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ՊԱՇՏԱՄՈՒՆՈՒԹԵԱՆ.— Կիրակի օրերը կանոնաւորապէս տեղի ունեցան առաւօտեան կարճ ժամերգութիւնները եւ Ս. Պատարագը:

Մեծամասնութեան փափաքին համաձայն ամառնային ժամերը մնայուն հաստատեցինք որպէսզի ժողովուրդը ժամը 11.30ին արձակուի եկեղեցիէն եւ աւելի պատեհութիւն ունենայ ընտանիքին ժամանակ յատկացնելու: Այս դրութիւնը շատ յաջող ընդունելութիւն գտաւ ու աւելի ժողովուրդ սկսաւ եկեղեցի գալ:

Երկրորդ փոփոխութիւնը եղաւ ամէն Կիրակի երկու լեզուով, անգլերէն եւ հայերէն քրոզել, որպէսզի քարոզչութիւնը հասկնալի դառնայ անգլիախօս մեր նոր սերունդին համար: Նոյնպէս նշմարելի եղաւ երիտասարդներու ներկայութիւնը եկեղեցիէն ներս:

Ս. Ստեփաննոսի տօնին առթիւ յատուկ պաշտամունք մը կատարեցինք անգլերէնով որպէսզի հայկական Ս. Պատարագը աւելի դիրքաւ ըմբռնեն: Այս եւս աննախնդաց ընդունելութիւն գտաւ ժողովուրդի բոլոր խաւերէն որ եկած ու ամբողջովին լեցուցած էր եկեղեցին:

Մանուկները Մսունդի առթիւ ունեցան Ս. Հաղորդութեան պաշտամունք մը, որ իրենց տարիքին եւ ըմբռնողութեան համաձայն յատուկ ոճով պատրաստեցինք: Այս առթիւ ներկայ էին նաեւ մեծ թիւով չափահասներ եւ ծնողքներ:

Եկեղեցւոյ մէջ մասնաւորաբար պաշտամունքի արարողութեանց զգալի դարձած է պատանիներու եւ երիտասարդներու մասնակցութիւնը:

Իբրեւ նորութիւն հաստատեցինք նաեւ բարեկամական պահեր եկեղեցւոյ սրահին մէջ հաւաքելով ժողովուրդը պատարագէն անմիջապէս վերջ եւ թեթեւ հիւրասիրութիւն մը սպասարկելով: Այս հախքովներուն նպատակն է աւելի զօրացնել հաղորդակցութեան կապը եկեղեցւոյ անդամներուն միջեւ ու ժողովուրդը կապուած պահել եկեղեցւոյ կեանքին: Պէտք է հաստատել թէ այս եւս մեծ ընդունելութիւն գտաւ բոլորէն եւ խանդավարութիւն ստեղծեց համայնքին մէջ:

ՆՈՐ ԱՆԴԱՄՆԵՐ.— Ճաշով կը նկատենք թէ մեր եկեղեցւոյ զաւակները անցեալին ինչ ինչ պատճառներով հեռացած են իրենց մայրենի հոգեւոր տունէն, Հայայց. եկեղեցիէն որուն համար մեր հայրերը իրենց արիւնն իսկ չսակարկեցին: Իսկ ներկայ ժամանակներու հանգիստ պայմաններու մէջ ցաւ է մեզ տեսնել թէ շատեր գացած եւ անդամակցած են օտար համայնքներու եկեղեցիներուն մէջ: Ասիկայ մենք կը համարենք մեծ նախատինք մը մեր պատմութեան եւ երախտամուտաց ոգի մեր նահատակներուն: Մեր ճիշդ է ետ իրենց տունը վերադարձնել Լուսաւորի ցրտածէն զաւակները, այս է կը կարծենք նաեւ ամեն մէկ ճշմարիտ հայու պարտականութիւնը: Այսօր ուրախ ենք յայտնելու թէ հետեւեալ ընտանիքները արձանագրուած են մեր եկեղեցւոյ մեծ ընտանիքի անուանացանկին մէջ.— Ճէֆ Սթար Մարտեան, Տիկին Աննա Յովհաննէսեան, Յարութիւն Յովհաննէսեան եւ Ահարոն Յովհաննէսեան ընտանիքները:

ՄԻՍԱԿԱՏԱՐՈՒԹԻՒՆ.— Եկեղեցւոյ տոմարներուն համաձայն 1972 տարւոյ ընթացքին կատարուած են 13 մկրտութիւն, 9 պսակ, 19 յուղարկաւորութիւն:

ԱՅՑԵԼՈՒԹԻՒՆ.— Կարելի եղած կանոնաւորութեամբ կատարած ենք այցելութիւններ ըլլալ ուրախ կամ տխուր առիթներով եւ ամէն անգամ որ պատեհութիւնը ներկայացած է նոր ընտանիքներ ծանօթանալու: Հիւանդանոցներու կամ ծանօթներու կողմէ երբ տեղեկութիւն ստացած ենք յաճախակի այցելած ենք հիւանդանոցները գտնուող մեր անդամներուն ինչպէս նաեւ ծերանոցները: Ջանացինք նաեւ կարելի եղածին չափ այցելել ընտանիք—

ները յաղորդակցութիւն ստեղծելու եւ զօրացնելու եկեղեցւոյ կապը իրենց մէջ։  
Մեր փափաքն ու ծրագիրն է այցելել նաեւ շրջակայ քաղաքներու փոքր ծուխերը  
եթէ մեզի պատեհութիւն եւ ժամադակութիւն ընծայուի։

**ԺՈՂՈՎՆԵՐ.**— Համայնքիս բոլոր կազմակերպութեանց ժողովներուն ներկայ եղած ենք  
եւ շնացած գործոն մասնակցութեամբ մը մեր աշակցութիւնը բերել օրո՞ւայ հարցերուն։  
Մասնակցած ենք նաեւ զանազան այլ ժողովներու որ մեր ծուխէն դուրս է զանոնք  
կը դասաւորենք օտար յարաբերութիւններու փակագծին մէջ։

**ՅԱՐԱԲԵՐՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐ.**— Մեր յարաբերութիւնները ինքնաբերաբար ընդլայնուեցան  
առանց որեւ ճիգի։ Այսպէս, բացի մեր զաղութի կազմակերպութիւններէն հրաւիրուէ--  
ցանք Ուաթըրթաունի եւ Քէյմպրիճի Տիկնանց Միութիւններուն կողմէ Մշակոյթի  
Ամսուան առթիւ բանախօսելու։ Ուստրիի Հայ Բողոքականաց Մարտիրոսաց Եկեղեցւոյ  
80ամեակի ծաշկերոյթին հրաւիրուցանք իբրեւ գլխաւոր բանախօս։

