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ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH
OF GREATER DETROIT

22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, Michigan 48075

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

Southfield, Michigan

Friday

February 9, 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. Elections
 - a. Election of Parish Assembly Officers - Chairman and Secretary
 - b. Partial election of Parish Council (5)
 - c. Partial election of Auditor (1)
 - d. Election of Nominating Committee for 1980 (5)
 - e. Election of Diocesan Delegates (7)
4. Election Results of Chairman and Secretary of the day.
5. Minutes of the 1978 Annual Parish Assembly
6. 1978 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 1978. However, parish members are encouraged to come prepared to ask questions on any section of this Annual Report.
7. Review and Approval of 1979 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**

Arthur S. Mardigian
Parish Council Chairman

Souren Aprahamian
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
OF GREATER DETROIT



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.

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 1978, the following Sacraments and Rites were officiated: Baptism and Confirmation of infants and adults (60); Engagement Services (8); Holy Matrimony (34); and Funeral Services (59).

Acknowledgements of Services

Until September 1978 The Most Reverend Archbishop Sion Manoogian continued to enhance the solemnity of our Church Services by presiding at various Church Services, by his monthly sermons, and by his occasional celebration of the Divine Liturgy. In September, Archbishop Sion was invited by His Holiness, Vazken I, to Holy Etchmiadsin to assume responsible positions at the Mother See. On September 19, St. John's Parish honored Archbishop Sion with a farewell banquet. At this time, on behalf of our parishioners, I thank Archbishop Sion for his many years of service to St. John's and pray that the Lord God give him many healthy years to continue his service to the Armenian Church at Holy Etchmiadsin.

The following clergymen celebrated the Divine Liturgy and preached, or were present at our Church Services in connection with their visits to Detroit in 1978: His Beatitude, Archbishop Shnorh Kaloustian, Patriarch of Turkey; His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Armenian Church of North America; His Grace, Bishop Papken Varjabedian; His Grace, Bishop Guregh Kapigian; Very Reverend Father Mesrob Semerjian; Very Reverend Father Yeghishe Gizirian; Very Reverend Father Baret Yeretzian; Very Reverend Father Viken Aykazian; Very Reverend Father Anania Arabajian; Very Reverend Father Haigazoun Melkonian; Reverend Father Diran Papazian; Reverend Father Partogh Khirkajian; Reverend Father Hovsep Hagopian; Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian and Reverend Father Vahram Hazarian.

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 December 31, 1978.

In connection with the worship service of our Church, it is my duty and privilege to thank each and every member of our Komitas Choir, and 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, Choir-master; and Miss Michele Menoian, Organist. During the officiation of the Sacraments and Rites of our Church, Deacons Harry Ekizian, Ara Haig, Daniel Shahan, John Semizian, Mihran Hoplamazian, Richard Norsigian, and Hagop Asadurian have assisted us as often as possible and we thank 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, home blessings, visitations with the families of the Parish in connection with Sacraments and for various other reasons have been attended to by myself to the utmost of my 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

On Lenten Sundays during 1978, five lectures were presented on various religious topics in the Sanctuary following the Worship Services. This program is an effective method of teaching; thus, we plan to present similar lectures in 1979.

Throughout the year Mrs. Zabel Atesian has conducted a successful Bible Study Class for interested parishioners. Also since September 1978, Mr. Martin Cholakian has been offering an Adult Church School Class under the sponsorship of St. John's Church School. We express our gratitude both to Mrs. Atesian and Mr. Cholakian for their commendable efforts in these areas, and hope that more of our parishioners will choose to take advantage of these religious educational classes.

Administrative Duties

Office duties 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 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 1978

The beginning of May the St. John's Parish hosted the 76th Diocesan Assembly under the General Chairmanship of Mr. Martin Apkarian. No doubt the organization of the Assembly was the best ever within the Diocese. St. John's again proved herself capable to meet the challenge in style and class. It took the services and the organization ability of literally 250 parishioners to plan and to execute the details of hosting the Diocesan Assembly. I thank the Chairman of the Diocesan Assembly Committee, and each and every parishioner who took part in its making. Others have already said it for us, St. John's is truly the trend-setter for the entire Diocese.

Bazaar 1978 was remarkable in more than one way. The Exhibit of Armenian Artists' works sponsored by St. John's Fine Art Committee in conjunction with the Bazaar was an outstanding achievement. Never before in this country have the works of so many Armenian Artists been assembled under one roof, and not even the most optimistic member of the committee had expected the response it received from the community. Dr. Garabed Belian, Chairman, and the members of his Fine Arts Committee have rightfully earned our praise for an unprecedented accomplishment.

In November 1978, our community was called upon to extend a helping hand to their unfortunate brothers and sisters living under less desirable circumstances in Turkey. Responding to the call of His Beatitude, Archbishop Shnork Kaloustian, Patriarch of Turkey, our community raised some \$40,000 in one evening, in addition to the continuing pledges which have been made in the past. This special fund raising proves once more that there are caring souls within our community who are willing to share their blessings with those who are in need.

Acknowledgements of Committees

With deep gratitude I would like to extend my appreciation to the Building Committee of St. John's Parish Council Chairman, Mr. Armen Hovnanian; the Bazaar '78 Committee, Chairman, Mr. Jack Kazanjian; and the Bingo Committee, Chairman, Mr. Vahe Papelian; and to each and every member of these committees for their dedication and hard labor to improve the financial position of St. John's. Without their imaginative contributions, the resources of our Church would have fallen far short of her growing needs.

Observations

To make the same appeal year after year, with very little tangible results obviously is not wise. Our parish follows the policy of setting a minimum pledge amount which, for many, seems to become the maximum. Therefore we cannot expect to raise the funds to meet the growing needs of our Church. The duty of sponsoring fund raising projects within the parish also continues to fall upon the same shoulders. Fortunately, we have another untapped resource within the community, the human resource. There are hundreds of men and women, and families within our community who can comfortably afford to bring their share of support to our Church. We hope that each parishioner will make it his duty to encourage others to become members of St. John's Church. In the new year we intend to embark upon a project to increase membership and we are relying upon the assistance of all of our parishioners.

Challenges Facing Us In The New Year

The Armenian Community in Lebanon again has experienced untold sufferings. A fund raising campaign has already been declared by the Armenian Church of America and the

Armenian General Benevolent Union. It is the moral responsibility of each and every parishioner to respond generously to the needs of our brothers and sisters in Lebanon. In previous fund raisings it has been my policy to list the donors and amounts donated. I would like to see that list expanded and the donations increased.

1979 will be the year for the renovation and the expansion of St. John's facilities. A plan incorporating all the needs of our parish is already on the drawing board. We must come forward with our donations when the time arrives. St. John's has set a standard for herself in the past, "no mortgage when we move in." The challenge facing us is to maintain that standard.

Appreciation and Conclusion

I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to 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,

F. P. Avedikian

Father P. Avedikian
Pastor

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Our parishioners and our Church Organizations have responded to meet the requirements of our very active Church; consequently we have completed a very successful year at St. John's. Although we have completed several projects there is a never-ending list of improvements and requirements that remain undone. The Parish Council has done its best to meet our growing needs, however, the daily operation of our Church complex does require the services of a full time operations manager.

Our budget keeps growing every year due to rising costs and the changing needs of our Parish. We must thank the Church Building Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Armen Hovnanian, the Bingo Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Vahe Papelian, and the Bazaar Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Jack Kazanjian. These three committees fulfilled 55% of the income of our annual budget. The Bingo Program is in operation every week. The program has been built up to bring in \$60,000 to \$70,000 in revenue per year. However, Bingo is an intangible operation and could lose its appeal to the public. I would like to see us have a balanced budget without bingo and use these funds to build up our assets. In order to do this we must increase our pledge to the Church to make up the loss of the Bingo income. Our membership dues have not been increased in proportion to the rising costs of our economy. We must give this matter serious consideration to keep our Church in a viable condition.

This past year our Parish hosted the 76th Annual Diocesan Assembly which was also the 80th Anniversary of our Diocese. It was a well planned assembly and every Church Organization and almost every parishioner was involved with the overall project. The entertainment and programs that we presented brought out the best in St. John's. Many delegates and guests personally told me that this was the best Diocesan Assembly that they had attended. We must thank Mr. Martin Apkarian, the general chairman, and his committee for this outstanding Assembly. Bazaar '78 was a milestone in our Parish. The overall theme and character of the affair was superb. The addition of the fine arts, oriental rugs and the disco provided an atmosphere of involvement for everyone. Our special thanks to Mr. Jack Kazanjian and his committee for a great Bazaar. The net profit of this Bazaar was the best ever. These two events typify what we can do with the total involvement of everyone.

We have moved forward in the expansion of our complex to provide for all of the activities of our community. In this expansion we will provide for a more involved Senior Citizens Program and expanded projects for Youth Activities and Athletics. We must continue to investigate all possible areas for Senior Citizens Housing. These projects will commit our Parish to all the requirements of our membership.

We are ever thankful to our Pastor, The Very Reverend Father Paren Avedikian for his dynamic leadership of our Parish. This past year has been very difficult for our Pastor; he, alone, has borne all of the Pastoral needs of our Church.

We must participate in the activities of the Church. We must encourage non members to become members of our Church. With your involvement and support we will continue to maintain our position as the leading Parish in our Diocese. We must always support the Diocese of the Armenian Church and the Holy Mother See of Etchmiadsin.

To quote the June 1978 issue of the *National Geographic Magazine*, "All this and one thing more: the Church. The Armenian Church and Armenians cannot be separated." We must keep this tradition alive. The life of our Church and our people is in our hands.

