit to retired clergy of the Diocese for whom there was no retirement provision made previously.
6. Adopted the following motion regarding the Church Unity Question:

"It is hereby resolved that this Assembly supports the continuing efforts for achieving unity within the Armenian Church of America. It is further resolved that this - the 75th Diocesan Assembly - empowers the Diocesan Council and the

Primate to accept and approve guidelines for unification as may be developed by the combined negotiating committees.”

7. Approved the creation of a pilot district program to test effectiveness of the archdiocesan plan. Pilot location to be determined by the Primate and Diocesan Council.
8. Received reports from and financially supported as line items in the budget the continuation of the activities of the Choir Association, A.C.Y.O.A., Council for Religious Education, Council for Armenian Schools, The Primate's Legate in Washington, D.C. and the office of Vicar General in Canada.
9. Accepted the invitation of St. John's parish of Southfield, Michigan to host the 76th Diocesan Assembly in May of 1978.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF CHURCH AUXILIARIES

LADIES' AUXILIARY

Chairman: Mrs. Rose Torossian
 Membership: 250
 Meetings: 10
 Main Activities: Armenian Christmas Observance, Vartanantz and Paregentan Celebration, Michink and Armenian Women Saints' Day Observance, Maundy Thursday Communion and Luncheon, Ascension Day Celebration, Ladies' Auxiliary Picnic, Visit to the Old Age Home. Prepared Mas during the year for Church, and assisted in the following Church functions: Martyrs' Day Observance, Church Picnic and Church Bazaar.

Remarks: Although attendance of our monthly luncheons and meetings has remained excellent, younger members are needed to maintain the vitality of our organization.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Chairman: Mrs. Victoria Reizian
 Membership: 188
 Meetings: 9
 Main Activities: Armenian Women Saints' Day, Easter Communion Breakfast, Mother-Daughter Banquet, Church Picnic, Membership Dinner, Bazaar Continental Bakery, Christmas Dinner-Old Age Home, Mas Packaging, Southfield Church Women United, Annual Dinner Dance.

Future Projects: Armenian Women Saints' Day, Easter Communion Breakfast, Mother-Daughter Banquet, Church Picnic, Membership Dinner, Bazaar Continental Bakery, Christmas Dinner-Old Age Home, Mas Packaging, Southfield Church Women United, Annual Dinner Dance.

Remarks: The Guild has many hard-working and dedicated members who have given unselfishly of their time and shared in making many successful projects this year.

MEN'S SOCIETY

Chairman: Mr. Simon Javizian
 Membership: 132
 Meetings: 9
 Main Activities: Sunday School Pancake Breakfast, Christmas Party, Blood Bank Drive, cooked all shish kebab for Church Picnic, 2nd Annual International Khunjoyk/Festival attended by close to 1,000 people, cooked and served all shish kebab at Church Bazaar & had a Key-Making Booth, New Year's Eve Raffle.

Future Projects: Blood Bank, Pancake Breakfast, Church Picnic, 3rd Annual International Festival, Church Bazaar, Donate outdoor canopy for kitchen door entry.

Remarks: The Men's Society continues to provide the faithful services of the

Church Ushers each and every Sunday. The men and their wives are also active in the Bowling League. Blood Bank Drive by the Men's Society has been a great success and help to the recipients.

MR. AND MRS. SOCIETY

Chairman: Mr. Norman Messelian
 Membership: 22 Couples
 Meetings: 4
 Main Activities: Membership Drive; Tennis Party; Toronto Trip; Bowling; Pool Party; Family Picnic; Halloween Party; Election Pot Luck Dinner; Adult Christmas Party; Children's Christmas Party.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA SENIORS

Chairman: Mr. Gary Reizian
 Membership: 140
 Meetings: 12
 Activities: Visits to the Home for the Aged, Annual Church Picnic, Bazaar-Ice Cream Booth and Concession Stand, Camp Dearborn Picnics on Memorial Day and July 4th, Bake Sale, Annual Lamb Roast, Activities' Nights, Bingo Refreshment Stand (weekly), Membership Parties, Summer Studies Program-Sponsor of members to Armenia, Sponsor and participation in Men's and Women's Softball and Basketball Leagues, Annual November Dance, Host of 8th Annual National A.C.Y.O.A. Sports' Weekend and A.C.Y.O.A. Annual Assembly, Annual Christmas Party, Christmas Eve Service, Winter Getaway Weekend.
 Remarks: 1977 was a rewarding year for the Seniors. We hosted the 8th Annual Sports' Weekend over Labor Day Weekend. It was a task everyone in our community should be proud of. Special thanks to all who helped make it the nicest weekend ever.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION JUNIORS, PROJECT YOUTH

Chairman: Mr. Gary Keoleian
 Membership: 42
 Meetings: 10
 Main Activities: Summer Disco, Trip to Cedar Point, Christmas Party, Bazaar, Lenten Fish Dinners, Visit to Old Age Home, Sale of Entertainment Books.
 Future Projects: Retreat, Lenten Fish Dinners, Summer Disco, Easter Trip, Christmas Party, Visit Old Age Home.