Եկեղեցեաց Խորհուրդին կողմէ հրաւիրուեցանք մաս կազմելու յատուկ  
յանձնախումբի մը մէջ որ կը բաղկանար 9 հոգիներէ։ Նաեւ Միջեկեղեցական կեդրո--  
նական վարչութեան մէջ (Ինթըրֆէյթ քլըրիկ Ասօսիէյշըն Պօրտ օվ Տայրէքթըրզ)  
հրաւիրուեցանք մաս կազմելու եւ ներկայ ըլլալու հերթական ժողովներուն։  
Ռատիօկայանէն վեց օր շարունակ (Նոյ. 27-Դեկ. 2) կարճ քարոզով եւ աղօթքով  
օրուան յայտագրին բացումը կատարեցինք։ Իսկ Նոյեմբեր 8ին Բաղաքապետարանին  
կողմէ պաշտոնապէս հրաւիրուեցանք հերթական նիստին բացման աղօթքը կատարելու։

Մեր եկեղեցին անդամ ըլլալով Եկեղեցեաց Խորհուրդին այս տարի եւս  
բնականոն կերպով շարունակեց իր մասնակցութիւնը ամէն անգամ որ առիթը ներկայա--  
ցաւ։ Տիար Վահան Արոյեան Եկեղեցեաց Խորհուրդին նախագահն է ինչպէս անցեալին։

**ՍՈՒՂԱՆԴԱԿ.**— Եկեղեցւոյս ամսաթերթը մեր մասնաւոր ուշադրութեան առարկան  
է որպէսզի յօդուածները ըլխան շինիչ եւ օգտակար, նաեւ կը շնանք տեղեակ  
պահել մեր ազգայինները եկեղեցւոյ ընդհանուր կեանքէն։ Այս առթիւ մեր  
զնահատութիւնը կուզենք հրապարակաւ յայտնել Տիկին Ռոզ Թորոմանեանին որ  
իր ժմեն օրեայ պարտականութիւններէն զատ գովելի աշխատանք կը կատարէ թերթին  
բովանդակութեան եւ կանոնաւոր հրատարակութեանը համար։

**ԱՅԼ ԳՈՐԾԱԴՐՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐ.**— Ձորս ամիսէ ի վեր հաստատած ենք Հոգեւոր Լսարան մը  
մեր հայաստան հայրենակիցներուն համար եւ ցարդ պզտիկ խումբ մը կանոնաւոր  
կերպով կուզայ ամէն հինգշաբթի կէսօրէ վերջ։ Այս լսարանի նպատակն է լու--  
սաբանել Հայ Եկեղեցւոյ դաւանանքը, ծէսը, աւանդութիւնները որոնք հիմնուած  
են Աստուածաշունչի ուսուցումներուն վրայ։

Ուսումնական մարզին մէջ մեր աշակցութիւնը բերինք Հայ դպրոցի  
բարձրագոյն դասարանի աշակերտներուն հայերէն դասաւանդելով ամէն ուրբաթ  
կէսօրէ վերջ։ Այս դասարանը ունի 9 ուսանող։

Մեր ուշադրութեան կեդրոնն է մեր նոր սերունդը որոնց հանդէպ  
ունինք յատուկ գուրգուրանք եւ որոշ մտահոգութիւններ։ Այս պատճառաւ թէ  
Կիրակնօրեայ դպրոցը եւ թէ Երիտասարդաց կրտսէր խումբը կը շնանք զօրացնել  
մասնաւոր հոգատարութեամբ եւ դաստիարակիչ զանազան միջոցներով։

Ուրախ ենք յայտնելու թէ ունեցանք երեք հոգինոց յանձնախումբ մը  
հետեւեալ անձերէ բաղկացած, Տիկնայք Արուսեակ Նաճարեան, Աննա Թարաեան եւ  
Տիրուհի Իշլեմեճեան, որոնք յանձն առին Ս. Եկեղեցւոյս բարեգործման հոգը։  
Արգէն կարճ ժամանակի մէջ բաւական աշխատանք կատարած են եւ Տիկ. Արուսեակ  
իր անձնական նուէրներով եւ ձեռագործներով առաւել եւս կը ճոխացնէ բարեգոր--  
դութիւնը։ Մեր սրտագին շնորհակալութիւնը եւ անկեղծ զնահատանքը կը յայտնենք  
բոլորին եւ կը մաղթենք որ Տէրը վարձատրոյց ըլլայ եւ իրենց ծառայութիւնը  
Ս. Եկեղեցիին ընդունելի առասցէտ։



Վերջացնել է առաջ մեր վեցամսեայ տեղեկագրութիւնը, կուզենք մեր երախտագիտութիւնը յայտնել նախ Աստուծոյ որ բոլորիս պարգեւեց աշխատելու պատեհութիւն, կեանք եւ առողջութիւն:

Շնորհակալութիւն նաեւ բոլոր անոնց որոնք զանազան կերպերով իրենց մասնակցութիւնը բերին Աստուծոյ եւ համայնքին համար նուիրական այս ծառայութեան. իւրաքանչիւրի անունը կուզէինք յիշել բայց որպէսզի իրենց համեստութիւնը չվիրաւորենք մեր խոսքը ընդհանուրին կուզենք, եւ ինչ որ մեզի անծանօթ կրնայ ըլլալ ծանօթ է Աստուծոյ համար որուն ամենատես աչքին յայտնի են բոլորիս գործերն ու նպատակները: Կաղօթենք որ Տէրը բոլորին սրտին համաձայն վարձատրէ ամէնը:

## PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

As you all know, I arrived in Worcester during the month of June to take over the pastoral office of this Parish. The previous Pastor, Very Rev. Muron Dz.V. Gurjikian continued in office almost till the end of June, therefore my report will cover the work of only six months (July - Dec.).

CHURCH SERVICE The Sunday services took place regularly with a short morning service and then celebrated the Divine Liturgy. Upon the request of many of our parishioners, the summer church schedule has been continued for the rest of the year. In this way church services are over at 11:30 a.m. and our people have more time to spend with their families. We have noticed that this new timing has been well accepted by the majority and the attendance in church has improved.

Another thing we established is the preaching in both Armenian and English languages every Sunday so that our English speaking generation would be able to receive a message also. The presence of the young people is again noticed in the church.

On the Feast of St. Stephen, which was Western Christmas Eve, we had a special English service in order to make the Armenian Holy Badarak more comprehensible. This new attempt was well received by everybody, both senior and young generation, and the church was full with no such precedent before.

On the day of Armenian Christmas, a special service was prepared for the children's Holy Communion which was relevant to their age and understanding. Many parents and seniors were present that day also.

We are happy to confirm the presence of the teen agers and young people in our church who especially participate in the services.

