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Diocesan Delegates	Bartev Bagdasarian
Church Choir	George Avakian
Armenian School	Van Aroian
Sunday Church School	Deacon Daniel Kochakian
Library Committee	Harry Sogigian
Cultural Committee	Arsen Haroian
Senior Ladies Auxiliary	Elizabeth Kazarian
Young Women's Guild	Ann Kabian
Men's Club	Leo Parnagian
A.C.Y.O.A.	Deborah Bedrosian
Beano Committee	John Kabian

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Church Secretary	Rose Toromanian
Custodian	Charles Sharigian
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Cultural Center Treasurer	Bartev Bagdasarian (volunteer)
Cultural Center Secretary	Mary Sogigian "
Sunday Church School Secretary	Joan Handleman "

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Սիրելի ծխականներ,

ինչպես ծանօթ է բոլորիդ 1974 Մայիսին պաշտօնապես յայտարարուեցաւ Ուստրէն փոխադրութիւնս դէպի Մոնթրէալ, բայց որովհետեւ համայնքը զիս փոխարինող հովիւ մը չունենալուն, ծխական Խորհուրդի խնդրանքով եւ Առաջնորդ Սրբազանի համաձայնութեամբ, որոշեցի մնալ Ձեր մէջ մինչեւ 1974 Սեպտեմբերի սկիզբն լրը: Հետեւաբար 1974 տարւոյ առաջին վեց ամիսներու իմ տեղեկագիրս կը փութամ գրել առ ի գիտութիւն:

Մեր գործունէութեանց մէջ գլխաւոր երեք ծիւղեր միշտ մեր ուշադրութեան եւ մտահոգութեան առարկաները եղած լն, եւ այդ ուղղութեամբ ծիգ չենք խնայած:

ԱՌԱՋԻՆ.- Եկեղեցւոյ պաշտամունքները առաջին հերթին կուզան: Այս մարզին մէջ կը մտնեն բացի բացի Կիրակի եւ Տօն օրերէն նաեւ Կնունքի, Պսակի եւ Յուղարկաւորութեանց արարողութիւնները, հանդերձ քարոզխօսութեամբ, որ կատարեցինք ժողովուրդին հակնալի լեզուով. այս պարագային մեծ մասամբ անգլերենով: Սոյն արարողութիւնները ջանացած ենք միշտ կանոնաւորութեամբ եւ վայելչութեամբ կատարել որպէսզի առաւելագոյն չափով օգտակար ըլլան հաւատացեալներու հոգեկան զոհունակութեան:

Մեծ Պահոց միջոցին նոյնպէս կատարեցինք պատշաճ արարողութիւններ եւ այս առիւ խօսելու հրաւիրեցինք տարբեր եկեղեցիներու հովիւներ: Պաշտամունքները դաստիարակչական դարյնելու համար դասախօսութիւններ տուինք թէ չափահասներու եւ թէ փոքրերու, հայերէն եւ անգլերէն լեզուներով: Կիրակնօրեայ դպրոցի աշակերտութեան յատկապէս մասնագէտ անձեր հրաւիրեցինք, որոնք նոր մեթոտներով բացատրեցին հոգեւոր կեանքի անհրաժեշտութիւնը եւ Ս.Հաղորդութեան խորհուրդը:

ԵՐԿՐՈՐԳ.- Նաեւ մեր ուշադրութեան յատուկ նիւ եղած է, ժողովուրդի եւ Հովիւի հաղորդակցութեան կապը: Համոզուած ըլլալով որ ժողովուրդը եկեղեցիին կամրջողը Հոգեւոր Հովիւն է եւ հակառակ յաճախ յառաջ եկած դժուարութիւններուն մեր կարելին ըրած ենք եկեղեցիին կապելու եւ այս նպատակով կանխի եղածին չափ այցելութիւններ կատարած ենք. նոյնիսկ երբեմն մինչեւ հինգ ընտանիք օրական: Փոխադարձաբար նաեւ դիւրութիւն ընծայած ենք որ ազատ զգան իրենք եւս Հովիւին այցելելու երիցատան մէջ: Այս բոլորին մէջ տեսած ենք թէ ժողովուրդը աւելի կապուած է եկեղեցիին եւ ուրիշ օգտակարութիւն մըն ալ ունեցած է, այսինքն խօսակցութեանց միջոցին եկեղեցական եւ կրօնական գիտելիքներ բացատրելու առիթներ ստեղծուած են. բան մը որ շատ անհրաժեշտ է մանաւանդ երիտասարդ ընտանիքներուն համար որպէսզի նոր սերունդը եւս ճանչնայ իր ազգը:

Մեր ուշադրութենէն չէ վրիպած տկարները եւ այս ուղղութեամբ այսցելած ենք հիւանդանոցներու մէջ թէ տուները գտնուող հիւանդները: Նոյնպէս ծերանոցները: միշտ քաջալերելով ու մխիթարելով. նաեւ Տիրոջ խօսքով լուսաբանելով Ս.Հաղորդութեան խորհուրդին մասին որպէսզի աւելի ստեպ եւ գիտակից հոգիով մօտենան կենարար Ս.Խորհուրդին: Իսկ անոնք որոնք եկեղեցի գալու ի վիճակի չէին, յատուկ այցելութեամբ Սուրբ Հաղորդութիւնը տարած ենք:

ԵՐՐՈՐԳ.- Ներկայ դարուս էկումենական շարժումը յարաբերութեան լայն առիթներ բացած ըլլալով, մեր ուշադրութիւնը այս մարզին մէջ եւս, առաւել չափով կեդրոնացուցինք մասնակցելով միջեկեղեցական գործունէութիւններուն մէջ, ուր իւրաքանչիւր առիթներով Հայ Եկեղեցին եւ յատկապէս Ուստրի համայնքն ու Ս.Փրկիչ եկեղեցին մօտէն ծանչցուելու սքանչելի պատեհութիւններ էին:

Տրուած ըլլալով որ մեր եկեղեցին մաս կը կազմէ Ուստրի Եկեղեցիներու Էկումենական Խորհուրդին, մեր մասնակցութիւնը նախորդ տարուան նման գործոն կերպով շարունակեցինք, երեք կարեւոր վարչութեանց մէջ իբր անդամ ընտրուած ըլլալով: Այդ առնչութեամբ ներկայ եղած ենք բազմաթիւ ժողովներու: Տարուան առաջին կրօնական ձեռնարկը տեղի ունեցաւ Յունուար 18էն մինչեւ 25 ամբողջ շաբաթ մը որ նուիրուած էր եկեղեցիներու միութեան: Մեզի հետ ինք եկեղեցիներ մաս կազմեցին Յունուար 25ի պաշտամունքը մեր Ս.Փրկիչ եկեղեցւոյ մէջ կատարելով զանազան հոգեւորականներու եւ մեր երգչախումբի մասնակցութեամբը:

Մարտ 3ին կէսօրէ վերջ Սէյնթ Փօլ Բաթիտրուին մէջ հանդիսաւոր պաշտամունքով մը բացուեց կատարուեցաւ Ս.Տարի հոջակումին որուն կը մասնակցեր բազմահազար ժողովուրդ մը: Այս հանդիսութեանց մասնակցեցանք Ուստրի Խաթողիկէ Եպիսկոպոսին յատուկ հրաւերովը եւ ներկայացուցինք Հայց. Առաքելական Եկեղեցին:

Մարտ 31ին Ուստրի բոլոր եկեղեցիները աւանդական Սիրոյ Սեղան մը -Ակաբէ Տինըր- սարքեցին, որուն նոյնպէս հրաւիրուած էինք ներկայացնելու Հայոց Ս.Փրկիչ եկեղեցին եւ համայնքը:

Ապրիլ 10ին, աւագ չորեքշաբթի, Պլէստ Սաքրըմընթ եկեղեցւոյ մէջ ինք եկեղեցիներու միութեամբ խորհրդաւոր արարողութիւն մը կատարուեցաւ որուն կրկին հրաւիրուած էինք մասնակցելու գործոն բաժինով մը:

Ասոնցմէ զատ գումարուեցան զանազան ժողովներ ու տեղի ունեցան հաւագոյթներ որոնց ընթացքին պատեհութիւնը ունեցանք ծանօթացնելու թէ Հայ Եկեղեցին եւ թէ Ուստրի հայ համայնքը:

ԴԱՍԱԽՕՍՈՒՅԻՆՆԵՐ: Բացի համայնքէն ներս կատարուած զանազան դասախօսութիւններէն, զոր յաճախակի տեղի կունենար հերթական կանոնաւորութեամբ, հոս միայն երեք հար պիտի յիշենք նկատի ունենալով հանգամանքները, նաեւ մեր շրջանակէն դուրս ըլլալը:

Փետրուար 28ին Ս.Սարգիսի տօնին առթիւ եւ մեծ պահոց ճաշկերոյթին խօսելու հրաւիրուած էինք Պոստոնի Ս.Երրորդութիւն Եկեղեցւոյ Տիկնացնց Միութեան կողմէ:

Ապրիլ 22ին Ասամբշըն Բալըճի պատմութեան Միւղի ուսանողութեան դասախօսութիւն մը տալու հրաւիրուեցանք Փրոֆ.Տաքթըր Սիլբերի-ի կողմէ, նիւթ ունենալով Ուստրի հայ համայնքին պատմութիւնը եւ առաջին ամերիկահայութեան գաղթը: Բաց աստի Դեւոնդեանց տօնին առթիւ Առաջնորդարանէն հրաւիրուած էինք Մայր Տաճարին մէջ քարոզելու:

Հիւրեր: Ս.Փրկիչ եկեղեցին զանազան առիթներով հիւրընկալած է հոգեւոր ԹԼ անշխարհական ազգային դէմքեր. սխալ չըլլաք եթէ ըսենք թէ այս տարուան գլխաւոր հիւրերը եղան Ս.Էջմիածնէն ղրկուած երկու հոգեւորականներ որոնք Վեհ.Հայրապետի բարեհաճ կարգադրութեամբ եկած էին մասնակցելու Ամերիկայի Հոգեց.համագումարին:Ձոյգ բահանաներն ալ Ուստր այցելեցին, Տ.Մեսրոպ Բհնյ.Պէնլեան եւ Տ.Սարգիս Բհնյ.Թաշճեան. վերջինս 23 Մայիսին Համբարձման տօնին պատարագեց մեր եկեղ.մէջ եւ հիւրասիրուեցաւ Տիկնաց. կողմէ սարքուած ճաշկերոյթով:

Տակաւին տարբեր շատ նիւթեր կան մեր գործունէութեան մասին անդրադառնալու, բայց կը խորհինք թէ այսքանը բաւական է կիսամեայ շրջանի մը համար. նաեւ մեզի կը պակսին այժմ աւելի լայնօրէն տեղեկագրելու կարգ մը տուեալները: Սրտագին բարեմաղթութիւններով, կը մնամ աղօթարար,

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ASSISTANT TO THE PASTOR'S
PARTIAL ANNUAL REPORT (Sept. '74 - Dec. '74)

Since I have been here for a relatively short time, my report will primarily consist of the life of the parish during September through December inclusive.

Though we are presently without a permanent parish priest, we have been fortunate to have priests to perform the Divine Liturgy on Sunday mornings. The Diocese has been sending visiting clergy with the understanding that eventually we will have a permanent priest. During the interim of visiting clergy who have also officiated at other sacraments and funerals, I have been overseeing and attending to the regular parish life and responsibilities until such time we have a permanent priest. My appointment to this parish was for working in an auxiliary capacity with a priest. However, since the situation is such that we are without one, my overall responsibilities have become those of a priest and because of our present situation I have more than willingly responded to the needs of the community as much as my canonical privileges allow.

WORSHIP On Sunday, December 22nd, with Fr. Nerses Baboorian as visiting priest of the day, there was a special commemoration and service held honoring the Deacons and Sub-deacons of our parish. This was celebrated in conjunction with the feast of St. Stephen, the first Martyr and Deacon of the Christian Church.