Very truly yours,



Arthur S. Mardigian
Parish Council Chairman

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

EXECUTIVE BODY ELECTIONS

On March 7, 1978, under the Presidency of The Very Reverend Father 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 and assumed 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 1978-79 officers:

Chairman	* Arthur Mardigian
Vice Chairman	Richard Norsigian
Secretary	* Souren Aprahamian
Assistant Secretary	Helen Bagdasarian
Treasurer	* Souren Keoleian
Assistant Treasurer	* Leo Zamanigian
Advisors	Richard Apkarian
	Arthur Barsamian
	Armen Hovnanian
	Edward Jamian
	* Anoush Papelian

*Terms expire February 1979

APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND LIAISON OFFICERS

The following members of the Parish Council were appointed to serve as the 1978-79 Standing Committee Chairmen and Liaison Officers to our respective Church auxiliary organizations:

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

Pledge, Membership and Visitation	Anoush Papelian
Building Management	Armen Hovnanian
	Richard Apkarian
	Helen Bagdasarian
	Anoush Papelian
In Lieu of Flowers, Sacraments, Gifts, Plate and Candles	Richard Apkarian
	Souren Aprahamian
Social Concern	Fr. Paren Avedikian
	Arthur S. Mardigian
Policy Steering	Parish Council
Events Coordination Calendar	Armen Hovnanian
Hospitality and Friendship	Edward Jamian
Cultural	Richard Norsigian
Budget and Finance	Armen Hovnanian
	Edward Jamian
	Souren Keoleian
Bequests	Parish Council
Church Publications and Public Relations	Arthur Barsamian
Bingo	Arthur Barsamian

Building Addition	Armen Hovnanian Souren Keolelian Anoush Papelian
New Membership Drive	Richard Apkarian
Pro Musica	Richard Norsigian
Parliamentarian	Fr. Paren Avedikian

LIAISON OFFICERS:

Armenian Apostolic Society	Arthur S. Mardigian
Armenian Cooperative Nursery School	Anoush Papelian
Ladies' Auxiliary	Anoush Papelian
Men's Society	Edward Jamian
Women's Guild	Helen Bagdasarian
Komitas Choir	Arthur Barsamian
A. C. Y. O. A. Seniors	Arthur Barsamian
A. C. Y. O. Project Youth	Souren Keolelian
Library Guild	Souren Aprahamian
Mr. & Mrs. Society	Richard Norsigian
Church School	Richard Apkarian
Armenian School	Arthur S. Mardigian
Torch Bearer	Armen Hovnanian
Armenian American Veterans	Edward Jamian
Senior Citizens	Leo Zamanigian

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

During 1978, the Parish Council held 23 regular meetings and 4 special meetings, the first with the Nominating Committee, second with the Diocesan Delegates, third for election of Parish Council executive body, and fourth with the Diocesan Delegates and Alternates regarding the 1978 Diocesan Assembly proposals.

Throughout the year the Council has also held meetings with all the Church organizations, auditors, Apostolic Society members, and various others concerning Church matters.

SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The St. John's Parish Council called a Special Parish Assembly on Tuesday, April 18, 1978, which was attended by 63 members.

The members gave direction to St. John's delegates regarding issues on the agenda of the 1978 Diocesan Assembly.

PLEDGE REPORT

Through the initiation of members attending the 1977 Parish meeting, an increase in pledges was moved, seconded and approved by the Assembly. The minimum pledge per member was increased from \$65.00 annually to \$78.00, and the per couple was increased from \$130.00 to \$156.00. This was the first increase in pledges in six years. The entire membership was made aware of the increase by mail immediately following the meeting.

The year 1978 began with a membership of 987 and ended with 1011 members. Out of our total membership 451 pay the minimum pledge, 340 pay under minimum, and 220 pay over the minimum.

We take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Rose Boudakian for her efficient and meticulous

management of the pledge system of our Church and urge our parishioners to consult with her when and if questions or problems arise regarding their pledges.

NEW MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Under the chairmanship of Richard Apkarian a Membership Committee was formed in 1978 which consists of the following: Lucy Ardash, Alice Derderian, Lucy Merzian, and Margie Simonian.

This committee compiled a list of names and addresses of individuals who were married in our Church or attended our Church School and currently are not members of St. John's. The total number exceeded 600.

An expanded committee will be formed in the near future to appeal to these individuals and others within our community to become members of St. John's Armenian Church.

THE TORCH BEARER (CHAHAGIR)

Eleven issues of the **Torch Bearer** (Chahagir) were published during 1978. (Combined July and August issue.)

We were able to maintain the monthly publication deadline with the cooperation of the reporters which assisted us in reporting the news and coming events on a 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 enabling us to maintain the quality of our Church publication.

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 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. The Open team won their division championship. The Junior team with all new personnel won a few games and will be a team to be reckoned with in the coming years. The Open team won the OYAA National Tournament held in Detroit in March. They have won this tournament for three consecutive years among the best of competition. The girls also had their own Softball League. Our girls also won the OYAA National Softball Tournament held in Detroit in July. These accomplishments by our girls are a tribute to the success of our overall program.

Our Seniors (18 and over) and Intermediate (16 to 18) boys participated in the OYAA Regular Season Basketball. The Seniors had an average season but the Intermediate were co-champions of their division. Both teams participated in the OYAA National Tournament. Our Junior boys team won the consolation championship in their bracket in the OYAA National Tournament.

We had Senior and Intermediate boys softball teams in the OYAA regular season; both teams had an average season.

The A.C.Y.O.A. also participated in various Church sponsored sports activities under the direction of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

The sports committee has done an outstanding job in the overall program of our Youth Sports Activities. 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.

SENIOR CITIZENS DAY

In February 1978 St. John's added a new program for Senior Citizens. Originally established for St. John's members only, the program has attracted Senior Citizens from the entire Armenian Community of Greater Detroit.

The second Tuesday of every month is Senior Citizens Day at St. John's Cultural Hall, where lunch is served and an appropriate program for Senior Citizens is presented. Following the program those who attended have ample time for fellowship and games.

St. John's Armenian Church subsidizes the lunch charging only a minimal amount. Mr. Leo Zamanigian, Parish Council member, is present every month at these luncheons to assist our Senior Citizens in every way possible.

Throughout the year Mr. Homer Lafian has voluntarily assumed the responsibility of arranging for speakers for which St. John's and the Senior Citizens are grateful.

THE HERITAGE COLLECTION

The Heritage Collection was presented three times in Detroit in 1978. Whenever possible the exact format of the original presentation was used.

The first presentation of 1978 was held on Sunday, January 8 at St. John's Armenian Church Cultural Hall. A dinner following Church Services preceded the presentation which was attended by 450 persons.

The second presentation of the year took place on Sunday, March 12 at St. John's. Through Mrs. Susan Partamian, the volunteers of the Detroit Institute of Arts had requested a showing of the Collection as part of their cultural enrichment program. They had asked specifically that the program be held at our complex so that they could have the opportunity of visiting our sanctuary and museum as well.

The Parish Council and the A.G.B.U. underwrote most of the expenses of this presentation as an expression of civic participation and good will.

The evening began with a visit to the sanctuary. Mr. Suren Pilafian and Mr. Zubel Kachadoorian were present to answer questions personally.

Three hundred persons attended this showing which was followed by a lovely buffet table of Armenian goodies, prepared and provided by the Heritage Committee and generous donors. The entire evening culminated in a visit to our museum by all present where they were expertly guided by Fr. Paren.

This undertaking proved to be extremely rewarding to all those involved. Almost all of the guests that evening were non-Armenian and they were overwhelmed by the magnificence of the sanctuary, the richness of the museum as well as the professionalism of the presentation.

The third showing of the year was held on Friday, May 6 as part of the Diocesan Assembly which met in Detroit that weekend.

Although it would have been easier for the Committee to use members of the original cast for each presentation, the Committee has attempted to offer the opportunity of appearing in the presentation to as many young people as possible. A total of sixty persons have taken part in the presentations thus far.

Future plans include presenting the Collection in Los Angeles in February of 1979, and in Boston and New York in April 1979.

The Heritage Collection Committee members are:

Honorary Chairman, The Very Reverend Father Paren Avedikian, members: Varsenick Apkarian, Margaret Derderian, Rosemary Hoplamazian, Anoush Papelian, and Sona Yavruian.

ARMENIAN ARTIFACTS

During 1978, St. John's Museum guided tours were provided to Church Auxiliary Organizations, community organizations, student groups, visiting groups, and visiting Armenian and non-Armenian dignitaries.

The Museum has grown from a modest beginning to become a respectable depository of Armenian Artifacts, and has created interest and admiration among visitors of Armenian and non-Armenian descent.

During the year the Museum was enriched by seven new acquisitions.

NEW AGREEMENT WITH ARMENIAN-AMERICAN VETERANS

In view of the vital necessity for a youth activities center, the Parish Council of St. John's has been pursuing, for many years, the feasibility of providing adequate facilities on our premises for the youth.

To this end, the Parish Council negotiated an agreement with the Armenian-American Veterans Association during 1978, to assume the administrative control, possession and financial responsibility of the Armenian-American Veterans Memorial Building in perpetuity, as of January 1979, subject to the approval of the forthcoming Parish Assembly.

BUILDING REPORT, 1978

During 1978, 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 1978 were: the completion of the heating and cooling and air filtration system of the Cultural Hall and repair the Church roof, both of which had been started during 1977.

Because of the attractive additions to our hall during the last few years, and our improved services, we have received repeat and referral customers throughout 1978, and through more efficient cost recovery policies we have increased our hall operating income by 36.6% over 1977.

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 rental usage for 1978.

The tables on page 16 indicate that out of 157 weekend days the Hall was not in use for 40 days. It is important to underline the fact that Church Organizations used the hall 12.7% of the total weekend days used while paying, aside from their assessments, only 5.6% of the income; the Armenian Organizations used the Hall 7.0% of the total weekend days used while paying only 4.0% of the income; the parishioners used the Hall 12.1% of the total weekend days used and paid 16.7% of the income; the outsiders used the Hall 42.7% of the total weekend days used and paid 73.7% 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.