The coffee fellowship gatherings in the church hall after church services which we have held twice so far, was again a new approach and very encouraging. The aim of course is to strengthen the communication among the members of the church and to keep the parish close to the church life for the edification of the community. We felt an overwhelming enthusiasm due to the favorable results and we will plan more of these in the future as we are sure everyone is looking forward to these fellowship gatherings.

NEW MEMBERS It is with sorrow we affirm that over the years, some families for some reason or other have alienated themselves from their spiritual home, the Armenian Church and have joined other communities becoming members of Protestant Churches. This we consider a disgrace to the Armenian History and an ungrateful attitude toward our martyrs who did not hesitate to bargain their lives and for centuries our forefathers have undergone immeasurable sacrifices for the preservation of this Church as a community. We think it is only fair and decent for any person who is of Armenian descent to be proud of his heritage, to be aware of the values and not to deny his



Church and the faith of his fathers especially in an age where circumstances are not threatening to our existence. It is our aim to see the scattered sons and daughters of St. Gregory The Enlightener return to their home where they belong.

We are happy to announce that several families have been enlisted into the community of the church family. The following families have become members as of the end of December: Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Starr Mararian, Mrs. Anna Hovenesian, Harry Hovenesian and Aaron Hovenesian.

SACRAMENTS According to the church records, during 1972 we had 13 baptisms, 9 weddings and 19 funerals.

VISITATIONS Being a new member in this 80 year old historic parish, I believe that the only way to know the community members well is by means of visitations in order to create a communication and to strengthen the church tie among the parishioners. We have done our best to make use of all available opportunities to visit the families, whether on a happy or sad occasion, and we have never refused any invitation to visit any home. As regularly as possible, we have visited also the sick at the six local hospitals whenever we have been notified by the hospitals or individuals; this applies also to nursing homes. At all times, besides communicating and making new acquaintances in this way, we have tried to strengthen and comfort them by the word of God and encouraged them not to remain far from the sacraments or from prayer.

As far as visitation is concerned, it is our desire to visit also the near-by towns where small Armenian communities are located. We would like to do this as soon as the opportunity and the cooperation is presented to us.

MEETINGS We have presided and attended almost all of the meetings of our parish organizations, trying to bring our active cooperation in the resolutions of current matters. There have also been other meetings which we have attended outside the parish which are listed below.

RELATIONSHIPS With no special effort, our relationships have automatically expanded outside the sphere of our community. Along with the organizations of our parish, we have been invited by the Ladies Auxiliary of St. James, Watertown and Arlington Armenian School Committee at Holy Trinity, Cambridge to speak during the cultural month of October. The Armenian Martyrs Protestant Church invited me to be the main speaker at their 80th Anniversary Banquet. We took part in the Special Study Committee of the Council of Churches attending several meetings. Also was invited to join the Board of Directors of the Interfaith Clergy Association of Greater Worcester: for six consecutive days (Nov. 27-Dec. 2) we delivered a message and a prayer from the WTAG radio station. We have also been invited to give the opening prayer at the City Council meeting on November 8th.

Our relations with the Greater Worcester Area Council of Churches as a member church continues its normal participation at all times. As in the past year, the President of the Council of Churches is Van Aroian.

THE MESSENGER The Church paper is another matter which occupies our special attention to make it attractive and instructive for our parishioners. At this time we wish to express our appreciation in public to Mrs. Rose Toromanian, who apart from her everyday duties, does a fine job in making the paper as efficient as can be, both in the contents and in publishing, which in itself is a task of considerable magnitude.

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS It is almost four months now that we have established a religious seminar in the Armenian language for our senior members and we are glad to say that a small group regularly attends these meetings every Thursday afternoon. The purpose of the seminar is to explain and study the faith, the rituals, the history and traditions of the Armenian Church based on the teachings of the Bible.

In the educational field, we have participated by teaching Armenian every Friday afternoon to a group of nine students who originally are the graduate class of our Armenian School.

The young generation being the center of our attention, we foster a special affection for them and also have some particular anxieties. For this reason, we try to support and strengthen our Sunday School students and the junior youth group (ACYOA) with special care and various educational means.

We are happy to state that we have a new committee consisting of three ladies, Mrs. Arousiag Najarian, Mrs. Anna Tarajian and Mrs. Dirouhi Ishlemejian, who are undertaking the care and embellishment of our Altars. In a short period, they have accomplished quite a lot and we would like to thank them and express our appreciation for their devoted attention; particularly to Mrs. Najarian, who personally has contributed a great deal. We pray that the Good Lord may reward them with His richest blessings for the service to His church.

On the occasion of our Church's 20th anniversary, the traditional Madagh and the Agape Dinner was both an exciting novelty and a rewarding experience for our parishioners who were inspired and encouraged by the spiritual as well as the financial effects of the affair.

GIFTS It is with great appreciation we wish to mention again the generous donation of Mr. & Mrs. Jack (Ghevont) Hagopian and Mr. & Mrs. Ray Hovsepian for the furniture of their late parents which was used in furnishing the new rectory for the Parish Pastor, thus adding a distinguished asset in the community and creating the possibility to be able to host our guests in our premises instead of taking them to the hotels.

At his point, we would advise our parishioners that in case they wish to donate any of their furniture, let them contact us first because it is possible that we might make use of them in some of the Rectory rooms which are still unfurnished.

Our thanks to Mrs. Yeghis Chararian who donated a pair of beautiful

crowns to be used for the bride and groom during the wedding ceremony. Our thanks also to Mrs. Mary Kachigian and Elizabeth Krik for donating a pair of large Pascal candles for the sanctuary of our Church.

FUTURE ENDEAVORS In view of the lack of spiritual and Christian education and noting the desire thereof, we are planning to start a young adult study group where possibly through panel discussion, and explanation of some religious and present day moral subjects might enlighten our members to better understand the Bible and get more acquainted with their church heritage.

We recently sent flyers in order to approach those who are eager to learn the Armenian language, culture or history and we are pleased by the replies we have received. We shall, therefore, start these classes on Wednesday, February 7, 1973 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and continue each Wednesday evening thereafter in one of the Classroom at the Cultural Center.

We have noticed that our junior youth group needs to spend more time together and in the church premises with various creative activities. For this purpose, we have deemed it necessary to make it possible for them to have a "recreation room" where it would be possible for them to get together a few times during the week. Upon the presentation to both the Parish Council and the youth group, we are glad that it has been approved by the first and welcomed by the latter; it remains therefore to execute for the realization of the said Rec Room.

In a large parish like Worcester, we hope to be able to bring together a substantial number of youngsters and teenagers who play any sort of musical instrument. We are looking forward to organizing a small orchestra of young people under the leadership of a capable director. We urge all parents therefore, to bring to our attention and give us the names of all youngsters who play an instrument and would like to participate in performing in the above mentioned project.

It has come to our attention that there are a good number of Armenian students in the city colleges and universities; some of them are from abroad. We think it is an advisable attempt to gather them around our community center in order to strengthen their spiritual and ethnical awareness because the influence of the age might be a threat and a danger of their complete alienation.