Also as has been the practice in the past years, there was a special Divine Liturgy Service held on December 24, Western Christmas Eve. The guest celebrant was the Rev. Fr. Michael Buttero of St. John Armenian Church of Detroit. The service was in English with the intention of helping to make the Divine Liturgy more comprehensible.

Due to the difficulties in getting a clergyman for the day preceding Theophany (Jan. 5) the usual communion service for the children had to be exempted this year.

SACRAMENTS During the four months of my assistant pastorate, there have been two weddings and two baptisms performed on our church. Visiting clergy were Fr. Nerses Baboorian and Fr. Dajad Davidian for the weddings and Fr. Papken Maksoudian and Fr. Mesrob Sermerjian for the baptisms. In addition to these sacramental services, there have been seven funeral services performed. The officiating clergy were either our visiting clergy of the week or specially requested guest by the family of the deceased.

Total sacraments for 1974: 5 baptisms, 6 weddings and 23 funerals.

CHOIR To make mention of our Deacons, Altar Servers and Choir members, they have participated in Sunday morning worship as well as special services other than Sunday. They indeed have enhanced the worship of the faithful with their devoted participation. It is gratifying to note that more and new young members are joining our Church Choir which is under the capable direction of Mrs. Margaret Hagopian.

VISITATIONS My visitations have been limited due to the magnitude of work and double responsibilities I have assumed. Hospital visitations of course take priority. Fortunately some of the visiting clergy do as much as they can while they are here for the weekend.

Also, a visitation committee has been formed, comprised of the Parish Council members and myself. The intention of this committee is to visit primarily the families of deceased parishioners, extending the condolences of the parish and Parish Council and to create a closer bond by means of this visitation.

MEETINGS During the absence of a permanent clergyman, I have assumed his responsibilities as "acting president" of the parish organizations. I have attempted to attend as many meetings as timing and scheduling would allow. I certainly feel that the only way that a clergyman can keep abreast of what is happening in the parish via the various organizations is to be present at their monthly or weekly meetings.

INTER-CHURCH RELATIONSHIPS Since the beginning of my assistant pastorate here, we have on occasion been able to meet with various clergy of Worcester's churches.

We attended an Ecumenical service representing the Armenian Church, between the Orthodox and Catholic denominations. This was held in December at Holy Cross' Loyola Chapel.

Our relationships with non-Armenian churches in Worcester are mainly through the Ecumenical Council of Churches to which we continue our membership.

MESSENGER The church bulletin is regularly published and mailed to all members and Diocesan parishes to keep them aware of our community life. This periodical is presently published bi-monthly though originally intended for monthly publication. Along with Mrs. Rose Toromanian, I work in the preparation of this bulletin. There have been considerable changes made for the improvement of this periodical. Hopefully within the coming year the Messenger will involve the work of other capable people of our parish, thus making it truly a "parish periodical".

SUNDAY BULLETIN An additional weekly bulletin is prepared for every Sunday. The intention of this new bulletin is to inform the faithful about any special celebrations or commemorations, to list the names of the deceased for which Hokehankisd is said and also other vital news concerning the "religious" life of the parish in the coming week.

SPECIAL PROJECTS Among special parish projects were a clothing drive with the intention of helping our Cypriot Christian Brothers and also a monetary collection by the request of our Primate to assist the war torn island of Cyprus. It is gratifying to report the extremely positive and generous response of the community.

GIFTS It is with great appreciation that we make mention of the many gifts made to our parish.

- 1.. Aluminum letter for the Cultural Center building gifted by Miss Mary Manoogian in memory of her parents.
2. Two new pourvars (censors) gifted by Mr. Kazar Kazarian and Mr. Harold Gregory.
3. The time and assistance of Mrs. Tina Bilazarian in connection with the settlement of the Arzouian Estate and properties.

GUEST CLERGY Father Michael Buttero of St. John Armenian Church of Detroit was guest celebrant on the occasion of Western Christmas Eve. We celebrated the Divine Liturgy in English and delivered the Christmas Eve message.

EDUCATION It is this particular area for which I was assigned to the Worcester Parish. It should be understood that this is my primary responsibility and concern, particularly concerning the youth.

We have endeavored to continue the programs of the Church School with the capable assistance of Mrs. John Handleman and Mr. Seth Bilazarian our programs have met with much success. I shall not enumerate the workings of the Church School here but I shall discuss them in the special Church School report.

We have established a training program for altar servers. These fine young boys have not only been learning how to serve at the Holy Altar, but also have learned the correct behaviour of one who serves the church. The response has been 100% and their eagerness to learn has definitely lent to the overall success thus far achieved.

We anticipate that in hopes of broadening the range of educational activity of our parish, the newly formed Library Committee and the Cultural Committee will assist in organizing and presenting programs of interest concerning our history, culture, arts and sciences.

APPRECIATION We are gratefully thankful to God our Lord for granting us the opportunity to serve Him through this parish. Many thanks to all the organizations of the Church and to all individuals whose names are known to the Lord who have sacrificed their services, their love and devotion by which this community was enriched during the past year. May the blessings of the Lord be with each member of this parish and reward everyone according to their deeds.

SPECIAL THANKS to Mr. Carnig Alexanderian and Mr. Manase Jardarian who, on behalf of the Parish Council open the church doors for all funerals during the week and take care of all necessary arrangements during the funeral service and seeing that all doors are locked after the service.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The Parish Council respectfully submits the following report of activities for 1974.

The annual Parish Assembly was held on Thursday, January 24, 1974, and was continued on Sunday, January 27th for the purpose of electing members of the Parish Council, Auditing Committee and Nominating Committee.

The Assembly was chaired by Bart Bagdasarian; Assembly secretary was Van Aroian.

The following were elected to the Parish Council: Carnig Alexanderian, Peter Nalbandian, John Kabian, David Adishian, Alyce Yarumian and Mary Manoogian.

Elected as Auditing Committee members were: Edward Bilazarian, Aaron Hovenesian and George Krikorian. The following were elected to the Nominating Committee: Papken Anusbigian, William Aslanian, Rose Toromanian, Van Aroian and Nerses Zeytoonian.