CHART OF HALL USAGE

	No. of			No. Used	No. Used			Parishioners	Armenian Organizations	Church Org.	Non Armenian	Weekday		
	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.		Fri.	Sat.	Sun.					Dinner	Luncheon	Hokejash
Jan. 1978	13			7	4/1	4/4	5/1		1		4			
Feb. 1978	11			7	4/2	4/2	4/1	1		2	2	1		1
Mar. 1978	13			11	5/0	4/1	4/0				1			
Apr. 1978	14			2	4/3	5/4	5/5	2	2	2	7			1
May 1978	12			0	4/4	4/4	4/4	1	1	5	5	1		5
Jun 1978	13			2	5/5	4/2	4/4	1	3		7	2		1
6 MONTHS	77			30	25/15	25/17	26/15	5	7	9	26	4		8
July 1978	14			2	4/4	5/5	5/3	4	0	2	6			3
Aug. 1978	12			1	4/3	4/4	4/4	2		1	8			1
Sept 1978	14			0	5/5	5/5	4/4	1	2		8	2		1
Oct. 1978	13			1	4/4	4/4	5/4	1	0	1	10	2		1
Nov. 1978	12			0	4/4	4/4	4/4	2	2	4	4			
Dec. 1978	15			6	5/4	5/3	5/2	1	0	3	5			2
TOTAL	157			40	52/39	52/42	53/36	19 (16.2%)	11 (9.4%)	20 (17.1%)	67 (57.3%)	12		16

	Friday				Saturday				Sunday			
	Parishioners	Arm.Org.	Church Org.	Other	Parishioners	Arm.Org.	Church Org.	Other	Parishioners	Arm.Org.	Church Org.	Other
Jan. 1978			1					4		1		
Feb. 1978	1		1					2			1	
Mar. 1978				3		1		3	2	1	1	1
Apr. 1978				3				3	1		2	1
May 1978			2	2			1	3	1	1	1	2
June 1978				5	1			1	1	3		
6 MONTHS	1		4	10	1	1	1	14	4	6	4	1
July 1978	1		1	2	2			3	1		1	1
Aug. 1978				3	1			3	1		1	2
Sept 1978				5	1	1		3	3	1		
Oct. 1978				4	1			3			1	3
Nov. 1978			1	3		1		2	2	1	1	
Dec. 1978				4	1			1			2	
TOTAL	2		6	31	7	3	4	28	11	8	10	7

BINGO REPORT

For the sixth year a dedicated group of parishioners, under the chairmanship of Vahe Papelian, has continued to work on the Bingo Program. Every Thursday of the year two to three hundred persons attend the excellent Bingo game offered by St. John's. The executive committee of the Bingo consists of: Vahe Papelian, Arthur Boudakian, Tom Hanesian and Sooran Yavruian.

The following people work at Bingo regularly: Paul Bazigian, Emma Hovsepien, Sarah Paklaian, Anoush Papelian., Sona Yavruian, and Judy Yousoufian.

The following people work at least once a month: John Bahadurian, Nora Baylerian, Emma Betrosian, Rose Boudakian, Anjel Brown, Mary Cholmakjian, Nick Evarian, Lucy Fundukian, Judy Hovnan, Mary Ann Karakashian, Andrew Kasper, Arthur Mardigian, Donna Marina, Norman Messelian, Solange Messelian, Sark Samarian, Lucille Sherman, Dick Tafraian, Sue Tafraian, Harry Tokatlian, Ashod Torosian, Isabelle Vahratian, Dick Vahratian, Ida Varadian, and Rose Yessaian.

The Pastor and Parish Council are grateful to these dedicated parishioners who, year after year, give of their time to make this fund raising program a huge success.

MICHAEL J. STONE LECTURE

St. John's Armenian Church and the AGBU Alex Manoogian Cultural Fund co-sponsored a slide illustrated lecture on the "Treasures of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem", on February 27, 1978.

Dr. Michael J. Stone, noted professor and scholar, from the University of Jerusalem, was the guest lecturer. Dr. Stone's enlightening presentation included color slides of the Patriarchate's collection of Armenian manuscripts.

More than two hundred persons attended the lecture.

TREASURES OF THE ARMENIAN PATRIARCHATE OF JERUSALEM

A slide presentation by Father Paren Avedikian on the Treasures of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem took place on Wednesday, March 15 at the Church Cultural Hall.

Father Paren introduced the interesting history of Armenian Jerusalem as background for his slides.

The audience of 300 appreciated the opportunity to see the Treasures of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

MARTYRS' DAY OBSERVANCE

Sunday, April 23, over 600 parishioners attended the commemoration of the 63rd Anniversary of the Armenian massacres. Local television stations filmed parts of the Church Service and interviewed some Parish Council members.

The Madagh dinner which was served following Church Services was prepared by Mrs. Araxie Hoogasian and her committee from the Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. Victoria Zamanigian and her committee from the Women's Guild and George Mashlakjian and Edward Jizmejjan. The dinner was served by the members of the A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors, and A.C.Y.O. Juniors, Project Youth.

Guest speaker was Dr. Ronald G. Suny, Visiting Professor of History at University of Michigan.

76th DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

The 76th Diocesan Assembly was hosted by Detroit the first week in May. Mr. Martin Apkarian, Chairman, and his committee planned for months, leaving no stone unturned, to make this a memorable occasion for all.

Thursday, May 4, the Day of Ascension of Our Lord, Church Services were held at St. John's Church with assistance of two visiting clergymen from Etchmiadsin, Very Reverend Father Anania Arabajian and Reverend Father Hovsep Hagopian. The Ladies' Auxiliary prepared lunch for all clergy and out-of-towners. Thursday evening the Women's Guild planned a buffet and program in conjunction with the 80th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese.

Friday, May 5, the Mr. & Mrs. Society served lunch following the morning session of the Assembly. That evening the Men's Society prepared dinner to a capacity crowd. The evening's entertainment was the presentation of the Heritage Costume Collection which left everyone completely awed.

Saturday's luncheon was the responsibility of the Komitas Choir. Saturday evening's banquet was the climax of the Assembly Weekend.

Sunday, May 7, following the Divine Liturgy celebrated by His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate, the Ladies' Auxiliary served lunch. Dr. Ronald Suny and Professor David Marshall Lang spoke to a capacity crowd. St. John's provided transportation for our guests continuously throughout the entire weekend.

We would like to thank all chairmen, committee members, and parishioners, who participated and assisted in making this 76th Diocesan Assembly a fruitful one, and one which will not be forgotten.

TEA FOR FRANK BARTHOLOMEW

Mr. Frank Bartholomew, St. John's Property Manager for the last 17 years, was honored at a Tea given by the Parish Council on Sunday, June 18, 1978.

Mr. Bartholomew, who attended with his family, was presented a watch and monetary gift in appreciation for his devoted service to the Church throughout the seventeen years.

CHURCH PICNIC

The nineteenth Annual Church Picnic held on Sunday, July 16, on the Church grounds was another successful project of St. John's Armenian Church.

The picnic was co-chaired by Souren Keolelian and Tom Hanesian who with the help of their committee prepared for over 1,500 people. Our parishioners enjoyed the well planned event.

BANQUET IN HONOR OF THE MOST REVEREND ARCHBISHOP SION MANOOGIAN

St. John's Armenian Church tendered a banquet in honor of His Grace, The Most Reverend Archbishop Sion Manoogian on Tuesday, September 19, 1978, which was attended by 400 parishioners and friends.

His Grace was invited by His Holiness, Vazken I, Catholicos of All Armenians, to serve in Holy Etchmiadsin.

His Grace had decided "to return home" after residing in Detroit for approximately twelve years.

Mr. Richard Apkarian was the chairman of the banquet.

AMBASSADOR SET MOMJIAN

Ambassador Set Momjian, the first Armenian to be appointed to the rank of Ambassador by a President of the United States, was the guest of St. John's Armenian Church on Sunday, October 29, 1978. Following the Church Services a breakfast was hosted by St. John's Armenian Church School and Parish Council. Mr. Richard Apkarian, Parish Council member, was master of ceremonies introducing Ambassador Momjian to over 500 parishioners gathered to welcome the Ambassador to St. John's.

HACHIG KAZARIAN LECTURE

On October 30, 1978, St. John's Armenian Church sponsored a lecture entitled "Armenian Music -- Does it Really Exist."

Mr. Kazarian, noted musician and instructor, was the guest lecturer. He illustrated a very informative and interesting presentation with slides and recordings.

More than two hundred persons attended the lecture.

CHURCH BAZAAR

This year's Bazaar had some new ideas that were enjoyed by young and old alike. The fine arts exhibit at the A.G.B.U. Alex Manoogian School Building, which displayed Armenian artists' paintings from Armenia, U.S.A., Canada and Europe, was artistically and financially a huge success and realized over \$40,000 in sales.

The New Sponsors Committee presented the \$30,000 raffle with a \$19,500 profit. The Saturday Night Disco at the Veterans Building was a winner. The oriental rug sale brought in over \$11,000 . . . a first. The Talent Show Sunday afternoon with the participation of our children was a delight. The old tread and true areas of the Bazaar, bakery, Armenian delicacies, shish kebab dinners, boutique, ice cream parlor, collectors corner, fortune telling, gold jewelry, games, country store, hye bar, movies, plants, paklava contest, dance contest, tavloo tournament, Armenian dancing, and bookstore helped make this the highest volume sales event.

The Church Bazaar is one of the biggest projects to be undertaken by our parish and involves a tremendous amount of work and requires the full cooperation of various Church Auxiliary Organizations. The rewards of being a part of such an undertaking are inherent in its results. Those who worked towards the success of Bazaar 1978 undoubtedly not only reaped these rewards but also helped to enhance a stronger bond of fellowship among parishioners.

The "something for everyone" Bazaar true to its name, delivered what it promised and helped to create a new self image of our Church community.

The Pastor and Parish Council wish to extend their congratulations and appreciation to Mr. Jack Kazanjian, General Chairman and to every person of the Bazaar Committee who worked so diligently to make this year's Bazaar a great success.

THE VISIT OF HIS BEATITUDE PATRIARCH OF TURKEY

St. John's was honored to receive a visit from His Beatitude, Archbishop Shnork Kaloustian, Patriarch of Turkey, accompanied by his Staffbearer, Reverend Father Vahram Hazarian, from November 17 to 21, 1978. His Beatitude was on a fund raising tour of North America. On Sunday, November 19, His Beatitude was the Celebrant and Preacher at St. John's. On Monday, November 20th a Banquet was given in his honor, co-chaired by Messrs Arthur Mardigian and Souren Keolelian. During the Banquet \$40,000 was raised as donations to the needy Armenians of Turkey, and a few pledges were received for the long range needs of the Armenian Patriarchate of Turkey.