KOMITAS CHOIR

Chairman: Mr. Peter Egigian
 Membership: 40
 Meetings: 5
 Main Activities: 50th Anniversary of Komitas Choir Banquet; Sales of Divine Liturgy Record; Christmas Party; Carolling at Armenian Old Age Home.
 Future Projects: Learning the complete Komitas Badarak.

LIBRARY GUILD

Chairman: Mr. Fred Demirjian
 Membership: 18
 Meetings: 5
 Activities: Tea in honor of Dr. Garo Garabedian, speaker from Boston

ALTAR GUILD

Chairman: Mrs. Lucille Jivelegian
 Membership: 5
 Main Activities: Sewing a new set of Altar Cloths. Purchasing of a special day Altar rug for the Main Altar. Sewing three new sets of celebrants' vestments. General sewing, maintaining and repairing of all the Church vestments.
 We express our appreciation to Mrs. Sylvia Bjornstad, Mr. Harry Kezelian, and Mr. John Semizian, who graciously dry cleaned the vestments and the Altar Cloths of our Church throughout the year.
 Future Project: Sewing two new sets of celebrants' vestments, and a new set of Altar Cloths.

SENIOR RETIRED MEMBERS

Chairman: Mr. Armen Jivelegian
 Membership: 57
 Meeting Days: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 12:00 - 5:00 P.M.
 Main Activities: Christmas Party, Dinner taken to the Old Age Home, several Shish Kebab Parties given to the members. A \$100.00 donation was made to St. John's Armenian Church.

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL

Superintendent: Father Paren Avedikian
 Enrollment: 357
 Board & Staff: 64
 Classrooms: 27
 School Hours: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Sunday
 Annual Affairs: Initiation and Installation, Armenian Christmas Jashoo Badarak and Communion, Staff Christmas Dinner, Lenten Offering, Easter Party for Kindergarten, Easter Jashoo Badarak and Communion, Pancake Breakfasts, Church School Picnic, Graduation Exercises.
 Curriculum: The Holy Scripture, Divine Liturgy, Armenian History, Armenian Church History, and Armenian conversation class in Kindergarten.
 Remarks: We are gratified to see that up to 21 parents are benefitting from our Pre-Kindergarten Center on a given Sunday. Finally, we feel satisfaction in providing this service to those parents who need the facility.
 Highlights: The 1977-78 academic year is our 30th year in providing Christian education to our parish children through the Church School. The Church School will commemorate its 30th year anniversary with a reunion on Sunday, May 14. Fr. Paren Avedikian is the Superintendent of the Church School. Board Members are as follows: Mrs. Rosemary Hoplamazian, Assistant Superintendent; Miss Judy Hovnan, Church School Secretary; Mr. Richard Vahratian, Treasurer; Miss Aralynn Mardirosian, Assistant Treasurer; Mr. Harry Derderian, Senior Department

Supervisor; Mrs. Victoria Reizian, Junior Department Supervisor; Mrs. Araxie Choukourian, Primary Department-In charge of teachers; Mrs. Lucy Ardash, Primary Department-In charge of students; Mrs. Alice Semizian, Kindergarten Department-In charge of teachers, Supervisor, and Pre-Kindergarten Center Supervisor; Miss Louise Kushigian, Kindergarten Department Supervisor-In charge of students; Mrs. Agnes Tokatlian, Educational Advisor; Mrs. Mildred Jingoian, Educational Advisor; Mrs. Margaret Gozmanian and Mr. Gary Reizian, Advisors; and Mr. Richard Apkarian, Parish Council Liaison Officer.

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL

Principal: Father Michael Buttero
 Enrollment: 19
 Staff Members: 4
 Classrooms: 4
 School Hours: Saturday 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
 Sunday 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Annual Activities: Closing exercises, dance performances at Manoogian Manor, Daughters of Vartan affair, Children's Hospital "Old World Volunteer Day", Farmington Ethnic Festival, Old World Market at Birmingham Ice Arena, Somerset Mall in Troy, and at the International Festival sponsored by St. John's Men's Society.

ARMENIAN COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL

Director: Mrs. Fran Hagopian
 Enrollment: 8
 Staff Members: 2
 Classrooms: 2
 School Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 Annual Affair: Cookie Bake Sale
 Curriculum: Activities designed to enrich the social and emotional development of the pre-schooler and exposure to his/her Armenian language and culture.

**ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT
OPERATING FUND — PARISH COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET**

December 31, 1977

EXHIBIT - A

ASSETS

Cash (including savings accounts of \$231,479)	\$ 315,736
Accounts receivable-church organizations	668
Contract receivable	10,000
Prepaid expenses	1,529
Bequest retained as investment-vacant land located in Sterling Township, at 12/31/63 market value	 <u>10,000</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 337,933</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

LIABILITIES:

Hall rental deposits	\$ 15,700
Due Armenian Apostolic Society	39,309
Payroll taxes	1,946
Service Funds	30,535
Social Concern Fund	824
Deferred pledge income	<u>3,911</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 92,225</u>

FUND BALANCE:

Unappropriated fund balance:	
Balance at December 31, 1976	\$ 137,941
Excess of receipts over disbursements- year ended December 31, 1977 - Exhibit B	 <u>57,767</u>
Balance at December 31, 1977	<u>\$ 195,708</u>
Appropriated for building maintenance:	
Balance at December 31, 1976	\$ 65,776
Receipts from "in lieu of flowers", less \$20,309 due Armenian Apostolic Society	 <u>20,309</u>
	<u>\$ 86,085</u>
Less disbursed for building maintenance in 1977	<u>36,085</u>
Balance at December 31, 1977	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
Total fund balance	<u>\$ 245,708</u>

Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 337,933</u>
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Richard H. Simonian
Auditor

Souren Keolelian
Treasurer

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT
OPERATING FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
 Year Ended December 31, 1977

EXHIBIT - B

	Actual <u>1976</u>	Actual <u>1977</u>	Budget <u>1977</u>	Over (Under) <u>Budget 1977</u>	Budget <u>1978</u>
RECEIPTS:					
Pledges-current year	\$ 89,879	\$ 95,553	\$ 95,000	\$ 553	\$ 95,000
Pledges-prior year	11,899	12,000	12,000	-	14,000
Bazaar-net	40,611	33,990	36,000	(2,010)	25,000
Plates and candles	8,281	9,716	9,000	716	10,000
Hokehankist (Requiem)	11,736	8,940	8,000	940	8,000
Gifts and bequests	-	7,571	3,000	4,571	4,000
Sacraments	2,700	2,680	2,000	680	2,000
Yughakin offerings	3,402	3,460	3,500	(40)	3,500
Picnic-net	4,251	3,904	4,500	(596)	3,500
New Year's Eve-net	3,458	2,723	4,000	(1,277)	3,000
Bookstore-net	724	6,176	1,000	5,176	1,000
Contribution-Church aux.	3,787	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Special Events-net	(2,032)	(2,598)	2,000	(4,598)	2,000
Rentals-Church organizations	5,500	6,000	5,500	500	6,250
Rentals-other organizations	2,750	1,850	2,000	(150)	2,400
Building Operation-net see Exhibit C	88,926	100,154	98,000	2,154	100,000
Bingo Program-net see Exhibit D	35,276	74,753	38,500	36,253	69,842
Clergy service-net	550	546	500	46	-
Athletic-special fund	1,460	1,502	1,000	502	-
Torch Bearer publication	2,034	1,898	2,000	(102)	2,000
Interest income	9,321	14,734	10,000	4,734	7,500
Miscellaneous	126	112	367	(255)	-
Total receipts	<u>\$324,639</u>	<u>\$385,664</u>	<u>\$340,867</u>	<u>\$ 44,797</u>	<u>\$358,992</u>

	Actual 1976	Actual 1977	Budget 1977	Over (Under) Budget 1977	Budget 1978
EXPENDITURES					
Administrator	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,500	\$ (22,500)	\$ 22,500
Clergy stipend & allowance	47,040	52,266	52,840	(574)	43,144
Salaries-office	19,312	21,180	22,040	(860)	23,980
Salaries-building maintenance	48,291	50,868	51,942	(1,074)	51,378
Salaries-church	4,171	4,680	4,845	(165)	5,640
Payroll taxes	6,233	3,357	7,000	(3,643)	6,000
Employee benefits	5,800	9,353	7,000	2,353	9,000
Automobile expense	1,078	1,273	1,500	(227)	1,500
Torch Bearer	3,085	3,288	3,500	(212)	3,500
Service awards	-	662	1,300	(638)	1,000
Supplies-church	2,548	3,775	3,500	275	3,500
Printing	1,596	1,006	1,500	(494)	1,500
Office supplies & expense	1,814	2,307	2,000	307	2,000
Postage & frieght	2,923	2,921	2,700	221	2,700
Telephone	5,002	2,434	3,800	(1,366)	3,000
Advertising	163	1,414	1,400	14	1,000
Contributions	3,196	1,421	2,000	(579)	2,000
Diocesan assessment	29,766	33,739	31,000	2,739	40,000
Etchmiadzin dues	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Visiting clergy expense	1,682	1,017	1,500	(483)	1,000
Travel	953	1,201	2,000	(799)	500
Insurance	10,955	9,996	10,000	(4)	12,000
Armenian School	1,015	925	2,000	(1,075)	2,000
Cultural programs-net	6,232	(2,646)	3,000	(5,646)	3,000
Heat	11,746	11,418	13,450	(2,032)	14,800
Light and power	21,191	26,312	23,800	2,512	26,200
Water	433	1,479	750	729	1,500
Building repairs & maintenance	11,963	6,948	8,000	(1,052)	7,000
Grounds maintenance	-	4,547	5,000	(453)	5,500
Computer services	3,055	2,472	3,300	(828)	2,400
Building supplies & expense	-	5,173	4,500	673	4,000
Kitchen supplies	19,270	1,512	1,500	12	1,000
Hall service supplies	-	10,252	7,000	3,252	9,500
Property tax-vacant land	754	801	700	101	1,000
Capital improvements	2,484	5,365	2,000	3,365	2,000
Equipment purchases	4,012	22,814	3,500	19,314	3,500
Athletics	3,734	3,991	5,000	(1,009)	5,000
Rental-Veterans Building	6,000	6,000	6,000	-	8,000
Property security	2,563	2,141	2,000	141	2,250
Church artifacts	11,455	6,927	10,000	(3,073)	10,000
Miscellaneous	1,076	308	1,500	(1,192)	500
Pledges (1977-1981):					
Istanbul Patriarch	-	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Jerusalem Patriarch	-	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Appropriation-AGBU Alex					
Manoogian School	-	-	-	-	10,000
Total expenditures	<u>\$303,591</u>	<u>\$327,897</u>	<u>\$340,867</u>	<u>\$ (12,970)</u>	<u>\$358,992</u>
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS					
OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 21,048</u>	<u>\$ 57,767</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 57,767</u>	<u>-</u>

**ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT
OPERATING FUND - BUILDING OPERATION**

Year Ending December 31, 1977

EXHIBIT - C

REVENUES:

Catering	\$ 132,227.42
Sales Tax	5,103.25
Rentals	69,263.60
Bar Service	30,732.26
Glass Rental	953.04
Linen	2,749.63
Paper	177.40
Checkroom	1,074.30
Extra Labor	2,549.15
Addressing	1,365.00
Mimeograph	82.00
Postage	392.00
Telephone	1,023.21
Caterer Linen	1,026.00
Miscellaneous	2,896.11
Breakage	200.00
	<u>\$ 251,814.37</u>
Total Revenue	

EXPENSES:

Catering	\$ 128,787.90
Sales Tax	5,038.10
Bartenders	7,471.35
Bar Girls	3,742.25
Mix	2,724.55
Ice	10.40
Equipment Rental	953.50
Hall Labor	372.50
Miscellaneous	181.78
Checkroom Labor	419.00
Breakage	(17.50)
Dishwasher	255.00
Advertising	1,381.40
Office Help	340.00
	<u>\$ 151,660.23</u>
Total Expenses	

NET REVENUES

\$ 100,154.14

**ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT
OPERATING FUND — BINGO OPERATION**

Year Ending December 31, 1977

EXHIBIT - D

REVENUES:

Admission Cards	\$ 14,123.00
Hard Cards	47,535.00
Special Games	122,291.83
Supplies	<u>1,043.90</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 184,993.73</u>

EXPENSES:

Prizes	\$ 106.159.00
Supplies	3,167.07
Advertising	13.92
License	100.00
Miscellaneous	<u>800.53</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 110,240.52</u>

NET REVENUE

\$ 74,754.21

**ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT
IN LIEU OF FLOWERS ACCOUNT**

December 1, 1976-November 30, 1977

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Donated to St. John's</u>	<u>Other</u>	
Dickran Vahratian	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00		
Hripsime Bahadurian	40.00	40.00		
Angelle Jingoian	105.00	52.50	\$ 52.50	C
Nevart Shahan	830.00	276.68	553.32	B & D
John Tabibian	1,475.00	737.50	737.50	B
Charles Gurunian	170.00	85.00	85.00	E
Oscar Mertoian	1,053.00	526.50	526.50	F
Margaret Jonikian	1,639.00	1,639.00		
Nevart Kazarian	745.00	745.00		
Haroutune Nazarian	361.00	90.25	270.75	G
Azniv Bogosian	460.00	115.00	345.00	E & F
Ardash Mardigian	2,582.25	2,582.25		
Helen Deovletian	60.00	60.00		
Jack Safilian	1,816.00	1,816.00		
Kohar Kay Volpe	360.00	360.00		
Paul Terzian	75.00	75.00		
Zabel Baylerian	2,690.00	896.70	1,793.30	D & E
Levon Moushegian	10.00	10.00		
Mary Ohanesian	4,411.00	2,205.50	2,205.50	F
Maksen Oknaian	1,277.00	638.50	638.50	F
Paul Beyekian	629.00	209.68	419.32	A & F
Tateos Krikorian	851.00	425.50	425.50	H
Joseph Unjian	315.00	315.00		
Mugardich Samarian	2,889.00	2,889.00		
Siran Derderian	5,595.00	2,727.50	2,867.50	F
Shnorig Naghosian	718.00	718.00		
Anna Hagopian	601.00	300.50	300.50	I
Anna Der Gazarian	749.00	374.50	374.50	A
Setrak Apkarian	840.00	420.00	420.00	F
Armen Kourdjian	200.00	115.00	85.00	J
Joseph Bridges	427.50	427.50		
Araut Rayzian	830.00	830.00		
Markarite Tosunyan	53.00		53.00	K
Rachel Kashkashian	2,843.00	712.00	2,131.00	L & M
Dakas Mazmanian	1,560.00	780.00	780.00	N
Yeshsa Melkonian	5.00	5.00		
Serpouhi Merigian	1,283.00	641.50	641.50	P
Zabel Mugerdichian	1,840.00	1,840.00		
Arthur Mardigian	5.00	5.00		
Malvina Papazian	705.00	352.50	352.50	F
Vartan Baktamarian	903.00	451.50	451.50	F
Akabi Hagopian	73.00	73.00		
Archie Paklaian	1,565.00	1,235.00	330.00	Q
Vahan Bedrossian	40.00	40.00		
Toros Baronian	95.00	95.00		
Veronica Tahmazian	1,219.00	407.00	812.00	P & R

