

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR
87 Salisbury Street
Worcester 9, Mass.

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An Open Letter To All Parishioners:

Have you studied the attached reports on the finances of your church? LOOK GOOD, LOOK CLOSE, STUDY IT WELL. Yes, we finished in the red considering all operations. Actually this was offset by an increase in our savings account, however this money is earmarked for a parish house and cannot be used to meet current expenses. Study well our expenditures and note that much has been done to improve things for example some \$900 was spent and acoustic tile applied to the ceiling in the church hall and this has made a tremendous improvement for the Sunday School, meetings, dinners, and all other activities. We purchased a Public Address System for some \$150 that has been beneficial. Our Pastor's Office has been furnished and now shows the dignity it should. A printing room has been provided and much congestion has been relieved particularly to provide space for our Sunday School. We spent \$245 on our Sunday School and are very pleased to be able to give the essentials necessary for a good religious education. This expense will grow as we hope to increase our Sunday School continually.

One of the projects we have slated for 1958 is the replacement of our colored glass windows with stained glass. We hope to provide better facilities and also increase the activities for our young people. We are now members of the Council of Churches and our happy to join with it's members in the advancement of Christian Brotherhood.

Of course all this takes money. Money that you the parishioners must give. Therefore we now ask you to examine your church offering. LOOK GOOD, LOOK CLOSE, STUDY IT WELL. Remember church membership is \$5.00 a year minimum, therefore if you contribute 10¢ a week, you are giving your church 20¢ a year over the minimum. Surely you must want to do better and I'm sure you will agree that today few if any people could not afford to do better.

If you contribute 15¢ to 20¢ a week, you are giving your church about \$2.50 to \$5.00 a year over the minimum. This of course is much better but we hope you could increase it to 25¢ a week. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all could give a minimum of 25¢ a week? There is so much that could be done. Of course the many of you who are giving 25¢ a week and more should not relax but should continue to give and whenever possible to increase your offering to help those who are unable to do so.

Now then look again at the proposed budget, note we indicate an increase in pledges both weekly and annual. This could easily be met if you would just increase your pledge 5¢, yes five cents, a week. Remember our only source of assured income is your pledge and offering in the form of Yookakin, Morakin, or Hokehankist. We cannot rely on weddings, baptisms, and funerals and bequests for income. These vary from month to month and of course provide nowhere near the amount necessary.

Therefore next Sunday and every Sunday after won't you just put another nickel in your envelop? We will credit it to your records. And those who pay annually, won't you increase your offering and drop an extra nickel in the plate?

THANKS VERY MUCH

PASTOR & PARISH COUNCIL