MADRIGAL SOCIETY CONCERT

On Sunday, December 3, 1978, St. John's Armenian Church and the Madrigal Society co-sponsored the latter group's Christmas Concert in the sanctuary of St. John's.

The Madrigal Society presented a two part concert; the first portion consisted of hymns of the Armenian Church and the second classical Christmas hymns and songs.

More than four hundred people attended this unique program.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER

This year St. John's New Year's Eve Dinner Dance was capably chaired by Mrs. Eve Ezmerlian who was assisted by a committee from the Mr. & Mrs. Society for decorations and effects. Five hundred parishioners and friends attended this well planned affair, which turned out to be a gourmet's delight.

IN APPRECIATION

The Pastor and Parish Council extend their appreciation 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 Project's 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.

1978 DIOCESAN DELEGATES REPORT

The 76th Annual Assembly of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America took place on May 4, 5, 6, 1978, at St. John's Armenian Church of Greater Detroit in Southfield, Michigan with a total of 174 registered clergy and delegates present.

St. John's was represented by the following delegation: Pastor: The Very Reverend Father Paren Avedikian, Diocesan Delegates: Martin Apkarian, Sooren Gozmanian, Ara Haig, Mihran Hoplamazian, Simon Javizian, Edward Korkoian, Daniel Shahan and Parish Council Chairman Arthur S. Mardigian.

The Assembly was presided over by His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Diocesan Primate. Two guest clergy from Holy Etchmiadsin were present, Very Reverend Father Anania Arabajian and Reverend Father Hovsep Hagopian. Mr. Kachador N. Kazarian (Providence, R.I.) was elected as Assembly Chairman.

SIGNIFICANT ASSEMBLY ACTIONS

1. His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian was re-elected as Primate of the Diocese by an overwhelming majority.
2. Edward Berberian (Watertown, Mass.) was elected to the Diocesan Board of Trustees for a 10 year term. George Dabagian (Fairlawn, N.J.) was elected to serve out the unexpired 6 year term of the late Haik Kavookjian on the Diocesan Board of Trustees.
3. Martin Apkarian and Simon Javizian were elected to serve on the Diocesan Proposals Committee.
4. Approved, for the second time, Reverend Father Arten Ashjian's proposal to amend Article 14 to elect officers of the Annual Parish Assembly from a slate submitted by

the Nominating Committee.

5. Defeated a proposal from Church of Our Saviour (Worcester, Mass.) to amend Article 14 limiting the maximum number of consecutive terms of a Diocesan Delegate.
6. Approved, for the first time, a proposal from Church of Our Saviour (Worcester, Mass.) to amend Article 14 limiting a Nominating Committee member's number of consecutive terms to a maximum of 2 terms, and after the interim of one year, may be eligible for election again to the Nominating Committee.
7. Defeated a proposal from St. John's (Southfield, MI) to amend Article 54 to increase the maximum number of Diocesan Delegates from a parish to 10.
8. Defeated a series of proposals from St. John's (Southfield, MI) to amend Articles 17, 33, 39, 40, 41 and 86, relating to the assignment of Parish priests.
9. Defeated a proposal from St. John's (Southfield, MI) to amend Article 61 allowing representation of a parish at the Diocesan Assembly provided that their Diocesan assessments are current through the previous calendar year and allowing special consideration for hardship cases.
10. Defeated a proposal from St. John's (Southfield, MI) to amend Articles 65 and 77 changing the term of office of the Primate to a life term, or until the age of 70, whichever occurs first, and providing a method for termination of the term if the Primate should be unable to execute the responsibilities of the office.
11. Defeated a proposal submitted by Holy Martyrs (Bayside, N.Y.) and St. James (Watertown, Mass.) to submit to the Diocesan Delegates the budget two months before the Diocesan Assembly.
12. Defeated a proposal by St. James (Watertown, Mass.) requiring the Diocesan Council to remain within the budgetary line items of the budget.
13. Approved a proposal by St. James (Watertown, Mass.) to correlate the Annual Statement of Income and Expenditures of the General Fund with the Annual Budget and reflect each other's line item format.
14. Defeated a proposal by St. Gregory of Narek (Cleveland, O) to have the Diocesan Council consider re-adjustment of Diocesan assessments of the smaller parishes in order to make the parish obligation less burdensome.
15. Defeated a proposal by St. Sarkis (Niagara Falls, N.Y.) to discontinue efforts to institute a sub-diocese and, instead, establish the office of Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese.
16. Approved a proposal by St. Gregory The Illuminator (N.Y.C) to not allow any candidate for election in the Diocesan Assembly to display or distribute campaign paraphernalia in or near the assembly hall during the assembly weekend.
17. Defeated a proposal by St. Peter's (Watervliet, N.Y.) that all donations given to the clergy for home visitations, christenings and funerals be credited to the church treasury, provided that the church meets the Diocesan Assembly's recommended schedule of stipends to benefits.
18. Defeated a proposal by St. James (Watertown, Mass.) directing the Diocesan Proposals Committee to draft amendments whereby elected Diocesan Delegates may not serve concurrently on the Parish Council.
19. Approved a proposal by St. James (Watertown, Mass.) to interpret Diocesan By-Law 61 (A) to mean that the Diocesan Assembly will consider only those resolutions that have been duly adopted by a Parish Assembly or by a Parish Council in meeting with its Diocesan Delegates.
20. Approved a proposal from St. Thomas (Tenafly, N.J.) to appoint a committee to develop a plan for creating a Cathedral Council which will be responsible for providing for the financial needs of the Cathedral and Center; said plan is to be

presented to 1979 Assembly.

21. Received reports from and financially supported as line items in the Annual Budget the continuation of the activities of: Council for Religious Education, Council for Armenian Schools, A.C.Y.O.A., Choir Association, Primate's Legate in Washington, D.C., Primate's Vicar in Canada.
22. Approved to amend the Major Medical Insurance for Diocesan Clergy and Employees to be a \$100 deductible plan with 20% -80% co-insurance on the next \$900, effective October 1, 1978.
23. Diocesan Council reported that our position for unity was set forth in a proposal to the separated brethren. Our committee is awaiting a reply to that proposal. The decision for a joint Martyrs' Day commemoration in 1979 is contingent upon a mutual agreement on the revised by-laws by February 1, 1979.
24. Aid to retired clergymen, 65 years of age and over is provided for in the budget.
25. Expressed sincere gratitude to St. John's Armenian Church of Greater Detroit, its Pastor The Very Reverend Father Paren Avedikian, the Assembly Committee, Parish Council, all church auxiliary organizations, parishioners, A.G.B.U. Alex Manoogian School students, and all other individuals who graciously entertained and hosted the Assembly with their warm hospitality.
26. Accepted the joint invitation of St. Gregory the Illuminator (Haverhill, Mass.), Holy Cross (Lawrence, Mass.) and St. Vartanantz (Chelmsford, Mass.) to host the 77th Annual Diocesan Assembly in Merrimac Valley on May 3, 4, 5, and 6, 1979.



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Dear Parishioners:

1978 was a rather quiet year for the Armenian Apostolic Society. The books we have been waiting for patiently for several years, however, were completed. Though they took a great deal of time, I must say they are beautiful. We are a little disappointed, however, that more of the parishioners have not purchased one. It seems to me that each home should have a book on the history of St. John's Armenian Church and the Detroit Armenian community.

We have been doing a lot of preliminary work in regard to enlarging and improving our cultural building. Our plans are to increase substantially the size of our hall, revise and improve our offices, enlarge our library, add a museum, recondition and update our kitchen facilities, and a number of other minor improvements. As our plans become more finalized, we will inform you and keep you aware of our progress.

I would like to extend to all the parishioners, in behalf of the Armenian Apostolic Society, all the best to you and yours for 1979.

Sincerely,

Edward Mardigian
President

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STATISTICAL REPORTS OF CHURCH AUXILIARIES

LADIES' AUXILIARY

- Chairman: Mrs. Lusadsin Kazanjian
 Membership: 214
 Meetings: 10
 Main Activities: Armenian Christmas Observance, Vartanantz and Paregentan Celebration, Michink and Armenian Women Saints' Day Observance, Maundy Thursday Communion and Luncheon, Hampartzoom Day and Luncheon, and visit to Old age Home. The Ladies' Auxiliary also assisted in the following Church functions: Prepared Thursday and Sunday Luncheon for the Diocesan Assembly, participated in the Martyrs Day Observance, Church Picnic, Church Bazaar. The Ladies' Auxiliary also prepares the Mas throughout the year.
- Remarks: In 1978, the Ladies' Auxiliary transferred \$13,000 to the Church as the donation of our organization to the forthcoming expansion project. Again this year the attendance at our monthly luncheons and meetings has been very good, but in order to maintain the vitality of our organization we are in need of younger members.

WOMEN'S GUILD

- Chairman: Mrs. Isabelle Vahratian
 Membership: 189
 Meetings: 9
 Main Activities: Armenian Women Saints' Day Observance, Church School Communion Breakfast, Mother-Daughter Banquet, Membership Dinner, Annual Dinner Dance, Christmas Dinner, Southfield Church Women United, Old Age Home monthly visits.
 The Women's Guild also participated in the following Church projects and programs: Martyrs Day Dinner, 76th Diocesan Assembly, Thursday Night Buffet, Diocesan Assembly, Women's Guild Conference, Church Picnic, Church Bazaar - in the areas of Continental Bakery and Boutique. The Women's Guild also packages the Mas throughout the year.
- Highlights: 1978 was the 40th anniversary of the Women's Guild. We honored the 40 year members and past chairmen, along with the installation of our new members.
- Remarks: In 1978, the Women's Guild transferred \$12,000 to the Church as the donation of our organization to the forthcoming expansion project. As more of our members found full or part time employment, the need for increased membership and new blood is of vital importance to maintain the quality of our organization in the manner to which we are accustomed, and to alleviate the burden of our responsibilities to our Church by sharing them with new and willing members.

MEN'S SOCIETY

- Chairman: Mr. Charles Takessian
 Membership: 116
 Meetings: 10
 Main Activities: Church School Christmas Communion Breakfast, Bowling Party, Tavloo Tournament, 3rd Annual Khunjooyk/Festival, Annual New Year's Eve Raffle. The Men's Society also assisted in the following Church functions: The 76th Diocesan Assembly, hosting the Friday evening Dinner, Church Picnic and the Church Bazaar.
- 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. The men of all ages of our parish are encouraged to join the Men's Society in order to make the Organization more active and vigorous. In 1978, the Men's Society transferred \$8,000 to the Church as the donation of our organization to the forthcoming expansion project.