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF CHURCH AUXILIARIES

LADIES' AUXILIARY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended November 30, 1977

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1976		
Savings Account-First Federal	\$11,596.96	
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	<u>1,790.84</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 13,387.80

RECEIPTS		
Gifts	\$ 1,625.50	
Dues	578.00	
Mas	11.00	
Sales-crosses	75.00	
Hostess income	50.00	
Vartanantz	1,657.97	
Topic/Michink Luncheon	1,434.56	
Maundy Thursday	310.20	
Hampartzoom	463.55	
Picnic	441.90	
Interest on Savings	620.50	
Christmas luncheon	159.78	
55th Anniversary	5.00	
Pictures	45.00	
Bazaar donation	178.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>3.52</u>	
Total Receipts		\$ 7,659.48

Total cash to be accounted for	<u>\$ 21,047.28</u>
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DISBURSEMENTS		
Stamps	\$ 30.89	
Gifts	130.00	
Christmas Luncheon	408.18	
Picnic	191.89	
Printing	55.00	
Vartanantz	867.78	
Flowers	118.70	
Rent	2,000.00	
Vestments	1,184.58	
Topic/Michink Luncheon	621.77	
Radio Hour	30.00	
Maundy Thursday	82.68	
Old Age Home	64.81	
Hampartzoom	155.31	
Pictures	<u>65.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 6,006.59

Cash in Banks-November 30, 1977		
Savings Account-First Federal	\$12,217.46	
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	<u>2,823.23</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 15,040.69

Total cash accounted for	<u>\$ 21,047.28</u>
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WOMEN'S GUILD
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended November 30, 1977

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1976			
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit		\$ 1,028.78	
Savings Account-Standard Federal Savings of Detroit		<u>13,392.18</u>	
Total cash in banks			\$ 14,420.96
RECEIPTS			
Dues		\$ 889.00	
Food and dishes sales		158.38	
Christmas Dinner		388.00	
February Dinner-Dance		3,815.58	
Mother-Daughter Dinner		3,959.10	
Michink Luncheon		150.00	
Hostess income		4.00	
December Dinner-Dance		3,962.50	
Interest income		<u>703.96</u>	
Total Receipts			\$ 14,030.52
Total cash to be accounted for			<u>\$ 28,451.48</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
Cards and flowers		\$ 53.29	
Printing		217.00	
Christmas gifts		210.00	
1976 Christmas Dinner		139.00	
Gifts		60.57	
February Dinner Dance		2,739.30	
Old Age Home Dinner & Visitation		164.51	
Donations		24.96	
Hostess Meeting Expenses		253.67	
Film		15.27	
Bank Service Charges		7.83	
Communion Breakfast		166.00	
Building Rental		2,000.00	
Dough Machine		1,382.40	
1977 Christmas Dinner		130.00	
Mother-Daughter Dinner		2,708.11	
December Dinner-Dance		320.00	
Church Women United of Southfield		<u>25.00</u>	
Total Disbursements			\$ 10,616.91
Cash in Banks-November 30, 1977			
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit		\$ 4,038.43	
Savings Account-Standard Federal of Detroit		<u>13,796.14</u>	
Total cash in banks			\$ 17,834.57
Total cash accounted for			<u>\$ 28,451.48</u>

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MEN'S SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Year Ended November 30, 1977

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1976		
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 4,031.58	
Savings Account-National Bank of Detroit	<u>2,807.46</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 6,839.04

RECEIPTS

General Body Meeting Dinners	\$ 1,051.84	
New Year's Eve Raffle (1976)	1,662.84	
International Festival (1977)	5,627.78	
International Festival (1976)	206.00	
Christmas Party	270.00	
50/50 Raffle - Net	77.00	
Membership dues	400.00	
Pancake Breakfast	73.25	
Interest on Savings Account	<u>214.61</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 9,583.28</u>

Total cash to be accounted for	<u><u>\$ 16,422.32</u></u>
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DISBURSEMENTS