Finally, before we bring to an end our report for six months activity, we wish to express our gratitude first and foremost to God our Lord, who granted us all the good health and the opportunity to work. Many are those who brought their share of service for the Lord and the community, the names of whom are known to our Father. We pray that they may all be rewarded abundantly according to their good heart.

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The Parish Council respectfully submits the following report of activities for 1972.

The Annual Parish Assembly was held at 1:10 P.M. on Sunday, January 23, 1972 and was continued on Sunday, January 30, 1972 for the purpose of electing members of the Parish Council, Auditing Committee and Nominating Committee.

The Assembly was chaired by Harry Sogigian; the Assembly secretary was Bartevo Bagdasarian.

The following were elected as Parish Council members: David Adishian, George Megrđichian, Charles Garabedian, Leon Kachadorian, Gilbert Markarian, and Peter Nalbandian.

Elected as Auditing Committee members: Jacob Bilzerian, Anne Demirjġan, and Henry Shooshan; as nominating committee: Ruth Kaprelian, George Mgridichian, Charles Sharigian, George Sogigian, and Berjoohe Zakarian.

On March 7, 1972 the Very Rev. Muron Dz.V. Gurjikian, Pastor presided at the organization meeting of the Parish Council. The following executive officers were elected: Chairman, Jacob Hagopian; Vice Chairman, Charles Garabedian; Secretary, David Adishian, Treasurer, Peter Nalbandian; Assistant Secretary, Gilbert Markarian; and Assistant Treasurer, Leon Kachadorian. Advisors were Zarvin Kasparian, Van Aroian, John Toromanian, Arsen Haroian, and George Megrđichian.

During 1972 Hayr Soorp Muron Gurjikian retired after serving our parish for nine years and thirty-eight years of service in the priesthood. Hayr Muron's retirement date was May 1, 1972 but he stayed through June 18, 1972 when he celebrated his last official Divine Liturgy. The Parish honored Hayr Soorp Gurjikian at a dinner in the Cultural Center on the same date. Hayr Soorp's contributions to our Parish and to our community were many for which we are most grateful. He will certainly be long remembered by all of us.

Effective June 25, 1972 Very Rev. Shnork Kasparian assumed the Pastorship of our church with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. He was formally welcomed in the Cultural Center with a coffee fellowship after church services. We all wished Hayr Shnork the best in his new endeavor and offered him our complete support.

Hayr Shnork is now living on the second floor of the parish house which was completely redecorated and furnished last summer. Most of the work was done on a voluntary basis by the parish members and the total cost represented a fraction of the total value.

We also purchased a new 1972 automobile for Hayr Soorp after he had many problems with the used car originally purchased.

Two of the many highlights since Hayr Shnork's arrival have been the Madagh commemorating the 20th anniversary of our Church on Salisbury Street on November 19th and the celebration of Western Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) Midnight Mass (a first) with the live Nativity scene. Both events were well attended and met with considerable success in the eyes of our parishioners.

Financially we held our own and operated within our planned budget for which we are most thankful to all parishioners. Of particular significance is the fact that we paid off our \$75,000 Cultural Center note to the Mechanics National Bank.

The Parish Council remains aware of the needs for programs and services for our church members and efforts have been and are continually being made to identify areas of interest and need of the various segments within our parish and community.

Emphasis is on a closer communication with the membership to more clearly identify and implement programs and services consistent with our objectives of providing a rich spiritual parish life for our membership.

For the Parish Council

Very Rev. Shnork Kasparian  
Pastor

Jacob Hagopian  
Chairman

David Adishian  
Secretary

ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS 1972

A. <u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>1972 BUDGET</u>	<u>1972 ACTUAL</u>	
1. Pledges (weekly 1971) }		1,834.30	
2. Pledges (weekly 1972) }	\$16,200.00	<u>13,252.85</u>	\$15,087.15
3. Pledges (annual 1971) }		2,785.00	
4. Pledges (annual 1972) }	13,800.00	11,173.50	14,940.50
5. Pledges (annual 1973) }		<u>982.00</u>	
6. Plate	1,800.00	1,598.27	1,598.27
7. Sunday School Offering	1,500.00	1,005.35	
8. Sunday School Registration		423.00	1,428.35
9. Youghakin (Christmas)		2,035.00	
(Easter)	4,000.00	2,574.00	4,609.00
<b>B. <u>SERVICE</u></b>			
1. Hokehankist	3,700.00	4,207.00	
2. Momakin & Offerings	800.00	781.50	
3. Baptisms	300.00	165.00	
4. Weddings	400.00	495.00	
5. Funerals	1,000.00	795.00	6,443.50
<b>C. <u>GIFTS &amp; BEQUESTS</u></b>			
1. Gifts		387.50	
2. Bequests	1,000.00	500.00	887.50
3. Hall Donations	1,500.00		
Church Hall		535.00	
Cultural Center		700.00	1,235.00
4. Flowers		325.00	325.00
<b>D. <u>AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS</u></b>			
1. Senior Ladies Auxiliary		3,500.00	
2. Women's Guild		3,000.00	
3. Women's Guild Sunday School		100.00	
4. Women's Guild Armenian School		100.00	
5. ACYOA		250.00	6,950.00
<b>E. <u>AFFAIRS</u></b>			
1. New Year's Eve		482.50	
2. Bazaar Awards 1971		10.00	
3. Bazaar Awards 1972		4,453.22	
4. Very Rev. Gurjikian's Testimonial		400.00	
5. Church Picnic		1,367.58	
6. Bazaar		6,026.62	
7. Madagh	12,500.00	1,887.75	14,627.67
<b>F. <u>OTHER RECEIPTS</u></b>			
1. Bank Interest	700.00	133.32	
2. Balance from Gift Donation		7.00	
3. Sale of Books, Records, Etc.		165.00	
4. Sale of Coffee Urn		25.00	
5. Postage		114.55	
6. Sunday School Teacher's Banquet		73.00	
7. Telephone Toll Refund		29.55	
8. Sale of 1966 Dodge Car		<u>625.00</u>	<u>1,172.42</u>
 Anticipated Income 1972	 59,200		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS 1972</b>			<b>\$69,304.36</b>