On March 5, 1974, the Very Reverend Shnork Kasparian, our pastor, presided at the organizational meeting of the Parish Council. The following executive officers were elected: Chairman, George Migridichian; Vice-Chairman, John Kabian; Secretary, Haroutune Kasparian; Treasurer, Peter Nalbandian; Assistant Secretary, Mary Manoogian and Assistant Treasurer, George Avakian.

On April 21, Armenian Martyrdom was commemorated at our Cultural Center with an appropriate program.

On May 28, a St. Nersess Seminary Mission program took place at the Church Hall by the seminarians themselves. This program, which was presented to our parish for the first time, was uniquely interesting, informative and enthusiastic.

On August 11, a successful annual church picnic took place at the S.A.C. Park in Shrewsbury.

On August 18th, Very Rev. Shnork Kasparian celebrated his last Badarak in our church. Upon the Primate's request, Fr. Shnork was assigned to the Montreal parish. On this occasion, a testimonial banquet was given in his honor. A \$500 check was given to Hayr Soorp at this time.

On August 18, much to the Council's regret, Mary Manoogian resigned from the Parish Council because of a permanent move to California. This vacancy was filled by Kazar Kazarian, next alternate to the Parish Council.

In September, Nerses Zeytoonian moved to Florida and therefore had to resign from the Nominating Committee. He was replaced by the next alternate, Manase Jardarian.

Also in September, the Arzouian Estate was settled. A complete financial breakdown can be found in the Treasurer's Report.

On November 9 and 10, the annual church bazaar became a profitable function and our final function of the year, the New Year's Eve celebration proved to be a successful and enjoyable party.

Upon Fr. Shnork's new assignment, our Parish has had the following visiting clergymen: Very Rev. Mesrob Dz. Vartabed Semerjian, Rev. Papken Maksoudian, Rev. Nerses Baboorian and Rev. Mamigon Vosganian. The Western Christmas Eve Service was celebrated on December 24 in English by Rev. Michael Buttero.

After a long waiting period, our parish has had the good fortune in having a well-educated, dedicated and devoted young man, Diratzoo Daniel Kochakian, who assumed his assignment as Assistant to the Pastor on September 12, 1974.

Since Father Shnork's assignment to Canada, the Parish Council has been actively searching for a replacement. Because of the shortage of clergymen, we have not yet been successful in finding a suitable priest for our parish. It is our sincere hope and wish that we may have a replacement in the near future.

The expenditures for the operation of our church complex increased sharply and the Council has been deeply concerned about meeting the budget.

On behalf of our Parish Council, we would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to each and every member of our parish who has participated in worshipping and glorifying God and who has shared the time and talents in various organizations and activities by creating fun and fellowship with one another. May God bless us all and give us the wisdom to know ourselves better so that we may continue to worship Him for His glory.

For the Parish Council,

George Migridichian
Chairman

Haroutune Kasparian
Secretary

ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS 1974

A. <u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>1974 Budget</u>	<u>1974 Actual</u>	
1. Pledges (weekly 1973)		\$ 618.40	
2. Pledges (weekly 1974)	\$16,000.00	<u>12,413.65</u> ✓	\$13,032.05
3. Pledges (annual 1972)		116.50	
4. Pledges (annual 1973)		5,360.00	
5. Pledges (annual 1974)		9,408.50 ✓	
6. Pledges (annual 1975)	14,000.00	<u>650.00</u>	15,535.00
7. Plate	1,800.00		2,030.95
8. Sunday School- Offering		725.40 200	
" " Registration	1,000.00	<u>345.00</u> ✓	1,070.60
9. Youghakin - Christmas		2,288.00 ✓	
" Easter	4,800.00	<u>2,930.00</u> ✓	5,218.00
B. <u>SERVICE</u>			
1. Hokehankisd	4,100.00		4,551.00
2. Momakin & Offerings	1,000.00		636.50
3. Baptisms	200.00		105.00
4. Weddings	600.00		325.00
5. Funerals	1,050.00		930.00
C. <u>GIFTS & BEQUESTS</u>			
1. Gifts	3,000.00		6,217.00
2. Bequests			14,899.48
3. Flowers			443.00
4. In-Lieu-of-Flowers			505.00
5. Memorial Pictures			300.00
D. <u>CHURCH FUNCTIONS</u>			
1. Bazaar		5,762.54	
2. Picnic		1,146.68	
3. Hye Jinks		1,400.23	
4. Others	10,000.00	<u>504.73</u>	8,814.18
E. <u>OTHER RECEIPTS</u>			
Bank Interests	1,000.00	1,645.96	
Mailing		149.00	
Paper Supplies		109.89	
Hall Rentals	1,000.00	2,840.00	
Arzouian Estate (net profit from rental)		<u>736.47</u>	<u>5,481.31</u>
Anticipated Income 1974	\$59,550.00		
TOTAL RECEIPTS 1974			\$80,094.07

MAJOR GIFTS RECEIVED 1974

Arzouian Estate (sale of house)	\$10,900.00
Arzouian Estate (bank)	2,418.71
Senior Ladies Auxiliary	3,000.00
Men's Club	2,000.00
Educational Assoc. of Hinakarag	580.77
Mrs. Victoria Hoogasian	500.00
Mr. John Bilzerian	500.00
Nazley Markarian Estate	500.00
Women's Guild	200.00