General Body Meeting Dinners	\$ 1,088.07	
New Year's Eve Raffle (1976)	597.41	
International Festival (1977)	2,359.62	
International Festival (1976)	194.61	
Christmas Party	647.85	
Pancake Breakfast	180.13	
Blood Bank Drive	60.57	
Dishwasher	105.00	
Postage	132.62	
Church Rental - Annual	1,000.00	
Gifts	100.00	
Memorial Service for Members	25.00	
Photo	<u>5.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 6,495.88

Cash in Banks-November 30, 1977		
Checking Account- National Bank of Detroit	\$ 4,904.37	
Savings Account- National Bank of Detroit	<u>5,022.07</u>	
Total cash in banks		<u>\$ 9,926.44</u>

Total cash accounted for	<u><u>\$ 16,422.32</u></u>
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Audited by: Albert Mardirosian

MR. & MRS. SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Year Ended November 30, 1977

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1976		
Checking Account-Manufacturer's National	\$ 334.96	
Savings Account-Manufacturer's National	<u>462.13</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 797.09
RECEIPTS		
Adults' Christmas Party	\$ 104.00	
Children's Christmas Party	89.00	
Tennis Night	637.25	
Dues	220.00	
Fondue Party	10.01	
Pool Party	270.00	
Square Dance	150.00	
Interest on Savings Account	<u>17.04</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 1,497.30</u>
Total cash to be accounted for		<u><u>\$ 2,294.39</u></u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Adults' Christmas Party	\$ 106.99	
Christmas Party-Children's	73.23	
Postage	57.22	
Sundry	71.57	
February meeting	9.28	
Fondue Party	90.00	
Tennis Night	625.02	
Pool Party	265.30	
Hayride deposit	50.00	
Square Dance	98.05	
Election Dinner	<u>44.20</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 1,490.86
Cash on hand-November 30, 1977		20.00
Cash in Banks-November 30, 1977		
Checking Account-Manufacturer's National	\$ 431.53	
Savings Account-Manufacturer's National	<u>352.00</u>	
Total cash in banks		<u>\$ 783.53</u>
Total cash accounted for		<u><u>\$ 2,294.39</u></u>
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**ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
SENIORS**

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended November 30, 1977

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1976

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 5,300.29	
Savings Account-National Bank of Detroit	5,217.83	
Savings Account-National Bank of Detroit	<u>1,747.56</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 12,265.68

RECEIPTS

Membership Dues - 1977	\$ 569.00	
Interest on Savings Accounts	372.13	
Gifts	100.00	
Postage	83.00	
Refunds & Reimbursements	447.70	
* Return of Advance for Central Council Meeting	3.25	
Return of Advance for Detroit ACYOA Sports Weekend	2,500.00	
Bingo Refreshments	7,982.95	
November Dance - 1976	315.48	
November Dance - 1977	6,574.00	
Christmas Eve Service - 1976	437.42	
Ski Trip Shanty Creek	281.66	
Lamb Roast & Raffle	2,302.56	
Memorial Day Picnic	527.55	
July 4th Picnic	415.94	
Membership Party	310.11	
Bake Sale	<u>77.26</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 23,300.01</u>

Total cash to be accounted for		<u>\$ 35,565.69</u>
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DISBURSEMENTS

Bingo Refreshments	\$ 4,439.50	
November Dance - 1976	1,979.42	
November Dance - 1977	2,730.93	
Church Dues	1,000.00	
Christmas Eve Service	100.00	
Christmas Party - 1976	169.04	
Postage	142.71	
Get-Well Flowers	69.00	
Assistance to Needy Armenian Families (Christmas Eve Service Income Distribution)	426.25	
Gift to the Old Age Home	588.87	
Gifts and related items	122.39	
A.C.Y.O.A. Tavloo Tournament	40.71	
Ski Trip - Shanty Creek	385.40	
Programs	28.50	
Toronto A.G.B.U. Basketball Tournament	369.81	

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Advance for Basketball Tournament Entry Fee	150.00	
Sports' Weekend 1977 Fees & Publicity	155.51	
Sports' Weekend 1977 Advance	2,500.00	
Chairman's Roundtable	381.20	
Lamb Roast & Raffle	1,815.10	
Memorial Day Picnic	630.31	
July 4th Picnic	400.00	
Armenia Studies Program	1,200.00	
A.C.Y.O.A. Central Council Dues	342.00	
Membership Party	509.18	
Old-Age Home Visits	116.89	
Softball Tournament	75.00	
Central Council Regional Meeting	16.00	
Total Disbursements		\$ 20,883.72
Cash in Banks-November 30, 1977		
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 5,644.45	
Savings Account-National Bank of Detroit	206.04	
Savings Account-National Bank of Detroit	<u>8,831.48</u>	
Total cash in banks		<u>\$ 14,681.97</u>
Total cash accounted for		<u>\$ 35,565.69</u>
* Included \$3.25 deposit in transit		

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**ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION
JUNIORS-PROJECT YOUTH
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**
Year Ended November 30, 1977