**ANALYSIS OF DISBURSEMENTS 1972**

<u>A. SALARIES</u>	<u>1972 BUDGET</u>	<u>1972 ACTUAL</u>	
1. Pastor	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 8,600.00	
2. Program Director	6,000.00	667.38	
3. Choir Director	780.00	795.00	
4. Secretarial	3,000.00	2,543.52	
5. Custodians	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>5,419.75</u>	
			18,025.65
<u>B. ADMINISTRATIVE</u>			
1. Fuel	4,750.00	4,108.24	
2. Electric	1,600.00	1,339.98	
3. Telephones	700.00	726.17	
4. Telephones - Pay Stations		183.83	
5. Printing	950.00	1,031.00	
6. Postage	650.00	685.04	
7. Pledge Supplies	200.00	213.47	
8. Office	1,000.00	785.27	
9. Gen. Supplies & Bldg. Main.	6,000.00	4,220.09	
10. Water		44.10	
11. Flowers	500.00	549.75	
12. Church Supplies	350.00	237.19	
13. Insurance	1,500.00	1,589.00	
14. Clergy Pension & Insurance	400.00	159.08	
15. Travel Expenses		96.15	
16. Moving Expenses		72.50	
17. Appraisal-Arzouian Estate		<u>75.00</u>	
			16,135.86
<u>C. ASSESSMENTS</u>			
1. Diocesan Dues-Regular	7,380.00	7,380.00	
2. Diocesan Dues-Special		3,177.00	
3. Diocesan Emergency Drive '71		2,407.50	
4. Etchmiadzin Looma	250.00	250.00	
5. Council of Churches	<u>325.00</u>	<u>325.00</u>	
			13,539.50
<u>D. EDUCATIONAL</u>			
1. Sunday School	1,500.00	1,339.10	
2. Armenian School	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>550.00</u>	
			1,889.10
<u>E. AFFAIRS</u>			
1. Miscellaneous		264.00	
2. Choir Assembly		<u>60.00</u>	
			324.00
<u>F. OTHER DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
1. Pastor's Car Allowance	250.00	500.00	
2. Pastor's Car & Expenses			
a. Used 1966 Dodge		625.00	
b. New 1972 Ventura II		2,625.00	
c. Repairs, Plates & Sales Tax		295.57	
3. Soloists & Organist (weddings & funerals)		380.00	
4. F.I.C.A. Tax & Withholding		365.28	
5. Mass. Unemployment Comp.		59.67	
6. Diocesan Assembly	400.00	248.58	

## DISBURSEMENTS

F. <u>OTHER DISBURSEMENTS cont.</u>	<u>1972 BUDGET</u>	<u>1972 ACTUAL</u>	
7. Diocese-Books, Medals, etc.	\$	\$ 210.70	
8. St. Mesrob Armenian Church		50.00	
9. Auxiliary Com. of Diocese		<u>25.00</u>	
			5,384.80
G. <u>CULTURAL CENTER</u>			
From: Senior Ladies Aux.		2,000.00	
Women's Guild		3,000.00	
Bazaar & Awards		<u>10,000.00</u>	
			<u>15,000.00</u>
Anticipated Expense 1972	<u>\$70,185.00</u>		
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 1972</b>			<b>\$70,298.91</b>



RECAPITULATION - 1972

BALANCES JANUARY 1, 1972

Guaranty Bank & Trust (checking account)	\$ 3,552.87
People's Mechanics Bank-Special Notice	16,793.45
First Federal Savings Choir Fund	134.47
First Federal Savings	<u>794.32</u>
Balance January 1, 1972	21,275.11
Total Receipts 1972	<u>69,304.36</u>
	90,579.47
Total Disbursements 1972	<u>70,298.91</u>
Balance December 31, 1972	\$20,280.56

BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 1972

Guaranty Bank & Trust - Checking Account	1,761.66
People's Mechanics Bank - Special Notice	16,793.45
First Federal Savings - Choir Fund	134.47
First Federal Savings	<u>1,590.98</u>
Balance December 31, 1972	<u>\$20,280.56</u>

The above report has been reviewed and audited and as a result of the examination of the records and accounts of income and expense of the (a) Cultural Center Building Fund, (b) Armenian Church of Our Saviour conducted on January 16, 1973, we find them to be a fair and reasonable representation of the financial position of the Church.

By Jacob Bilzerian  
 Anne Demirjian  
 Henry G. Shooshan

**ANTICIPATED INCOME & EXPENSE FOR 1973**

**(CHURCH OPERATIONS BUDGET)**

**INCOME**

Pledges (Weekly Envelopes)	\$16,000.00
Pledges (Annual)	14,000.00
Plate	1,800.00
Sunday School	1,500.00
Youghakin	4,500.00
Hokehankist	4,500.00
Momakin & Offerings	800.00
Baptisms	250.00
Weddings	400.00
Funerals	750.00
Gifts & Bequests	500.00
Hall Donations	1,500.00
Church Functions	12,500.00
Interest	700.00
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	\$59,700.00

**EXPENSE**

Pastor (12 months)	\$ 7,800.00
Choir Director (12 months)	780.00
Secretarial	3,000.00
Program & Education Director (6 months)	6,000.00
Visiting Clergy	250.00
Custodians & Maintenance Labor	10,000.00
Fuel	4,750.00
Electric	1,600.00
Telephones	800.00
Printing Publications	950.00
Postage	650.00
Pledge Supplies	200.00
Office Supplies & Expense	1,000.00
Church Supplies (Sacramental)	350.00
Building Repairs & Maintenance	6,000.00
Clergy Pension & Insurance	400.00
Insurance	1,600.00
Sunday School	1,500.00
Church Choir	200.00
Diocesan Assessment	8,500.00
Etchmiadzin Assessment	250.00
Council of Churches	325.00
Flowers	500.00
Diocesan Assembly	100.00
Contingency Fund	1,000.00
Armenian School	1,000.00
To Cultural Center Account	12,500.00
Pastor's Car Allowance	750.00
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	\$72,755.00

**CULTURAL CENTER BUILDING FUND**

**Statement of Receipts and Disbursements  
Year Ended December 31, 1972**

**CASH BALANCE, Dec. 31, 1971** **\$10635.35**

**RECEIPTS:**

In Lieu of Flowers	\$ 7028.25
Bazaar Income	10000.00
Pledges Received	16254.15
Receipts from Auxiliaries	5000.00
Bequests	2000.00
Interest Received	<u>343.70</u>

**TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR YEAR** **40626.10**

**TOTAL CASH** **\$51261.45**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Additions to Building	\$ 372.00
Payments on Mortgage	6455.13
Payments on Note	20000.00
Interest Paid	<u>12088.72</u>

**Total Disbursements for Year** **38915.85**

**CASH BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1972** **\$12345.60**

**Balance Verification:**

Mechanics National Bank - Savings Account	\$ 5955.89
Mechanics National Bank - Checking Account	<u>6389.71</u>
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$12345.60</u></b>

The above accounting is verified and supported by receipts, bank statements and invoices. An examination by the Auditing Committee was conducted at year end.

Respectfully submitted,

Bart Bagdasarian

**ITEMS OF INTEREST CONCERNING THE FUND:**

Balance due on Mortgage \$173,872.83

Monthly mortgage payment is \$1461.90 of which approximately \$900.00 is interest.