71,318.02

ANALYSIS OF DISBURSEMENTS 1974

A. <u>SALARIES</u>	<u>1974 Budget</u>	<u>1974 Actual</u>	
1. Pastor	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 5,250.00	
2. Visiting Clergy	200.00	1,670.00	
3. Deacon		2,310.00	
4. Secretarial	3,000.00	2,757.24	
5. Choir Director	780.00	780.00	
6. Organist		390.00	
7. Custodial (2 part-time custodians and 1 part-time cleaning woman)	10,000.00	<u>5,477.50</u>	\$18,634.74
B. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u>			
1. Fuel	7,500.00		6,833.40
2. Electric	2,100.00		2,376.67
3. Telephone	1,000.00		1,519.97
4. Printing (general)		104.05	
" (Messenger)	1,000.00	<u>1,219.00</u>	1,323.05
5. Postage	650.00		660.00
6. Pledge Supplies	200.00		193.53
7. Office Supplies & Expenses	800.00		1,102.14
8. General Supplies & Maint.	6,000.00		2,441.98
9. Church & Altar Supplies	350.00		1,024.99
10. Flowers	500.00		705.75
11. Insurance	1,600.00		1,890.00
12. Clergy Fund	400.00		290.00
13. Automobile Expenses	750.00		837.24
C. <u>ASSESSMENTS</u>			
1. Diocesan Dues	13,000.00	12,890.00	
2. Etchmiadzin Looma	250.00	<u>250.00</u>	13,140.00
3. Ecumenical Council	150.00		155.00
D. <u>EDUCATIONAL</u>			
1. Sunday Church School	1,500.00	1,291.98	
2. Armenian School	1,000.00	<u>400.00</u>	1,691.98
E. <u>OTHER DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
1. Cultural Center Building Fund			10,000.00
2. Church Functions			463.45
3. Soloists and Organists			420.00
4. Mass. Unemployment Comp.			251.00
5. Delegates (Diocesan Assembly)			284.36
6. Retreat			<u>45.00</u>
Anticipated Expense 1974	<u>\$67,410.00</u>		
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 1974			 <u>\$66,284.25</u>

1974 RECAPITULATION

BALANCES JANUARY 1, 1974

Guaranty Bank & Trust (checking acct.)	\$ 2,188.93	
People's Mechanic Bank-Special Notice	18,790.03	
First Federal Savings - Choir Fund	153.08	
First Federal Savings	<u>8,689.53</u>	
Balance January 1, 1974		\$29,821.57
Total Receipts 1974	80,094.07	
Total Disbursements 1974	<u>66,284.25</u>	
Net Income 1974		<u>13,809.82</u>
Balance December 31, 1974		43,631.39

BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 1974

Guaranty Bank & Trust - Checking Acct.	\$ 4,559.66	
People's Mechanic Bank - Special Notice	19,917.88	
First Federal Savings - Choir Fund	161.45	
First Federal Savings	<u>18,992.40</u>	
Balance December 31, 1974		<u>\$43,631.39</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 in January, 1975, we find them to be a fair and reasonable representation of the financial position of the Church.

By Edward Bilzerian
 Aaron Hovenesian
 George Krikorian

ANTICIPATED INCOME & EXPENSE FOR 1975

(Church Operations Budget)

INCOME

Pledges (weekly envelopes)	\$24,000	
Pledges (annual)	20,000	
Plate	1,800	
Sunday Church School	1,000	
Youghakin	4,800	
Hokehankisd	4,100	(Proposed 1974
Momakin & Offerings	1,000	Budget 59,550)
Baptisms	200	
Weddings	600	
Funerals	1,050	
Gifts & Bequests	3,000	
Hall Donations	6,200	
Church Functions	12,000	
Interest	<u>1,000</u>	

\$80,750

EXPENSE

Pastor	\$13,000	
Deacon	7,800	
Pastor's Car Expenses	1,500	
Secretarial	3,500	
Choir Director	780	
Visiting Clergy	200	
Program & Education Director	6,000	
Custodians & Maintenance Labor	10,000	
Fuel	7,500	
Electric	2,800	
Telephone	1,200	
Printing	1,200	
Postage	800	
Pledge Supplies	300	
Office Supplies	1,000	
Church Supplies	700	
Building Repairs	9,000	
Clergy Pension	400	(Proposed 1974
Insurance	2,000	Budget 67,410)
Sunday Church School	2,000	
Diocesan Assessment	15,000	
Church Choir	700	
Etchbiadzin Assessment	250	
Ecumenical Council	150	
Diocesan Assembly	600	
Flowers	500	
Armenian School	1,200	
Organist	<u>520</u>	

\$90,600

CULTURAL CENTER BUILDING FUND

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Year Ended December 13, 1974

CASH BALANCE: Dec. 31, 1973	\$15,859.97
RECEIPTS:	
Pledges and Assessments Received	\$8,442.55
In Lieu of Flowers	12,758.50
Interest Received	598.07
Parish Council	<u>10,000.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>31,799.12</u>
TOTAL CASH	\$47,659.09
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Payments on Mortgage	\$24,413.35
Interest Paid	<u>9,528.02</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>33,941.37</u>
CASH BALANCE: Dec. 31, 1974	<u>\$13,717.72</u>
On Deposit:	
Mechanics National Bank, Savings a/c No. 602-325-3	\$ 9,234.62
" " " Checking a/c No. 205-230-6	<u>4,483.10</u>
	<u>\$13,717.72</u>
CURRENT LIABILITY:	
Balance Due On Mortgage Loan, Acct. No. 26425	
First Federal Savings & Loan Association	\$142,589.14

The above statement of our Church, Cultural Center Building Fund, again displays the responsible and generous attitude of our Parish toward its obligation. We are permitted to report that successive monthly payments of the building loan have been met promptly, Note that balance of the mortgage due does not include interest which amounts to about \$740.00 per month. The interest burden was slightly reduced this year by a \$15,000.00 sum applied to the principal. \$10,000.00 of this payment was provided from Parish Council Funds.

We are loathe to mention that assessment receipts are rather less than anticipated. Of the \$8400.00 received for Pledges and Assessments, only about 60% represents contributions from assessments and this from donors about 100 in number. Our distinct impression of assessment obligations is that all Parish members should meet this important need. A greater participation would certainly help, over the long run, to reduce the cost of our mortgage loan.

About \$1300.00 was received as new pledges or additions to old pledges during the year. Outstanding Pledges Receivable presently stand at about \$10,800.00.

Records, bank statements and passbooks of the Fund were reviewed by the Auditing Committee and their report will be presented separately.

Respectfully submitted,

10 Bart Badasarian, Treas. for the Fund

ANNUAL DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

Since extensive information was presented by the Delegates at a Special Parish Assembly held for that purpose, and because of space limitations involved here, this report will curtail all but the essentials of assembly business. However, the complete, official minutes of the Assembly will be available in our Parish Library (both languages) for anyone wishing to peruse them.