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1976			
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 1,606.03		
Checking Account-Detroit Bank & Trust	755.01		
Savings Account-Detroit Bank & Trust	723.95		
Savings Account-American Savings & Loan	<u>1,669.87</u>		
Total cash in banks		\$ 4,754.86	
RECEIPTS			
Membership dues	\$ 6.00		
Serving dinners	50.00		
Candy sales	22.00		
Christmas dance	69.00		
Gifts	7.00		
Bake sale	94.10		
August Disco-Dance	482.00		
Entertainment Book Sales	803.00		
Lenten Dinners	4,571.06		
Coloring Book Sales	24.00		
Interest on Savings Accounts	<u>129.99</u>		
Total Receipts		<u>6,258.15</u>	
Total cash to be accounted for		<u>\$ 11,013.01</u>	
DISBURSEMENTS			
Christmas dance	\$ 162.93		
Gift to Old Age Home	100.00		
Christmas gifts	58.28		
Meeting lunches	167.62		
August Disco-Dance	282.27		
Bowling trophies	30.00		
Road Rally	165.00		
Bank charges	13.49		
Lenten Dinners	3,334.82		
Entertainment Books purchased	666.00		
Cedar Point Trip	275.00		
Retreat-trip cancelled	<u>75.00</u>		
Total Disbursements		\$ 5,330.41	
Cash in Banks-November 30, 1977			
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 1,016.27		
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	505.52		
Savings Account-American Federal Savings	<u>4,160.81</u>		
Total cash in banks		<u>\$ 5,682.60</u>	
Total cash accounted for		<u>\$ 11,013.01</u>	

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KOMITAS CHOIR
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended November 30, 1977

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1976		
Checking Account	\$ 7,873.88	
Savings Account	<u>537.06</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 8,410.94
RECEIPTS		
Plate collections and donations	\$ 1,267.14	
50th Anniversary Dinner	8,400.50	
Choir record sales	2,516.00	
Gomidas Badarak Books	65.00	
Interest on Savings Account	<u>102.97</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 12,351.61</u>
Total cash to be accounted for		<u>\$ 20,762.55</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
St. John's Armenian Church (record advance)	\$ 1,000.00	
Record expense	1,800.00	
Choir Assembly	3,046.40	
Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America-Choir Day Plate Collection transfer	248.36	
Assembly profit due A.A.C.C.A.	621.24	
50th Anniversary Dinner	3,715.90	
Delegate expense (Choir Assembly)	200.00	
Gomidas Badarak Books	241.00	
Wardrobe cabinet	60.00	
Gifts and flowers	165.98	
Postage	<u>79.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 11,177.88
Cash in Banks-November 30, 1977		
Checking Account	\$ 2,444.64	
Savings Account	<u>7,140.03</u>	
Total cash in banks		<u>\$ 9,584.67</u>
Total cash accounted for		<u>\$ 20,762.55</u>

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LIBRARY GUILD
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended November 30, 1977

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1976

Checking Account-National Bank of Southfield	\$ 656.57	
Savings Account-National Bank of Southfield	<u>1,979.66</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 2,636.23

RECEIPTS

Interest on Savings Account	\$ 100.94	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 100.94</u>

Total cash to be accounted for

\$ 2,737.17

DISBURSEMENTS

None

Cash in Banks-November 30, 1977

Checking Account-National Bank of Southfield	\$ 656.57	
Savings Account-National Bank of Southfield	<u>2,080.60</u>	
Total cash in banks		<u>\$ 2,737.17</u>

Total cash accounted for

\$ 2,737.17

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ALTAR GUILD
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 Year Ended November 30, 1977

CASH IN BANK-NOVEMBER 30, 1976		
Savings Account-Metropolitan Savings	\$ <u>89.54</u>	
Total cash in bank		\$ 89.54
RECEIPTS		
Gifts	\$ 65.00	
Interest earned	<u>2.62</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 67.62</u>
Total cash to be accounted for		<u><u>\$ 157.16</u></u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Rug for Altar	\$ 90.00	
Fabrics and supplies	<u>16.30</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 106.30
Cash in Bank-November 30, 1977		
Savings Account-Metropolitan Savings	\$ <u>50.86</u>	
Total cash in bank		<u>\$ 50.86</u>
Total cash accounted for		<u><u>\$ 157.16</u></u>

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ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 Year Ended November 30, 1977

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1976

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 2,472.73	
Savings Account-Manufacturer's National Bank	<u>8,700.62</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 11,173.35