Note of \$75,000.00 plus interest of \$16453.42 paid as of the close of 1972.

Gracious thanks to the endorsers of the Demand Note for their cooperation and confidence.

Increases to pledges received this year \$3430.00.

Assessments received in 1972, \$4146.00

Pledge receivables outstanding \$15,346.00

Bequest of \$2000.00 received from Estate of Mr. Armen Kalenian.

A RESUME - 70th ANNUAL DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

The 70th Annual Diocesan Assembly gathered on May 5-6, 1972 at St. Peter's Armenian Church, Watervliet, New York with Archbishop Torkom Manoogian presiding.

Participating in this year's Assembly were three guest clergymen: Bishop Dirayr Mardigian, Primate of the Armenian Church in Rumania and Bulgaria, Very Rev. Kevork Saraydarian and Rev. Garabed Kludjian, guest from Holy Etchmiadzin.

All participated in the meetings and worship services.

A number of innovations marked this year's Assembly. Among them was the first conference of Church Ladies' organizations and youth groups as well as separate hearings and discussions on budget and proposals.

The Ladies Conference examined the role of women in our Church and heard an impressive message from Mrs. Zabelle Atesian who discussed and broadened the range and nature of the responsibilities of women in our activities and religious life.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME

- a. Article 51 proposal, "to have one half, or close to one half as possible, of the delegates of each Church shall be elected every other year."
- b. Article 54. insert- "Parish Council Chairman shall be ex-officio to the Diocesan Assembly with the same privileges and rights as elected delegates."

PROPOSALS ADOPTED

1. 1973 being the 75th anniversary of the founding of our diocese, a campaign for a \$2,000,000.00 trust fund be created-the income of which will be used to cover a major portion of the operating and programming expenses of the Diocese.
2. Celebrate the Jubilee of our Primate throughout the various regions of our Diocese under the auspices of the Diocesan Assembly.
3. Budget for 1972- \$295,000. adopted; with \$31,000. additional income for 1972. Increase in parish assessments a certainty.
4. A proposal was adopted requesting the National Council of Churches to make an appeal on behalf of the Patriarchate of Turkey to safeguard the future of humanitarian institutions in that country.

The 1973 Diocesan Assembly will take place in Worcester at the Armenian Church of Our Saviour, the Diocese' birthplace in America.

Respectfully submitted,

DIOCESAN DELEGATES

## ARMENIAN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The 1971-72 Armenian School year began with registration on September 25, 1971, with classes starting on October 2, 1971 and ending June 10, 1972. Classes were held on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. There were 28 days of school, with a total of 45 students registered, of which 40 completed the year.

The faculty: Mrs. Mary Arakelian, Mrs. Mary Aroian, Mrs. Rose Aslanian, Miss Lucy Mooradian, Miss Sonia Yagjian and Mrs. Alyce Yarumian. During the year, Miss Marcia Gazoorian was available as a substitute teacher.

The School Committee: Very Rev. Muron Gurjikian; Mrs. Alyce Yarumian, Chairman; Mr. Torkom Boyajian, Treasurer; Mrs. Arshalouis Andonian, Corr. Secretary; Miss Charlotte Calfaian, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Armenoohi Jardarian; Mr. Zarvin Kasparian and Mr. Van Aroian, Liaison. Mr. Manase Jardarian continued as principal. The Committee had 14 regularly scheduled meetings, plus 2 meetings with the principal and teachers.

Special Events: a Christmas party was given on December 18 for the children to which the parents were also invited; a food sale on Palm Sunday; a seminar was held in Worcester on May 5, 1972 with representatives from Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge and St. James of Watertown to discuss common problems and possible solutions and to exchange ideas.

The establishment of a satisfactory curriculum was the principle goal of the Committee during the year. Much progress was made along these lines. Criteria and achievement goals were determined, outlining specific objectives for each grade.

As of October, 1972, we have initiated the use of the new textbook and material along with the tape recordings which have been prepared by the Diocese with the assurance that additional textbooks are being prepared on a graduated level.

We are pleased to also state, that Friday afternoon classes 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. are being conducted by Hayr Soorp for students 12 years and older. Also beginning Wednesday, February 7, 1973 classes in Armenian language, culture and history will be taught by Hayr Soorp to young adults from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in a classroom at the Cultural Center.

We now have a student body of sixty and with a fervent wish to attain an ever increasing higher goal.

The Treasurer's report for the period Aug. 1, 1971 - July 31, 1972 shows a total income of \$1040.74; total expense \$791.31; balance \$249.43.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alyce M. Yarumian, Chairman

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

ADMINISTRATION President: Very Rev. Muron Dz.V. Gurjikian (Jan-June)  
Very Rev. Shnork Kasparian (July-Dec.)  
Supervisors: Mrs. Mary Arakelian, Mrs. Agnes Sagerian,  
Mrs. Joan Handleman, Mr. Harry Dostourian  
Parish Council Liaison: Mr. Van Aroian  
Special Assistant: Mrs. Arlene McCoy - Children's Programs  
Assistant to Supervisors: Mr. Seth Bilazarian  
Money Steward: Mr. Nischan Zartarian

TEACHING STAFF

Mrs. Jane Krikorian	Miss Nancy Nishanian
Mrs. Florence Noroian	Miss Joyce Melikian
Miss Melanie Asadoorian	Mrs. Arpie Migridichian
Miss Ann Kassabian	Mr. Bryan Davis
Mrs. Gladys Andonian	Mr. Mardiros Mooshagian
Miss Marilyn Markarian	Miss Berjoohe Zakarian
Miss June Nishanian	Mr. George Krikorian
Mrs. Ann Najarian	Mr. Harry Dostourian
Miss Martha Merzigian	Miss Cheryll Soghomonian
Mrs. Betty Sheehan	

TEACHER'S ASSISTANTS AND AIDES

Miss Joanne Bezdegian	Miss Mary Grillo
Mrs. Gladys Hagopian	Miss CoAnn Merzigian
Mrs. Marion Bilzerian	Miss Jean Melikian
Mrs. Ann Martin	Miss Nancy Mshooshian
Miss Diane Grillo	Miss Kathy Krikorian

PROGRAM Registration was held on Sunday, September 10, and classes began on the following Sunday with a total registration of 275. Supervisors conduct opening assemblies in their respective departments in an atmosphere of worship that includes Bible reading, prayers and hymns of the Armenian Church, collection of offerings and lessons from the Armenian Church Liturgical Calendar. New time schedule for the Sunday School - 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOL YEAR (January - June, 1972)

Holy Communion and Breakfast for all children on Saturday preceding Christmas and Easter.  
Lenten offering program started Feb. 14. Total amount of collection was \$130.00. Money to be used for a worthy cause.  
Easter Sunday, April 2 - colorful pageant on Easter directed by Mrs. Arlene McCoy for ages 3-8 in church hall.  
Recognition dinner for Sunday School teachers sponsored by the Parish Council held on May 19 at the Fox Lounge, Westboro.  
Splash party on Saturday, May 27 at the Y.W.C.A. for students.  
Sunday, June 11 - closing exercises. (Children's Day) Potted plants distributed to children donated by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gulbankian.