The 72nd Annual Diocesan Assembly convened in New York City at St. Vartans' Cathedral - May 3 & 4, 1974 with His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian presiding. All of the Parishes of the Diocese were represented there being 99 to 140 delegates present at the various sessions.

Confirmation of delegates, alternates and newly elected members of the Assembly was followed by election of officers. This first session was then rendered a message from His Holiness Vasken I. Two visiting clergy from the See of Holy Etchmiadzin were introduced and a prayer for the souls of deceased clergymen and lay members of the Diocese was offered. The session was concluded by presentation of the Primate's message.

The Primate stressed the need for availability of more clergymen and the particular means by which he hopes to swell their number. His Eminence reviewed recent history sighting the growth of our Parishes with their facilities and mentioned the need for reorganization of our church community and administrative structure of the Diocese. He indicated hope and encouragement that our faith will move the mountains of difficulties thereby permitting our church community to achieve its purpose of serving God and our people.

The second session concerned itself with the Diocesan Council report and report of the Unity Committee. Reports were also delivered on the Endowment Fund, St. Vartan Stewardship and considerations of the proposals receiving affirmative action were the following:

1. Amending Article 6 of the By-Laws, wherein the last sentence is deleted. Note: this is the second year acceptance.
2. A proposal referring to Article 6 that members 18 years of age or over shall pay church dues of \$15.00 per year. Such amount may be increased but not decreased by the Parish Assembly.
3. A proposal that the Diocesan Council consider that a greater portion of Diocesan Budget be devoted to projects which are beneficial to all parishes.

The third session opened with a report of the Auditing Committee and additional proposals were considered. The Assembly requested a directive be given the Diocesan Council that it express a vote of confidence to the Committee of the Separated Brethren.

A report of the Stipends Committee received favorable action and was followed by a report of the Clergy Conference. At this session, Zarvin Kasparian presented his committee's study for a proposal to establish an Archdiocese with regional vicariates. Approval was given the plan in a vote by the Assembly that the tentative concept be implemented by specific detail for conclusive action by the next assembly.

The fourth session was marked significantly by election of a Primate. His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian was re-elected to his third four year term by an overwhelming majority.

There followed elections for member to Board of Trustees and various standing committees as follows:

Proposals Committee
Budget Committee
Nominating Committee
Auditing Committee

Rev. Father Mampre Kouzouian reported the Ecumenical Service commemorating the 8th Centenary of St. Nerses Shnorhali, held at St. Patrick's Cathedral and also on matters pertaining to relations of the Diocese with various ecumenical bodies and inter-church committees.

Honor for "Man of the Year" was announced and nominee so signified was Mr. Souren Manuelian who accepted with grace and great appreciation.

The Budget Committee then presented its proposal for 1974 and after much discussion and clarification, a motion made by Gilbert Markarian was voted and carried that a total of \$357,900. for expenditures be found acceptable. The anticipated income was indicated as \$391,000.

The Courtesies Committee recommendations were accepted.

The site of 1975 Assembly was left to a decision of the Diocesan Council which has since been announced as Boston's Holy Trinity.

Invitation to hold 1976 Assembly at Philadelphia was accepted.

Consideration of a resolution on Genocide prepared by Dr. Vazken Parsegian ended in recognition and adoption.

A motion made by the Chair and seconded was voted favorably to commemorate the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Genocide.

Following benediction by His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, the 72nd Diocesan Assembly was adjourned into history.

Respectfully submitted,

Zarvin Kasparian, Gilbert
Markarian, Asbed Zakarian,
Charles Garabedian and
John Toromanian

Bart Bagdasarian
Member Diocesan Delegation

CHURCH CHOIR

Annual elections for the 1974-75 term was held in September with the following results:

George Avakian, Jr. - Chairman	Hazel Eljanian - Treasurer
Charles Hoogasian - Vice-Chairman	Janet Sahagian - Corres. Sec.
Nancy Hovhanesian - Recording Sec.	Margaret Hagopian - Advisor

The Choir consisting of 29 members, is under the direction of Margaret Hagopian and Assistant Director, Hazel Eljanian. Organist is Marie Shamgochian, assisted by Irene Shooshan, Grace Kheboian, George Sogigian and Arlene Manos.

Altar Servers: Deacon Emeritus, Haigaz Santoian, Deacons Simon Zakarian, George Shamgochian and Deacon Daniel Kochakian. Sub-Deacons Suney Kachadoorian, Ara Eresian, Charles Hoogasian and Haroutune Kasparian. Acolytes John Abdella, Seth Bilazarian, Raffi Aroian, Greg and Steven Migridichian, Louis and Mark Mikitarian, and Scott Najarian.

The 28th Annual Assembly of the Choir Association was held in November at St. Leon's Armenian Church of FairLawn, New Jersey. The 29th Annual Assembly will be held at St. John The Divine Church of Springfield, Massachusetts.

On December 24, Western Christmas Eve, the Choir for the first time sang the Divine Liturgy in English.

Six new deacon's robes have been ordered.

Our Treasurer reports the following:

Organ Fund \$2,532.74

Regular Account \$383.01

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Avakian, Jr.
Chairman

ARMENIAN SCHOOL

In 1974, the Armenian School continued to teach the language, history, music and culture of the Armenian people to the youngsters of our community. We are proud of the families who send their beautiful children to the school and thank the church for its support through the Parish Council and for the generosity of the entire community. We are also pleased with our dedicated staff: Sona Garabedian, Mary Malkassian, Alyce Yarumian, Macrouhi Adjeleian and Principal, Vahan Pogharian.

The following summary statistics describes the activities of the school during the 1974 budget year:

No. of students:	Sept., 1973 - 40	No. of Classroom	Sept., 1973 - 6
	June, 1974 - 31	Teachers:	June, 1974 - 5
	Sept., 1974 - 37		Sept., 1974 - 5

Summary of expenses and income Jan. 1, 1974 to Dec. 31, 1974:

Expenses:	Income:	
Includes teacher's salaries	Parish Council	\$400.00
\$1,609.00	Bake Sales	493.00
	Raffle	679.25
	Closing Exercises	138.80
	Donations	<u>208.00</u>
		\$1,919.55

The Committee is currently working on regrouping the students according to various skill levels in order to reduce the number of classroom teachers without sacrificing teaching quality. This task has not been easy and is yet to be completed. This attempt has led to a series of exams to determine skill achievements. These tests were drawn up by Mr. Vahan Pogharian, our new principal and have proved valuable in evaluating the student body and the school.