MR. AND MRS. SOCIETY

- Chairman: Mrs. Pam Dayinian
 Membership: 29 Couples
 Meetings: 2
 Main Activities: Installation of Officers, Family Winter Outing, Membership Drive - Fondue Party, Tennis Party, Dinner and Theater Outing, Disco Party, Pool Party, Family Picnic, Stroh's Brewery Tour, Square Dance, Election & Dinner Meeting, Adult Christmas Party, Children's Christmas Party.
- Remarks: The Mr. & Mrs. Society is an organization to promote fellowship and friendship among newly married and young families of our Church. Our activities are based on the interests of our members many of which are family oriented activities. The organization is always open to welcome new members.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA SENIORS

- Chairman: Miss Nancy Malkasian
 Membership: 135
 Meetings: 28
 Activities: Visits to the Home for the Aged, Annual Church Picnic, Bazaar Ice Cream Booth and Concession Stand, Five Bake Sales, Camp Dearborn Picnics on Memorial Day and July 4th, Annual Lamb Roast, Activities' Nights, Bingo Refreshment Stand (weekly), Membership Parties, Summer Studies Program, Sponsor and participation in Men's and Women's Softball and Basketball Leagues, Annual November Dance, Annual Christmas Party, Annual Christmas Eve Service and Refreshments, Ice Skating Party, Weekend Trips (Chicago and New York).
 Participated in Regional Meeting held in Chicago, assisted in Martyrs'

Day Observance Dinner, Four cooking classes of Armenian foods, host of chairmans roundtable meeting held in conjunction with the Diocesan Assembly. Both men and women participated in the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament held in New York, Bowling, Bowling Banquet, First Annual Summer Dance, Canoe Trip, participated in the General Assembly and Sports Weekend held in Providence, R.I., Halloween Party.

Future Projects: Participate in Assumption Service, more programs, regional meetings, cooking classes.

Remarks: 1978 was again a very rewarding year for the seniors. This was the first year the women have been able to compete in the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament and our girls brought home the trophy. Our cooking classes, which were started this year have turned out to be a success. Both men and women have learned how to make some beautiful Armenian dishes which we now will be able to carry on. We would like to give a special thank you to all the mothers who helped to make our cooking classes possible. This year we are proud to say that the Detroit Chapter of the A.C.Y.O.A. was honored the "A" Award at the Annual Assembly held in Providence, Rhode Island. This award is given out every year to the most outstanding chapter in the Eastern Diocese. We would like to thank Fr. Paren Avedikian, Parish Council members, the Church Secretaries, Helen Armoudlian, Rose Boudakian, and Lucy Ardash, and the Executive Body, and all the members of the A.C.Y.O.A. for helping to make this award possible for our Chapter. It is through the help, support and guidance of the above that makes us what we are today. It is an award that everyone in our community should be proud of.

In 1978, the A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors transferred \$12,000 to the Church as the donation of our organization to the forthcoming expansion project. This donation consists of \$8,412.30 from our general funds and \$3,587.70 from funds held in escrow for expansion purposes which our organization had set aside in 1971 from its profits at the Second Annual Sports Weekend.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION - JUNIORS PROJECT YOUTH

Chairman: Miss Kathy Terzian

Membership: 35

Meetings: 7

Main Activities: Visit to the Old Age Home, Christmas Party, Winter Retreat, Lenten Fish Dinners, Summer Disco Dance, Halloween Party, We also helped at the Martyrs' Day Observance, Church Picnic, and the Church Bazaar.

Future Projects: We intend to have a membership drive and continue our annual projects.

Remarks: In 1978, the A.C.Y.O. Juniors transferred \$4,000 to the Church as the donation of our organization to the forthcoming expansion project.

KOMITAS CHOIR

- Chairman: Mrs. Violet Cholakian
 Membership: 40
 Meetings: 3
 Main Activities: 76th Diocesan Assembly Saturday Luncheon, Sponsorship of a Choir member to the St. Nerses Summer Studies Program, Participation in Church Picnic, Summer Pool Party, Participation in annual Choir Assembly, Annual Christmas Party.
 Future Projects: New Choir robes, membership drive, establishment of a music committee.
 Remarks: We are currently learning the complete Komitas Badarak and non-Armenian sacred music. We are also continuing to sell the Divine Liturgy record albums.
 In 1978, the Komitas Choir transferred \$4,000 to the Church as the donation of our organization to the forthcoming expansion project.

LIBRARY GUILD

- Chairman: Mr. Fred Demirjian
 Membership: 18
 Meetings: 3
 Activities: Cataloging of books

ALTAR GUILD

- Chairman: Mrs. Lucille Jivelegian
 Membership: 5
 Main Activities: Sewing a new set of Altar Cloths, general sewing, maintaining and repairing of all Church vestments.
 We express our appreciation to Mrs. Sylvia Bjornstad, and Mr. John Semizian, who graciously dry cleaned the vestments and the Altar Cloths of our Church throughout the year.
 Future Project: Sewing new sets of celebrants' vestments, and new sets of choir robes.

SENIOR RETIRED MEMBERS

- Chairman: Mr. Armen Jivelegian
 Membership: 51
 Meeting Days: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
 Main Activities: Christmas Party, Dinner taken to the Old Age Home, several Shish Kebab Parties for members.
 Senior Retired Members made a donation of \$100.00 to St. John's Armenian Church.

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL

- Superintendent: Father Paren Avedikian
 Enrollment: 360
 Board & Staff: 65
 Classrooms: 28
 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 C.R.E. Workshop at Diocesan Assembly, 30th Anniversary Celebration and Reunion Tea, Lenten Breakfast, Graduation Exercises and Set Momjian Brunch, and Election Day Bake Sale.

- Curriculum:** The Holy Scripture, Divine Liturgy, Armenian History, Armenian Church History, and Armenian conversation class in Kindergarten.
- Remarks:** This year the Church School has sponsored a new opportunity of learning by offering Adult Church School Classes to interested adults of our parish, held on Monday evenings. Another addition is our expanded Nursery Center for 1 & 2 year olds, on Sunday mornings thus giving the opportunity to the parents of these children to worship at the Church or to offer their services in areas needed on Sunday mornings.
- Highlights:** The Church School celebrated its 30th Anniversary with a Reunion Tea inviting over 700 graduates and staff members, past and present to participate on Sunday, May 14, 1978. Father Paren Avedikian is the Superintendent of the Church School. Board Members are as follows: Rosemary Hoplamagian, Assistant Superintendent; Estelle Barsamian, Board Secretary; Richard Vahratian, Treasurer; Aralynn Mardirosian, Assistant Treasurer; Harry Derderian, Senior Department Supervisor; Victoria Reizian, Junior Department Supervisor; Araxie Choukourian, Primary Department Supervisor - In charge of teachers; Lucy Ardash, Primary Department Supervisor - In charge of students and Torch Bearer Reporter; Alice Semizian, Kindergarten Department Supervisor - In charge of teachers and Pre-Kindergarten Center; Louise Kushigian, Kindergarten Department Supervisor - In charge of students; Agnes Tokatlian, Educational Advisor; Mildred Jingoian, Educational Advisor; Margaret Gozmanian, Gary Reizian, Alice Terzian, Advisors; and Richard Apkarian, Parish Council Liaison Officer.
- In 1978, the Church School transferred \$8,000 to the Church as the donation of our School to the forthcoming expansion project.

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL

- Principal:** Father Paren Avedikian
Enrollment: 37
Staff Members: 3
Classrooms: 8
School Hours: Saturday 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
 Sunday 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Annual Activities: Dance performances at the Manoogian Manor, and in various school, community and organizational Folk Fairs, Festivals and Khunjoojks. Coordination and participation in Armenian School Teacher's Conference held at St. John's in connection with the Diocesan Assembly. School Closing Program.

ARMENIAN COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL

Director: Mrs. Fran Hagopian
Enrollment: 17
Staff Members: 1
Classrooms: 2
School Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Annual Affair: Card and stationery sale, Christmas Cookie bake sale
Curriculum: Semi-structured play activities, directed art and craft activities, perceptual activities (e.g. puzzles, color matching, shape discrimination)

ARMENIAN GOBBETT & NURSERY SCHOOL

The school was founded in 1870 by the late Mr. G. G. Gobbett, a distinguished merchant and philanthropist, who bequeathed the property to the Armenians for the purpose of establishing a school for the education of the children of the community. The school was opened in 1871 and has since that time been a source of pride and credit to the community. It has been the scene of many noble deeds and has produced many distinguished men and women. The school is now under the management of the Armenians and is a model of efficiency and excellence. The school is a day school and is open to all children of the community, regardless of their religious or social position. The school is a member of the National Education Association and is affiliated with the Armenian Community of the United States. The school is a source of pride and credit to the community and is a model of efficiency and excellence.

CALOUSTY GULBENKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL

The school was founded in 1900 by the late Mr. Calousty Gulbenkian, a distinguished merchant and philanthropist, who bequeathed the property to the Armenians for the purpose of establishing a school for the education of the children of the community. The school was opened in 1901 and has since that time been a source of pride and credit to the community. It has been the scene of many noble deeds and has produced many distinguished men and women. The school is now under the management of the Armenians and is a model of efficiency and excellence. The school is a day school and is open to all children of the community, regardless of their religious or social position. The school is a member of the National Education Association and is affiliated with the Armenian Community of the United States. The school is a source of pride and credit to the community and is a model of efficiency and excellence.