(September - December, 1972)

October 1 - Teachers dedication and Holy Communion  
October 28 - Halloween party for children ages 3-9 under chairmanship of Mrs. Florence Noroian. Annual Halloween collection for the Mary Tavitian Fund of the St. Tarkmanchatz School in Jerusalem

totalled \$29.00.

December 24 - Christmas Party for all children. Departmental parties were planned by supervisors and teachers.

December 24 - Midnight Mass (in English) Living Nativity scene with the participation of the Sunday School students.

A number of supervisor's and teacher's meetings were held throughout the school year.

#### SPECIAL PROJECTS

1. Under the sponsorship of the Parish Council, Mrs. Mary Arakelian is continuing as director of Project Baby Guide, designed to establish communication between the church and parents of new-born children.

2. Action '72 - July 18, 19 & 20 - three days of planned activities for children in grades 1-6 under the direction of Mrs. Arlene McCoy.

3. Monday, February 22 - Seventy-five children and parents attended our annual trip to Boston Garden to see the Ice Follies. Arrangements for the trip were undertaken by Mrs. Rose Toromanian and Mrs. Mary Arakelian.

4. Sunday, October 1 - The Senior High group, parents and Hayr Soorp attended the movie "Two A Penny". A film well worth viewing. Following the movie, the young people were Hayr Soorp's guests for dinner at the rectory.

5. The kindergarten class (20 students) have been selected to participate in a pilot program on a new material entitled "Joy". This program was initiated by the CRE (Council for Religious Education) of the Diocese in New York.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Arakelian, Chairman

## CHURCH CHOIR

Annual elections for the 1972-73 term were held in May with the following results:

Ara Eresian, Chairman	Rosanna Sogigian, Corres. Sec.
Ann Mosessian, Vice Chairman	Charles Hoogasian, Treasurer
Hazel Eljanian, Recording Secretary	Margaret Hagopian, Advisor

The Choir, consisting of 25 members, is under the direction of Margaret Hagopian, and Assistant Director, Hazel Eljanian. Organist, George Sogigian and Irene Shooshan, Assistant Organist. Altar Servers: Deacon Emeritus, Haigaz Santoian, Deacons Simon Zakarian and George K. Shamgochian. Sub-Deacons: Charles Hoogasian, Suney Kachadoorian, Ara Eresian and Haroutune Kasparian serve every Sunday faithfully by joining and leading our congregation in the worship.

A group of Choir members, known as the Sayat Nova Singers have sung Armenian Folk songs at various church functions.

The 27th Annual Assembly of the Choir Association will take place in our parish in May in conjunction with the Diocesan Assembly.

Our heartfelt thanks to our departed former Pastor, Hayr Muron for his dedicated spiritual guidance and to our new Pastor Hayr Shnork for his spiritual guidance.

Our treasurer reports the following:

Organ Fund	\$2,418.47
Regular Account	331.01

Respectfully submitted,

Ara Eresian, Chairman



## LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT

This year, the Library Committee has had a very limited amount of activities. Unfortunately, we have not been able to open our library and function as an active organization within our Church and community.

Facilities for our library have not been provided for because of changes that have occurred during the course of the year. We hope that the Parish Council will soon make available to us an appropriate area in order to get going on this project.

One major activity we organized was the Martyr's Day Celebration in conjunction with the ACYOA. The purpose of such a joint venture was to point out the usefulness of our books and library programs as an instrument of passing our rich heritage from the past to the English speaking youth.

This occasion was very well supported and our Cultural Center was filled to capacity. We thank all who have supported us either by donating books or by contributions which have made the purchase of books possible. We look forward to the continued support in this important project.

Our financial standing: from July, 1971 to December 31, 1972

Income	\$1238.65
Interest	<u>32.92</u>
Total Income	\$1271.57
Expenses	<u>872.40</u>
Balance	\$399.17 at W.C.I.S.

Respectfully submitted,

Library Committee

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Գոհունակութեամբ կը ներկայացնենք Ս. Իրկիչ Եկեղեցւոյ Երեց Տիկն. Միութեան ատարեկան ամսո՞ք տեղեկագիրը ըստ հետեւեալին: Համայնքի նախորդ հոգեւոր հովիւ հոգշ. Մեռն. Մ. Կրդ. Կրճիկեանի նախագահութեամբ Եկեղեցասեր Երեց Տիկն. Միութեան վարչութիւնը կազմուեցաւ ըստ հետեւեալին:

- Տիկնայք. Եղիսաբէթ Ղազարեան Ատենապետուհի
- Նագիկ Մկրտիչեան փոխ Ատենապետուհի
- Արմենուհի ձարտարեան Ատենաղպրուհի
- Եղափսաբէթ Ծատպեկեան փոխ Ատենաղպրուհի
- Մերի Պետրոսեան Գանցապահ
- Հեղինէ Մինասեան Հաշուապահ

Խորհրդականներ - Միածան Զօլաքեան, Մերի Ղուկասեան, Աղանի Պաղտիկեան, Աղանի Պիլգերեան, Մարգրիտ Տէրտէրեան:

Բ. Տրտու առումուհիներուն թիւն է 135

Տարուան շրջանին մահացած են երեք նուիրեալ առումուհիներ

Միութեան առումակցած են չորս նորեկներ

Տարուան շրջանին ունեցած են քրօթը առումական ճաշաժողովներ եւ վարչական ժողովներ: Առումական ժողովներուն ներկայ եղած են միջին հաշուով 65-75 առումուհիներ եւ համակիրներ: Միութեան տարեկան միակ հրատարակային գլխաւոր և եռնարկն է Մեծ Պահոց միջինքի ճաշկերոյթը գեղարուեստական ճոխ յայտագրով: Տարուան շրջանին կը հրաւիրուին սգաւոր առումուհիներ ու իրենց անմիջական պարագաները, Հայր Սուրբի մխիթարական խօսքերով ու հոգէճաշի հիւրասիրութեամբ կը յարգենք իրենց սիրելիներուն յիշատակը: Խնդակցութեան եւ ցաւակցական քառթեր կը դրկուին առումոց նաեւ այցելութիւններ կը կան ըստ կարելիքի: Ամառուան ամիսներուն կազմակերպուած է բացօդեայ ճաշ եւ ուրախ ժամանց, Եկեղեցիայ պարտեզին մէջ: Միութիւնս իր կարելիին ըրած է ժողովները հետաքրքրեկան ընել, ի մասնաւորի ջանացած ենք առումոց մէջ վառ պահել Տանական օրերու հետ կապ ունեցող բարի սովորութիւնները:

Միական խորհուրդի հրաւերով միութիւնս իր մասնակցութիւնը բերած է ծխական միացեալ ժողովներուն եւ տարեկան միացեալ և եռնարկներուն:

Հայր Սուրբ Կրճիկեանի հանգստեան կոչուելէ յետոյ Եկեղեցասեր Տիկնանց միութիւնը իր յարգանքի բաժինը բերաւ ճաշկերութեով եւ յիշանուէրով մը:

Յունիս ամիսէն սկսեալ Եկեղեցւոյս նոր հոգեւոր հովիւ, հոգշ. Տեր Ենորհք Վ. Գասպարեանի նախագահութեամբ եւ շինիչ թելադրութիւններու շնորհիւ միութեան գործունեութիւնը յաջողութեամբ կ'ընթանայ:

Միութիւնս իր գնահատանքն ու շնորհակալութիւնները կը յայտնէ Միական Խորհուրդին եւ Եկեղեցւոյ շուրջ կազմուած միութիւններուն նաեւ Համայնքի բարեպաշտ առումոց, որոնք քաջալերեցին միութեան գործունեութիւնները նիւթապէս եւ բարոյապէս, սատարելով նաեւ Եկեղեցւոյ պայծառութեան:

Միութեան տարէշրջանի նիւթական մուտք եղած է 2634431 որուն 2000.00 յանձնուած է Ս. Փրկիչ Եկեղեցւոյ Միական Խորհուրդին:

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## WOMEN'S GUILD

It is gratifying to report that the year 1972 was again an active and successful year both culturally and socially for the Women's Guild.

Our Executive committee for 1972 consisted of the following:

Elizabeth Sheehan, Chairman	Mary Sogigian, Treasurer
Rose Aslanian, Vice Chairman	Sid Davagian, Asst. Treasurer
Juliette Najarian, Recording Sec.	Alice Papazian, Corres. Sec.
	Elizabeth Markarian, Advisor

Appointed to standing committees were:

Ann Sharigian, Auditing	Harriet Krikorian, Publicity
Francis Elloian, Kay Garabedian & Agnes Tavajian, Hospitality	
Ann Kabian & Ruth Shahinian, Program-Ann Mosessian, Membership	
Margaret Hagopian & Hazel Eljanian, Visitation	
Dorothy Yagjian & Betty Markarian, By-Laws	

A total of 9 executive board meetings and 10 membership meetings were held with an average of 25-30 members attending. At the present time we have 117 members. Our paid membership to-date are 57.

### 1972 Hightlights:

A Lenten Supper in March, May Guest Night, September Fashion Show and October Flea Market. At the member's December Christmas party monetary donations were made in lieu of grab bag gifts which was used to buy a Christmas basket for a shut-in; pointsetta plant for a shut-in member and a donation to the A.G.B.U Milk Fund. We also coordinated with the other church organizations again and had a successful two day Bazaar. With these functions we remitted to our Parish Council \$3,000.00; Sunday School \$100.00; Armenian School \$100.00.

Once again our members showed their community spirit by successfully preparing and selling Armenian foods at the Y.W.C.A. International Food Fiesta. We also assisted the Senior Ladies during their Lenten Supper, and the Parish Council during the Annual Church Picnic. Guild members also assisted in preparing November Madagh (Table of Love) food, and after Christmas Eve services refreshments.

Our hospitalized and bereaved members were remembered by personal visits, cards and plants.

At this time we wish to thank Hayr Soorp, the Parish Council, and all other church organizations, Parishioners and friends without whose support, our success would not have been realized.

### Financial Report:

Total Income    \$4,059.47    Total Expense    \$3,721.00    Balance    \$338.47.

Respectfully submitted,

Juliette H. Najarian  
Recording Secretary

## MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club started their new year on January 10, 1972 with the installation of the following officers under the direction of Very Rev. Muron Gurjikian assisted by Harry Sogigian:

Gerald Mosessian, Chairman  
Charles Sharigian, Vice Chairman  
Ralph Nigosian, Treasurer  
Jacob Hagopian, Recording Secretary  
John Atlas, Corresponding Secretary

Dinner meetings were normally held on the second Monday of each month with approximately 40 members in attendance at each meeting. We have 71 paid members.

### 1972 Highlights:

The Men's Club annual Sport's Night was held on May 8, 1972 with approximately 175 attending. A dinner was served and awards were presented to the Junior and Senior basketball teams and also the cheerleaders. The featured speaker was Ronnie Perry, Holy Cross Athletic Director. The Men's Club continued their sponsorship of both the basketball teams.

The annual May Dance was held at the Cultural Center with 225 people in attendance.

### Participation in Combined Annual Church Events:

Church Picnic, Bazaar, and New Year's Eve Party.

### Financial Report:

Total Income	\$2,179.00
Total Expense	<u>1,533.00</u>
Balance	\$ 646.00

The outgoing Executive Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all fellow parishioners who helped make this past year a truly successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacob Hagopian  
Recording Secretary

## ACYOA JUNIORS

The 1972 ACYOA year started off with the following officers:

Paul Nigosian, Chairman	Diane Toromanian, Recording Sec.
Elaine Toromanian, Vice Chairman	Lisa Kabian, Corres. Secretary
Mark Kachadorian, Treasurer	Kathy Soghomonian, Publicity

A ski weekend, horseback riding and bake sales were discussed for the new year.

During April, the semi-annual New England District Conference weekend was held in Lowell. These weekends are held so that members of the ACYOA from chapters all over New England can meet and plan functions for future months.

The results of our annual June elections were:

Kathy Soghomonian, Chairman	JoAnn Merzigian, Recording Sec.
Diane Toromanian, Vice Chairman	Ardienne Vartanian, Corres. Sec.
Richard Takvorian, Treasurer	Ann Dersain, Publicity

The Juniors donated \$500.00 to the Church; \$250 to the organ fund and \$250.00 to the Cultural Center Stage Curtain Fund.

Membership dues, a trip to Hampton Beach, and Christmas cards were the first items on the new agenda.

A trip to Hampton Beach was taken in July. There was also a day trip to Rutland State Park. The majority of members attended and brought their friends as guests.

Our new Pastor, the Very Rev. Shnork Kasparian had a buffet dinner at the rectory in September in order to meet the members of the ACYOA Juniors.

In October, a special election was held-- at which time David Papazian was chosen Publicity Director to replace Ann Dersain who resigned.

At the November Bazaar, the Juniors sold candles which they made and candy. We also ran the "Kiddie Karnival" in the connector for the children. The semi-annual November conference was held in Boston.

During December, we had a skating and Christmas party.

As of December 31, 1972, the ACYOA Juniors have \$388.46 in the treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Merzigian  
Recording Secretary