RECEIPTS

Offerings:		
Kindergarten	\$ 160.46	
Primary	334.17	
Junior	718.52	
Senior	845.63	
Registration Fee	669.00	
Lenten Offering	588.90	
Easter Offering	316.05	
Christmas Offering	178.15	
Birthday Offering	122.65	
Pancake Breakfasts	477.00	
Christmas Dinner Donations	247.54	
* Thomassian Fund Transfer	1,000.00	
Mr. Khoren Thomassian Donation towards Fund	50.00	
Thomassian Fund Interest	18.75	
Savings Account Interest	453.74	
C.R.E. Workshop	51.50	
Graduation Class Gift 1976 and 1977	111.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>25.90</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 6,368.96</u>
Total cash to be accounted for		<u>\$ 17,542.31</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Instruction Materials	\$ 988.34	
Mailing and Postage	283.28	
Staff Training	147.64	
A.G.B.U.-Lebanon Relief Fund Lenten Offerings for 1976 and 1977	1,220.00	
Graduation and Prizes	278.97	
Feet-Washing Contest Prizes	100.00	
Christmas Dinner	701.77	
Pancake Breakfasts	291.08	
Supplies	425.32	
A.G.B.U. Milk Fund	100.00	
Graduation Plaque and Name Plates	302.60	
Lenten Canisters	25.00	
Equipment Repair	51.73	
Miscellaneous	<u>29.95</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 4,945.68

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Cash in Banks-November 30, 1977

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 773.59	
Savings Account-Standard Federal Savings	10,823.04	
Thomassian Fund Account-Manufacturer's National	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total cash in banks		<u>\$ 12,596.63</u>

Total cash accounted for

\$ 17,542.31

NOTE: *

During the past year the Parish Council transferred a Certificate of Deposit for \$1,000 to the St. John's Armenian Church School. The Certificate of Deposit is a gift to the church by Mr. Khoren Thomassian in memory of his late wife, Flora Thomassian, the proceeds of which are awarded annually to the winners of the Feet-Washing Essay Contest.

Audited by: Albert Mardirosian

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended November 30, 1977

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1976

Checking Account-Michigan National	\$ <u>283.43</u>	
Total cash in bank		\$ 283.43

RECEIPTS

Church subsidy	\$ 910.00	
Tuition	290.00	
Reimbursement (AGBU)	<u>81.12</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$1,281.12</u>

Total cash to be accounted for

\$1,564.55

DISBURSEMENTS

Teachers' salaries	\$ 910.00	
Check printing	3.50	
Graduation Exercise	<u>34.56</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 948.06

Cash in Bank-November 30, 1977

Checking Account-Michigan National Bank	\$ <u>616.49</u>	
Total cash in bank		\$ 616.49

Total cash accounted for

\$1,564.55

Audited by: Albert Mardirosian

**ARMENIAN CO-OPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

Year Ended November 30, 1977

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1976

Checking Account-Manufacturer's National	\$ 1,028.39	
Savings Account-Standard Federal Savings	<u>583.21</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 1,611.60

RECEIPTS

Tuition	\$ 2,091.87	
Registration	110.00	
Insurance	18.00	
Exchange items	88.91	
Class photos	113.00	
Annual dinner	150.32	
Cookie sale	443.86	
Miscellaneous	6.46	
Interest earned in Savings	<u>27.66</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 3,050.08</u>

Total cash to be accounted for

\$ 4,661.68

DISBURSEMENTS

*Salaries	\$ 2,818.77	
Groceries	195.60	
Petty cash items	27.50	
Postage	12.09	
Dues and subscriptions	40.50	
Office supplies	10.35	
Class photos	101.02	
Melmac plates	21.00	
Flowers	17.60	
Annual Dinner	214.88	
Insurance	15.40	
Cookie bake	<u>175.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 3,649.71

Cash in Bank-November 30, 1977

Checking Account-Manufacturer's National	\$ 601.10	
Savings Account-Standard Federal Savings	<u>410.87</u>	
Total cash in banks		<u>\$ 1,011.97</u>

Total cash accounted for

\$ 4,661.68

*Does not include salaries for

September, October, November 1977 - \$666.87

Audited by: Elizabeth Bozigian

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - 1978

George Cross
 Harry Derderian
 Sirvart Mezian

John Semizian
 Charles Stambouljian

CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(5 to be elected for 1 year)

John Bahadurian
 Alice Derderian
 Sooren H. Gozmanian
 Simon Javizian
 Mary Ann Karakashian

Harry Mardirosian
 John Nagohosian
 Harry Paulian
 Ashod Torosian
 Richard Vahratian

CANDIDATES FOR PARISH COUNCIL

(6 to be elected for 2-year term)

*Richard M. Apkarian
 George Q. Arevigian
 Helen Bagdasarian
 *Arthur Barsamian
 *Martin H. Cholakian
 *Armen Hovnanian

Edward S. Jamian
 Ralph H. Kalajian
 Jack Margosian
 Norman P. Messelian
 *Richard Norsigian
 Armen Safilian

CANDIDATE FOR AUDITING COMMITTEE

(1 to be elected for 3-year term)

Richard H. Simonian

AUDITING COMMITTEE - 1977

Richard H. Simonian
 (elected in 1975 for 3-year term)

Albert Mardirosian
 (elected in 1976 for 3-year term)

Elizabeth Bozigian
 (elected in 1977 for 3-year term)

NOTE: Nominations may be brought from the floor.

*Incumbent

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Auditors of our Church urge our parishioners to use checks, rather than cash, in making donations, contributions, and payments to our church, and to Church Auxiliary Organizations.