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

December 31, 1978

EXHIBIT - A

ASSETS

Cash (including savings accounts of \$391,934)	\$ 443,414
Secured loans receivable	24,500
Accounts receivable - church organizations	271
Prepaid expenses	1,948
Bequest retained as investment - vacant land located in Sterling Township, at 12/31/63 market value	10,000
Residence - at cost	<u>60,000</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u>540,133</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

LIABILITIES:

Hall rental deposits	\$ 24,185
Due Armenian Apostolic Society	20,500
Payroll taxes	2,440
Service Funds	7,948
Social Concern Fund	779
Deferred pledge income	346
Mortgage payable - residence	<u>23,336</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ <u>79,534</u>

FUND BALANCE:

Unappropriated fund balance:	
Balance at December 31, 1977	\$ 195,708
Excess of receipts over disbursements - year ended December 31, 1978 - Exhibit B	<u>168,569</u>
Balance at December 31, 1978	\$ <u>364,277</u>
Appropriated for building maintenance:	
Balance at December 31, 1977, as adjusted	\$ 69,000
Receipts from "in lieu of flowers," less \$20,500 due Armenian Apostolic Society	20,500
Special 1978 pledge increase	10,000
Other funds received - Armenian Apostolic Society	14,409
Beginning balance and 1978 additions	\$ <u>113,909</u>
Less disbursed for building maintenance in 1978	<u>17,587</u>
Balance at December 31, 1978	\$ <u>96,322</u>
Total Fund Balance	\$ <u>460,599</u>

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$ 540,133

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, 1978

EXHIBIT - B

	Actual 1977	Actual 1978	Budget 1978	Over (Under) Budget 1978	Budget 1979
RECEIPTS:					
Pledges	\$107,553	\$105,184	\$109,000	\$ (3,816)	\$125,000
Special 1978 pledge increase	-	10,000	-	10,000	-
Bazaar - net	33,990	56,202	25,000	31,202	45,000
Plates and candles	9,716	11,002	10,000	1,002	12,017
Hokehankist (Requiem)	8,940	8,786	8,000	786	9,500
Gifts and bequests	7,571	5,565	4,000	1,565	5,000
Sacraments	2,680	4,180	2,000	2,180	4,000
Yughakin offerings	3,460	3,231	3,500	(269)	4,000
Picnic - net	3,904	3,953	3,500	453	4,000
New Year's Eve - net	2,723	3,233	3,000	233	4,000
Bookstore - net	6,176	2,473	1,000	1,473	2,000
Contributions-Church Aux.	-	61,000	-	61,000	-
Special events - net	(2,598)	1,222	2,000	(778)	3,000
Rentals-church organizations	6,000	6,000	6,250	(250)	6,250
Rentals-other organizations	1,850	1,500	2,400	(900)	2,400
Building Operation - net, see Exhibit C	100,154	136,363	100,000	36,363	125,000
Bingo Program - net, see Exhibit D	74,753	66,265	69,842	(3,577)	65,000
Clergy service - net	546	-	-	-	-
Athletic-special fund	1,502	945	-	945	-
Torch Bearer publication	1,898	1,940	2,000	(60)	3,000
Interest income	14,734	19,774	7,500	12,274	20,000
Miscellaneous	112	1,907	-	1,907	1,000
Total Receipts	<u>\$385,664</u>	<u>\$510,725</u>	<u>\$358,992</u>	<u>\$ 151,733</u>	<u>\$440,167</u>

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	Actual 1977	Actual 1978	Budget 1978	Over (Under) Budget 1978	Budget 1978
EXPENDITURES:					
Operations manager	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,500	\$ (22,500)	\$ 25,000
Clergy stipend & allowance	52,266	24,310	43,144	(18,834)	56,600
Salaries-office	21,180	24,270	23,980	290	26,450
Salaries-building maintenance	50,868	55,674	51,378	4,296	60,117
Salaries-church	4,680	5,810	5,640	170	6,060
Payroll taxes	3,357	5,158	6,000	(842)	8,600
Employee benefits	9,353	5,804	9,000	(3,196)	11,000
Automobile expenses	1,273	998	1,500	(502)	1,500
Torch Bearer	3,288	3,697	3,500	197	4,000
Service awards	662	522	1,000	(478)	1,000
Supplies-church	3,775	2,608	3,500	(892)	4,000
Printing	1,006	1,317	1,500	(183)	1,500
Office supplies & expense	2,307	5,274	2,000	3,274	4,000
Postage & freight	2,921	3,151	2,700	451	3,000
Telephone	2,434	3,087	3,000	87	4,000
Advertising	1,414	642	1,000	(358)	1,000
Contributions	1,421	2,142	2,000	142	3,000
Diocesan assessment	33,739	36,883	40,000	(3,117)	36,000
Etchmiadzin dues	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Visiting clergy expense	1,017	2,148	1,000	1,148	1,500
Travel	1,201	1,302	500	802	2,500
Insurance	9,996	13,599	12,000	1,599	15,000
Armenian School	925	740	2,000	(1,260)	2,000
Cultural programs - net	(2,646)	(920)	3,000	(3,920)	3,000
Heat	11,418	10,923	14,800	(3,877)	19,000
Light and power	26,312	23,000	26,200	(3,200)	21,000
Water	1,479	859	1,500	(641)	1,500
Building repairs & maintenance	6,948	4,633	7,000	(2,367)	7,000
Grounds maintenance	4,547	3,941	5,500	(1,559)	5,000
Computer services	2,472	2,856	2,400	456	3,000
Building supplies & expense	5,173	11,251	4,000	7,251	8,000
Kitchen supplies	1,512	461	1,000	(539)	1,000
Hall service supplies	10,252	7,971	9,500	(1,529)	9,500
Property tax-vacant land	801	1,035	1,000	35	1,000
Capital improvements	5,365	-	2,000	(2,000)	2,000
Equipment purchases	22,814	16,018	3,500	12,518	4,000
Athletics & Youth Director	3,991	3,962	5,000	(1,038)	10,000
Veterans Building operations-net	-	-	-	-	32,000
Fixture maintenance provision	-	10,000	-	10,000	-
Rental - Veterans Building	6,000	8,000	8,000	-	-
Property security	2,141	2,010	2,250	(240)	2,250
Church artifacts	6,927	14,540	10,000	4,540	10,000
Pledges (1977-1981):					
Istanbul Patriarch	1,000	3,700	1,000	2,700	1,000
Jerusalem Patriarch	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Appropriation-AGBU Alex					
Manoogian School	-	10,000	10,000	-	10,000
Assessment-Diocesan clergy	-	3,409	-	3,409	3,590
Senior Citizens programs-net	-	2,385	-	2,385	4,000
Residence carrying cost-net	-	329	-	329	-
Miscellaneous	308	657	500	157	500
Contingency	-	-	-	-	2,000
Total Contributions	<u>\$327,897</u>	<u>\$342,156</u>	<u>\$358,992</u>	<u>(16,836)</u>	<u>\$440,167</u>
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS					
OVER EXPENDITURES					
	<u>\$ 57,767</u>	<u>\$168,569</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 168,569</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT
 OPERATING FUND-BUILDING OPERATION
 Year Ending December 31, 1978

EXHIBIT - C

REVENUES		\$ 341,854
EXPENSES		
Catering		\$ 178,588
Sales tax		6,823
Bartenders and bar girls		11,612
Mix supplies		3,371
Equipment rental		362
Checkroom labor		494
Dishwashers		466
Advertising		2,492
All other		1,283
	Total Expenses	<u>\$ 205,491</u>
NET REVENUES		<u>\$ 136,363</u>

EXHIBIT - D

BINGO OPERATION
 Year Ended December 31, 1978

REVENUES		\$ 165,057
EXPENSES		
Prizes		\$ 95,721
Supplies		1,869
Advertising		163
Licenses		105
Security		934
	Total Expenses	<u>\$ 98,792</u>
NET REVENUES		<u>\$ 66,265</u>

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT
 IN LIEU OF FLOWERS ACCOUNT
 December 1, 1977-November 30, 1978

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Donated to St. John's</u>	<u>Others</u>	
Agnes Noraian	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	B
Poupoula Sarafian	40.00	40.00		
Jack Kevonian	10.00	10.00		
John Shouligian	105.00	53.00	52.00	N
Vartouhy Vahratian	305.00	305.00		
John V. Kayabalian	2,343.00	1,843.00	500.00	B
Alice Mnagian	540.00	540.00		
Keshmo Eghazarian	60.00	60.00		
Marie Kupeyan	200.00	200.00		
Arroussiag Sarkissian	30.00	30.00		
Barkev Javizian	3,352.00	3,352.00		
Richard Zaratzian	365.00	365.00		
Lucy Kachigian	800.00	800.00		
Gladys Zaratzian	50.00	50.00		
Kachadoor DerPilibosian	1,675.00	838.00	837.00	C
Queenie Nagohosian	596.00	596.00		
Nishan Krikorian	190.00	95.00	95.00	I
Santought Mezigian	60.00	60.00		
Carl Bahadurian	7,410.00	3,706.00	3,704.00	B
Haig Vartanian	75.00	75.00		
Krikor Kasparian	60.00	30.00	30.00	I
Garbis Alatchanian	380.00	191.00	189.00	K
Peruz Melikian	765.00	675.00	90.00	F
Vergin Yesayian	1,040.00	261.00	779.00	T
Haroutioun Hagopian	1,756.00	434.00	1,322.00	B & P
Charles Boyajian	4,834.00	1,212.00	3,622.00	H & H
Frank Godoshian	30.00	30.00		
Abraham Kerkorian	261.00	261.00		
Zahig Godoshian	205.00	205.00		
John Tabibian	25.00	13.00	12.00	D
Carrie Banirian	140.00	140.00		
Stephan Simonian	3,376.00	1,690.00	1,686.00	B & I
Mary Tamoor	10.00	10.00		
Osgian Apoian	543.00	478.00	65.00	V
Arakel DerBogosian	930.00	800.00	130.00	T
Harry Tashjian	70.00	70.00		
Kay Ohanesian	848.00		848.00	A
Hachadoor Garabedian	1,445.00	1,445.00		
Sam Lachin	400.00	136.00	264.00	L & U
George Babigian	940.00	316.00	624.00	B & M
Marguerite Kalogerson	125.00	125.00		
Sam Miaserian	3,642.00	3,642.00		
Zarouhi Derderian	1,080.00	362.00	718.00	E & L
Sapira Khoudikian	30.00	30.00		

In Lieu of Flowers (Cont'd)