The Committee is also investigating the possibility of an Armenian Nursery School, since parents of some 11 students have so requested. Any comments on this possibility, expression of interest or support are welcome.

As Chairman, I want to publicly thank the following Committee members for their dedication, devotion of time, money, thought and spirit:

Deacon Daniel Kochakian, President
Armenouhi Jardarian, Vice-Chairman
Torkom Boyajian, Treasurer
Arshalouis Andonian, Corr. Sec.
Charlotte Calfaian, Rec. Sec.

Advisors: Zarvin Kasparian
Diran Deranian
Grace Kheboian
Ann Hovenesian
Zabelle Jorjorian
Alyce Yarumian

Respectfully submitted,
Van Aroian, Chairman

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

ADMINISTRATION- Directory of Religious Education- Deacon Daniel Kochakian

Co-ordinators - Mrs. Joan Handleman Primary Assembly:
Mr. Seth Bilazarian Miss Joanne Bezdegian

Registrant - Mrs. Rose Toromanian Money Steward - Mr. Nishan Zartarian

TEACHING STAFF

<u>Primary Dept.</u>	<u>Intermediate Dept.</u>	<u>Senior Dept.</u>
Carol Grillo	Martha Merzigian	Harry Dostourian
Thomasine Surabian	Judy Adishian	Berjoohie Zakarian
Pamela Der Kazarian	Lucine Haroian	George Sogigian
Sarah Hovsepien	Carol Gazel	Deacon D. G. Kochakian
Florence Noroian		
Marilyn Markarian		
Nancy Bedrosian		
Ann Najarian		

Musical Director - Mr. George Sogigian

Substitute Teachers: Mr. Mardiros Mooshagian Miss Ann Kassabian
Mrs. Ruth Haddon Miss Joyce Melikian
Miss Marcia Toromanian

Teacher's Assistants & Aides - Miss Beverly Elloian
Miss Carolyn Kheboian

PROGRAM Registration was held on Sunday, September 15, 1974. Subsequent registrations followed bringing total enrollment to 198 students. The following Sunday, September 22, the regular session of Church School classes commenced. Supervisors and assembly leaders conducted worship services for their respective departments to which they were assigned. The format of worship was based upon the regular Sunday morning divine Liturgy, pin-pointing the familiar portions of prayers, hymns, etc. enabling the young faithful to increase the depth of their participation. Commencing with the 1974-75 Church Schoolyear was the reception of the Holy Eucharist by individual classes on a rotation basis. This is intended to bring the child to a more frequent exposure to the Holy Sacrament of Holy Communion. Along these same lines adequate preparation is given to each class for the reception of Holy Communion with the guidance of Diratzoo Danny and the Church School teachers. Special attention has been given to the older Church School pupils roughly ages 15-17. It is obvious that in the past these pupils have not been fully exposed to the now completed curriculum of studies. Therefore it has been the intention of the Senior Department to re-group classes periodically and make the necessary adjustments in the curriculum. 210 12

Again it must be stressed that in order to realize any success in the Church School, not only is the dedication of the teachers necessary, but also the fidelity and cooperation of the parents of the youngsters. We as educators and you as parents can expect only so much from our children. If we show apathy, we can expect apathy. If we show

laziness, we should expect laziness. If we show concern, then they too will be concerned. If we show dedication, then finally they will dedicate themselves to their Church and their community. It cannot be hoped that the Church School will perform a miracle but it can be expected that the Church School will cultivate the 'Coming to Christ' which starts at home. We are only an extension of the home atmosphere and if the child sees an obvious dychotomy, this dychotomy will throw him or her into utter confusion, destroying finally any attempts made at trying to show them the basis of a 'good' life. Therefore we continue to pray for your support and are hopeful that the Holy Spirit will guide us along the right path.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS September - December, 1974

November 3rd - Teacher's Dedication Service

October 26th - Halloween Party

December 22nd - Christmas Party

December 24th - Western Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy in English

During the 1974 Winter academic year, Sister Maria Assumpta Merchant presented a series of lectures to the teaching staff of the Church School. A movie entitled "What Communion Means - Eucharist and Liturgy and The Bread of Life" was shown and a discussion followed.

The 7th Annual Appreciation Dinner Meeting was held on March 14th at Putnam & Thurston's. Presiding was Fr. Shnork Kasparian. Invited guests were Messrs. George Migridichian, Parish Council Chairman 1974, Mr. Charles Garabedian, Parish Council Chairman 1973 and Zarvin Kasparian. Sister Maria Assumpta again was present and gave an enlightening talk about the creativity one can achieve through dreams. On that day, Miss Berjoochie Zakarian presented a special gift to Mrs. Agnes Sagerian, Supervisor/Junior Dept. who is temporarily taking a leave of absence.

On the weekend of March 29-30, our Church participated in a retreat sponsored by the C.R.E. held at the Framingham Conference Centre. This retreat was under the leadership of Deacon Hovhannes Kasparian, now Fr. Karekin Kasparian. He was assisted by the Rev. Dajad Davidian, and the Very Rev. Ghevont Samoorian. The theme of this meeting of district churches was "Our Lenten Journey Into Holy Week", pinpointing also penance and confession. All participants benefited tremendously from the fellowship and spiritual growth.

During Holy Week, the students of the Church School were fortunate to have with them Sister Maria Assumpta Merchant and Mr. Ralph Yagjian. On Sunday, March 17 and 24, Sister Maria showed a Lenten film strip and involved the students in a workshop. On Sunday, March 31 and April 7, Mr. Ralph Yagjian held Lenten Seminar, involving the students in a dialogue-type program.