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Oscar Ascanson	745.00	145.00	630.00	B & P
Berj Mamassian	3,291.00	3,291.00		
Veronica Sharistianian Sharifian	68.00	68.00		
Gregory Demirjian	1,461.00	731.00	730.00	Q
Garabed Mshooshian	90.00	90.00		
Haig Jizmezian	3,712.00	1,856.00	1,856.00	L
Surma Elsigian	30.00	30.00		
Apraham Couyoumjian	445.00	445.00		
Violet Kasper	601.00	601.00		
Minas Peler Pehlevanian	328.00	328.00		
Lucy Kakusian	465.00	465.00		
Jack Vartoogian	1,740.00	870.00	870.00	J
Makrouhi Norsesian	841.00	421.00	420.00	C
Stephan Hatchegian	1,789.00	599.00	1,190.00	B & E
Margaret Idaberian	270.00	250.00	20.00	N
Nazenie Zaratzian	637.00	319.00	318.00	S
Parantzy Takessian	653.50	327.50	326.00	R
Kevork Kasparian	559.00	559.00		
Mildred Levitetz	20.00	20.00		
Rudy Keyishian	550.00	550.00		
Louise Dayinian	895.00	895.00		
Hrop Sarkissian	1,494.00	1,494.00		
Khoren Kurkjian	403.00	202.00	201.00	B
Onnig Mardossian	841.00	841.00		
Bedros Androsian	50.00	50.00		
Totals	\$ 63,139.50	\$ 41,001.50	\$22,138.00	

CODE:

- A. Diocese of the Armenian Church
- B. A.G.B.U. Alex Manoogian School
- C. Michigan Home for the Armenian Aged
- D. Armenian General Benevolent Union
- E. Armenian-American Veterans
- F. Pan Sepastia Union
- G. Komitas Choir-St. John's Armenian Church
- H. A.G.B.U. Women's Group
- I. Baikar Press
- J. Shrine Hospital
- K. Eritassard Hayasdan Paper
- L. Evereg-Fenese Society
- M. American Cancer Society
- N. Heart Fund
- P. A.R.S. Day School
- Q. Malatia Association
- R. Visiting Nurse's Association
- S. Cultural Society of Armenians-Istanbul
- T. Armenian Congregational Church
- U. Barret Home
- V. Lraper Press

Audited by: Richard Simonian

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF CHURCH AUXILIARIES

LADIES' AUXILIARY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended November 30, 1978

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1977			
Savings Account-First Federal	\$ 2,823.23		
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	<u>12,217.46</u>		
Total cash in banks			\$ 15,040.69
RECEIPTS			
Gifts	\$ 747.27		
Dues	718.00		
Mas	462.00		
Sale of crosses	10.00		
Vartanantz	2,203.08		
Pictures	36.00		
Michink/Topig Luncheon	1,292.35		
Maundy Thursday	365.26		
Hampartzoom	102.00		
Christmas Luncheon	404.00		
Interest on savings account	<u>654.15</u>		
Total Receipts			<u>\$ 6,994.11</u>
Total cash to be accounted for			<u>\$ 22,034.80</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
Bazaar	\$ 178.00		
Christmas Luncheon	192.07		
Flowers	132.10		
Christmas Gifts	75.00		
Vartanantz	1,220.00		
Michink/Topig Luncheon	618.23		
Transfer to St. John's Armenian Church	13,000.00		
Rent	2,000.00		
Mas	462.00		
Hampartzoom	192.62		
Maundy Thursday	67.87		
Stamps/Stationery	42.67		
Armenian Radio Hour	54.00		
Pictures	36.00		
Miscellaneous	<u>3.00</u>		
Total Disbursements			<u>\$ 18,273.56</u>
Cash in Banks-November 30, 1978			
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 2,889.63		
Savings Account-First Federal	<u>871.61</u>		
Total cash in banks			<u>\$ 3,761.24</u>
Total cash accounted for			<u>\$ 22,034.80</u>

Audited by: Elizabeth Bozigian

WOMEN'S GUILD
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 Year Ended November 30, 1978

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1977		
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 4,038.43	
Savings Account-Standard Federal Savings	<u>13,796.14</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 17,834.57
RECEIPTS		
Dues	\$ 810.00	
1977 Christmas Dance	1,997.50	
1977 Christmas Dinner	628.00	
Mother-Daughter Banquet	4,191.76	
Michink Luncheon	150.00	
1978 Christmas Dinner Dance	1,920.00	
Membership Dinner	54.60	
Church Women United of Southfield	48.39	
Donations	45.00	
Interest on savings account	<u>734.26</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 10,579.51</u>
Total cash to be accounted for		<u>\$ 28,414.08</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
1977 Christmas Dinner Dance	\$ 4,599.69	
1977 Christmas Dinner	371.73	
Mother-Daughter Banquet	2,534.02	
Bazaar	351.04	
40th Anniversary Membership Dinner	331.07	
Membership Awards	200.00	
Circle meeting expenses	214.31	
Old Age Home	172.08	
Gifts	208.20	
Building rental	2,000.00	
Communion Breakfast	85.00	
1978 Christmas Dinner Dance	297.55	
Transfer to St. John's Armenian Church	12,000.00	
Diocesan Assembly	30.04	
Slide Presentation	162.93	
Church Women United of Southfield	15.66	
Film	60.38	
Postage	41.04	
Office supplies	81.50	
Miscellaneous	<u>6.33</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 23,762.57
Cash in Banks-November 30, 1978		
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 2,421.11	
Savings Account-First Federal	<u>2,230.40</u>	
Total cash in banks		<u>\$ 4,651.51</u>
Total cash accounted for		<u>\$ 28,414.08</u>

Audited by: Elizabeth Bozgian

MEN'S SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 Year Ended November 30, 1978

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		\$ 9,926.44

RECEIPTS

New Year's Eve Raffle (1977)	\$ 1,363.60	
New Year's Eve Raffle (1978)	40.00	
International Festival (1977)	35.00	
Old Fashion Khunjook	2,482.99	
General Body Meeting Dinners	681.10	
Bowling Social	625.00	
Membership Dues	174.00	
50/50 Raffle	18.00	
Interest on Savings Account	<u>342.43</u>	
Total Receipts		\$ 5,762.12

Total cash to be accounted for

\$ 15,688.56

DISBURSEMENTS

Transfer to St. John's Armenian Church	\$ 8,000.00	
Annual Rental	1,000.00	
New Year's Eve Raffle (1977)	624.61	
New Year's Eve Raffle (1978)	112.00	
International Festival (1977)	141.50	
Old Fashion Khunjook (1978)	1,873.40	
General Body Meeting Dinners	844.16	
Bowling Social	625.00	
Postage	213.85	
Dishwashers	104.00	
Blood Bank Drive	21.79	
Church School Communion Pancake Breakfast	188.86	
50/50 Raffle	<u>10.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 13,759.17

Cash in Banks—November 30, 1978

Checking Account—National Bank of Detroit	\$ 1,564.89	
Savings Account—National Bank of Detroit	<u>364.50</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 1,929.39

Total cash accounted for

\$ 15,688.56

Audited by: Albert Mardirosian

MR. & MRS. SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 Year Ended November 30, 1978

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1977			
Savings Account-Manufacturers National	\$	352.00	
Checking Account-Manufacturers National		431.53	
Cash on hand		<u>20.00</u>	
Total cash in banks and on hand			\$ 803.53
RECEIPTS			
1977 dues	\$	20.00	
Interest on savings account		17.91	
1978 dues		290.00	
Children's Christmas Party		.08	
Adult's Christmas Party		132.00	
Fondue Party		36.94	
Tennis Night		345.75	
Disco Party		55.00	
Pool Party		232.50	
Family Picnic		83.25	
Stroh's Night		93.00	
Square Dance		<u>132.00</u>	
Total Receipts			<u>\$ 1,438.43</u>
Total cash to be accounted for			<u>\$ 2,241.96</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
Children's Christmas Party	\$	64.25	
Adult's Christmas Party		202.25	
Tennis Night 1977		9.00	
Gifts		42.53	
Fondue Party		100.00	
February meeting		9.45	
Tennis Night 1978		424.69	
Postage		79.06	
Disco Party		76.84	
Pool Party		196.69	
Family Picnic		88.78	
Stroh's Night		115.00	
Square Dance		110.81	
Membership Dinner Meeting		<u>60.00</u>	
Total Disbursements			\$ 1,579.35
Cash in Banks-November 30, 1978			
Savings Account-Manufacturers National	\$	369.91	
Checking Account-Manufacturers National		<u>292.70</u>	
Total cash in banks			<u>\$ 662.61</u>
Total cash accounted for			<u>\$ 2,241.96</u>

Audited by: Albert Mardirosian

**ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
SENIORS
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

Year Ended November 30, 1978

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		\$ 14,681.97

RECEIPTS

Bingo refreshments	\$ 6,960.70	
Christmas Eve Service-1977	502.16	
Membership Dues	794.50	
Bake Sale	983.05	
Sports Weekend-1977	3,944.05	
Summer Picnics (2)	862.00	
Lamb Roast	1,242.07	
Lamb Roast-Raffle	1,253.00	
Bowling	1,617.79	
Summer Dance	2,026.12	
Canoe Trip	98.00	
November Dance-1978	6,508.00	
Interest on savings accounts	<u>503.39</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 27,294.83</u>

Total cash to be accounted for

\$ 41,976.80

DISBURSEMENTS

Bingo refreshments	\$ 3,197.37	
Christmas Eve refreshments	58.41	
November Dance-1977	1,801.63	
Membership Christmas Party	741.90	
Sports Entry Fees, Booklet Ads, etc.	673.03	
Old Age Home gifts	472.18	
Assistance to needy Armenian families	1,000.00	
Transfer to St. John's Armenian Church	8,412.30	
Church Dues	1,000.00	
Postage	164.11	
Weekend Party	194.47	
Lamb Roast	2,205.48	
Lamb Roast Raffle	552.00	
Bake sale and cooking class	242.54	
Secretarial and telephone	165.63	
Flowers	53.05	
Summer Picnics (2)	1,017.02	
Central Council dues	374.00	
Bowling	1,489.70	
Armenian Study Program Subsidy	1,500.00	
Chicago Weekend Trip	252.10	
New York Basketball Tournament participants expenses	1,848.46	
Delegates-Sports Weekend (Providence)	677.50	
Summer Dance	2,789.90	
November Dance	4,584.32	
Chairmans Round Table	23.61	
Canoe Trip	179.50	

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Bank charges, etc.	\$ 16.11	
Void check-previous year-Central Council	<u>(46.00)</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 35,640.32
Cash in Banks-November 30, 1978		
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 3,110.02	
Savings Account-National Bank of Detroit	<u>3,226.46</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 6,336.48
Total cash accounted for		<u>\$ 41,976.80</u>

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**ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION
JUNIORS-PROJECT YOUTH
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

Year Ended November 30, 1978

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		\$ 5,682.60
RECEIPTS		
Retreat	\$ 550.00	
Lenten Dinners	4,966.00	
Entertainment Books	627.00	
Summer Dance	-278.00	
Interest on savings account	<u>220.51</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 6,641.51</u>
Total cash to be accounted for		<u>\$12,324.11</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Transfer to St. John's Armenian Church	\$ 4,000.00	
Retreats	1,464.25	
Lenten Dinner	3,328.74	
Gift-Old Age Home	100.00	
Summer Dance	302.40	
Entertainment Books	522.00	
Christmas Dance	177.00	
Meeting Luncheons	144.10	
Gifts	<u>80.58</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$10,119.07
Cash in Banks-November 30, 1978		
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 686.88	
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	303.84	
Savings Account-American Federal Savings	<u>1,214.32</u>	
Total cash in banks		<u>\$ 2,205.04</u>
Total cash accounted for		<u>\$12,324.11</u>

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KOMITAS CHOIR
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 Year Ended November 30, 1978

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1977		
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 2,444.64	
Savings Account-Community National -Pontiac	<u>7,140.03</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 9,584.67
RECEIPTS		
Plate collections and donations	\$ 3,251.87	
50th Anniversary Dinner	125.00	
Choir record sales	893.75	
Gomidas Badarak Books	104.00	
Diocesan Luncheon	156.37	
Choir pictures	110.50	
Pool Party	45.00	
Interest on savings account	<u>346.43</u>	
Total Receipts		\$ 5,032.92
Total cash to be accounted for		<u>\$ 14,617.59</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Transfer to St. John's Armenian Church	\$ 4,000.00	
Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America:		
Choir Day plate collection	156.55	
Special Projects donation	250.00	
St. Nerses Summer Conference Registration Fee	125.00	
Delegate expenses-Choir Assembly	300.00	
Diocesan Luncheon	154.47	
Gifts and Flowers	261.15	
Christmas Party	360.35	
Pool Party	139.71	
Choir pictures	97.50	
Badarak books	43.00	
Record expense	7.17	
Miscellaneous Choir expenses	36.37	
Stamps	<u>41.20</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 5,972.47
Cash in Banks-November 30, 1978		
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 1,158.66	
Savings Account-Community National-Pontiac	<u>7,486.46</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 8,645.12
Total cash accounted for		<u>\$ 14,617.59</u>

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LIBRARY GUILD
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 Year Ended November 30, 1978

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		\$ 2,737.17
RECEIPTS		
Interest earned on savings account	\$ 106.00	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 106.00</u>
Total cash to be accounted for		<u>\$ 2,843.17</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
None		
Cash in Banks-November 30, 1978		
Checking Account-Manufacturers Bank of Southfield	\$ 656.57	
Savings Account-Manufacturers Bank of Southfield	<u>2,186.60</u>	
Total cash in banks		<u>\$ 2,843.17</u>
Total cash accounted for		<u>\$ 2,843.17</u>
Audited by: Elizabeth Bozigian		

ALTAR GUILD
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 Year Ended November 30, 1978

CASH IN BANK-NOVEMBER 30, 1977		
Savings Account-Metropolitan Savings	<u>\$ 50.86</u>	
Total cash in bank		\$ 50.86
RECEIPTS		
Gifts	\$ 75.00	
Interest earned	<u>4.70</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 79.70</u>
Total cash to be accounted for		<u>\$ 130.56</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
None		
Cash in Bank-November 30, 1978		
Savings Account-Metropolitan Savings	<u>\$ 130.56</u>	
Total cash in bank		<u>\$ 130.56</u>
Total cash accounted for		<u>\$ 130.56</u>

Audited by: Albert Mardirosian

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended November 30, 1978

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1977		
Savings Account-Standard Federal Savings	\$ 10,823.04	
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	773.59	
* Thomassian Fund Account-Manufacturers National Bank	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 12,596.63

RECEIPTS

Offering:		
Kindergarten	\$ 177.40	
Primary	323.86	
Junior	795.64	
Senior	857.30	
Registration Fee	930.00	
Lenten Offering	452.78	
Easter Offering	264.55	
Christmas Offering	119.25	
Birthday Offering	139.50	
Election Day Bake Sale	611.20	
Pancake and Lenten Breakfasts	904.50	
Christmas Dinner Donations	212.84	
Other Donations	50.00	
Savings Accounts Interest	674.84	
Book and Bible Sales	41.00	
Graduation class gift	95.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>19.00</u>	
Total Receipts		\$ 6,668.66

Total cash to be accounted for \$ 19,265.29

DISBURSEMENTS

Transfer of Funds to Parish Council	\$ 8,000.00	
Instruction Materials	1,289.95	
Mailing and Postage	317.50	
Supplies	821.46	
C.R.E. Conference	218.00	
Lenten Offering Donations to Orphanages in the Middle East	600.00	
** Graduation Breakfast, Awards and Prizes	930.04	
Feet-Washing Contests Prizes	100.00	
Pancake and Lenten Breakfasts	535.51	
Election Day Bake Sale Supplies	157.39	
Christmas Program	102.92	
Christmas Dinner	712.84	
30th Anniversary Tea	150.41	
Graduates Plaque and Name Plates - 21 year period	1,045.90	
Equipment	48.68	
Miscellaneous	<u>35.19</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 15,065.79

Cash in Banks-November 30, 1978

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 1,432.16
Savings Account-Standard Federal Savings	1,767.34
Thomassian Fund Account-Manufacturers National Bank	<u>1,000.00</u>

St. John's Armenian Church School (Cont'd)

Total cash in banks \$ 4,199.50

Total cash accounted for \$19,265.29

* Note: St. John's Armenian Church School has a Certificate of Deposit for \$1,000.00. 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.

** Note: Item includes tuition and transportation to St. Nerses Summer Conference for class valedictorian and salutatorian.

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CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 Year Ended November 30, 1978

CASH IN BANKS—NOVEMBER 30, 1977		
Savings Account—Michigan National Bank	<u>\$ 616.49</u>	\$ 616.49
Total cash in bank		
RECEIPTS		
Church subsidy	\$ 500.00	
Tuition	<u>850.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 1,350.00</u>
Total cash to be accounted for		<u>\$ 1,966.49</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Teacher's salaries	\$ 1,170.00	
Graduation Exercises	124.86	
Office supplies	59.05	
Textbooks	<u>167.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 1,520.91
Cash in Bank—November 30, 1978		
Checking Account—Michigan National	<u>\$ 445.58</u>	
Total cash in bank		<u>\$ 445.58</u>
Total cash accounted for		<u>\$ 1,966.49</u>

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ARMENIAN CO-OPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 Year Ended November 30, 1978

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1977		
Checking Account-Manufacturers Bank	\$ 601.10	
Savings Account-Standard Federal	<u>410.87</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 1,011.97
RECEIPTS		
Tuition	\$ 2,438.64	
Registration	170.00	
Insurance	38.00	
Cookie Bake	557.93	
Stationery sale	388.75	
Interest on savings account	<u>22.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 3,615.32</u>
Total cash to be accounted for		<u>\$ 4,627.29</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
* Salaries	\$ 2,454.42	
Groceries	113.68	
Cookie Bake	181.89	
Stationery Fund	216.40	
Petty equipment	35.48	
Insurance	22.80	
New equipment	60.52	
Dues and subscriptions	14.00	
Equipment repair	62.22	
Melmac plates	15.00	
Postage	<u>3.08</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 3,179.49
Cash in Banks-November 30, 1978		
Checking Account-Manufacturers Bank	\$ 1,014.93	
Savings Account-Standard Federal	<u>432.87</u>	
Total cash in banks		<u>\$ 1,447.80</u>
Total cash accounted for		<u>\$ 4,627.29</u>

* Includes salaries for September, October, November - 1977 = \$666.87

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE - 1978

Alice Derderian
Sooren H. Gozmanian
Simon Javizian

Ashod Torosian
Richard Vahratian

CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(5 to be elected for 1 year)

Guy Amboian
Richard Baylerian
Mary Cholmakjian
Rose Hanesian
Jack Kazanjian

Adam Kazarian
John Nagohosian
Walter Negosian
John Noraian
Margie Simonian

CANDIDATES FOR DIOCESAN DELEGATES

(7 to be elected for 4 year term)

Yervant Azaduab
Martin Cholakian
*Sooren Gozmanian
*Mihran Hoplamazian
Armen Hovnanian
Paul Hovsepian
*Simon Javizian

*Edward Korkoian
Arthur Mardigian
Lucy Merzian
Sirvart Mezian
Garbis Ohanian
Anoush Papelian
Harry Terzian

CANDIDATES FOR PARISH COUNCIL

(5 to be elected for 2 year term)

*Souren Aprahamian
George Arevigian
Michael Armoudlian
Paul Jingoian
Edward Karamanian
*Souren Keoleian

Morman Messelian
Harout Sanjian
Andrew Tarpinian
Ashod Torosian
*Leo Zamanigian

CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE DAY

Jack Margosian

Dennis Papazian

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY OF THE DAY

Judy Hovnan

Louise Kushigian

CANDIDATES FOR AUDITING COMMITTEE

(1 to be elected for 3 year term)

John Bahadurian

* Albert Mardirosian

AUDITING COMMITTEE - 1978

Albert Mardirosian
(elected in 1976 for 3 year term)

Elizabeth Bozigian
(elected in 1977 for 3 year term)

Richard Simonian
(elected in 1978 for 3 year term)

NOTE: Nominations may be brought from the floor.

* Incumbent

COMMITTEE - 1978

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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