April 13th, Good Friday, at 1:30 pm, the Junior/Senior Dept. students of the Church School participated in a preparation for Communion program, under the leadership of Mrs. Helen Gagne, affiliated with the

Roman Catholic Diocese of Worcester. She involved the students in a workshop concerning the relation between the Tree of Life and Communion. Hayr Soorp led the students in a brief period of prayer and meditation in the Holy Sanctuary.

This year's Lenten offering amounted to \$108.21 which is presently being held in abeyance.

On June 9th, the Church School held their closing exercises. A coffee-hospitality hour preceded the main program. Mrs. Mary Arakelian Church School Co-ordinator delivered the welcoming address after the Invocation by Fr. Shnork. Forty-five attendance awards were presented to students ranging in age from 4 - 17. Certificates and Bibles were presented to Students.

Mrs. Mary Arakelian was also honored at this time for her devotion to the Church Sunday School and for her untiring services for many years.

On Saturday, November 2, the C.R.E. presented a day retreat at the Framingham Conference Centre. The topic was "Coming to Christmas: Advent and the Incarnation." Together with those who attended from Worcester were teachers from Watertown and Providence who shared and took part in the program. Speakers were Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian, Ms. Valerie Goekjian of the CRE and Deacon Daniel Kochakian.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Deacon Daniel Kochakian
Director of Religious Education

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

In 1974, the Library project, after many delays and hindrances finally got off the ground. It opened its doors on Sunday, September 28th after church services. About 70 persons visited the facilities looking over books and periodicals, asking questions and making inquiries. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the Committee.

To date, there are over 100 books, monthly and weekly periodicals available for our English reading students and adults. These publications cover an extensive area of the story of the Armenian people: history, language, art, music, legends and poems, etc.

Since the opening of the library, 64 persons have made use of the facilities, most of them being adults. We had hoped that more of our students would make use of the library. We urge parents and Sunday School teachers of the higher grades to encourage their students to use the library.

For the immediate future, the Committee is planning to start the collection of Armenian books for the elders of our community. The Parish Council has authorized the purchase of two book cases and a committee will be in charge of the work involved.

This year, we have had the co-operation of several of our parishioners, many of whom have either bought or donated books. We are grateful for their interest and support especially the former Boy Scout Troop Committee who donated all their financial remains (\$238.78) for the purchase of books and our thanks go out to the Young Women's Guild who contributed \$100.00 for the library's use.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:	January 1, 1974 balance on hand	\$464.54
	Deposits	592.44
	Interest on Acct.	52.07
		<u>\$1109.05</u>
	1974 withdrawals & expense	<u>527.82</u>
	Balance on hand	\$ 581.23

Committee members are: Elizabeth Ajamian, Harold Gregory, Torcom Hooloian, Rose Gulanian, Haroutune Kasparian, Lillian Kassabian, Harry Sogigian, Helen Torigian, Rose Toromanian and Rosalie Yazijian. Advisor: Barbara Davis; Staff Assistants, Dianne & Isabel Sahagian.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Sogigian
Chairman

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

President, Very Rev. Shnork Kasparian - Chairman, Arsen Haroian
Committee members: Mary Aroian, Rose Aslanian, Aaron Hovenesian and
Harry Sogigian.

On January 26th, the Committee and the Senior Ladies Auxiliary participated with other churches and service organizations in an exhibition at the Worcester Center Galleria. We had our own booth where objects and materials relating to our religious and cultural heritage were displayed. Delicacies and pastries prepared by the Senior Ladies were also sold. Profits were divided with the Senior Ladies. The Committee's share was \$75.00 which was presented to the Church.

Sunday, February 24th - Celebration of St. Vartanantz
Following Church Services, a dinner was given in the Cultural Centre. The food was prepared by the Senior Ladies Auxiliary. The program consisted of a selection of songs presented by the Armenian School students under the direction of Mrs. Alyce Yarumian and accompanied by Mrs. Grace Kheboian. Young Mihran Aroian performed touchingly on the violin. The talented pianist, Mrs. Mary Babekjian entertained us with several compositions. The main speaker was Mr. Van Aroian whose topic presented in English was the Historical Significance of St. Vartanantz.
Father Kasparian then spoke on the same topic in Armenian.

The Cultural Committee's annual variety show entitled "Hye Jinks" was presented Friday and Saturday evenings, May 31 and June 1 in the Cultural Center Auditorium. The show was a great success with approximately 750 persons attending both nights. Over 125 of our parishioners took part in the show.

We thank all the church organizations and the many individuals who by their efforts and material contributions once again demonstrated the true Armenian spirit.

Respectfully submitted,

Arsen Haroian, Chairman

SENIOR LADIES AUXILIARY

The executive board for 1974 was as follows: Elizabeth Kazarian, Chairman; Diroohie Ishelejian, Vice-Chairman; Armenouhie Jardarian, Secretary; Mary Bedrosian, Treasurer; Agnes Tavajian, Assistant Treasurer; and Elizabeth Ajamian, Assistant Secretary. Advisors were: Dzeadzan Cholakian, Agavny Bilazarian, Katherine Kaloostian.

We have 125 dues paying members, with a mailing list of 200.

We held 8 regular meetings during the year and 6 executive board meetings.

ACTIVITIES FOR 1974

January	Election and Armenian Christmas Party
February	Religious program commemorating St. Vartan
March	Annual Mid-Lenten Dinner and program
April	Easter Luncheon and Program
May	Dinner and traditional (Vijag) program following church service on Feast of the Ascension May 1 Annual breakfast and social
July	Annual Picnic on church grounds
October	(Cultural month) Dinner and program appropriate for the day
November	Memorial dinner in memory of our departed members and their families
December	Luncheon and Christmas Party

In November, we participated in the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Young Women's Guild.

A group of volunteer members gave their services for the upkeep of the Holy Altar and making the Mas.

We contributed donations to the Cultural Center Fund - In-Lieu-of-flowers in memory of our departed members.

In May, we represented our organization at the Diocesan Assembly held at St. Vartan Cathedral in New York City.

The Senior Ladies Auxiliary actively took part in the preparation of the food at the annual church picnic as well as the annual bazaar. We also baked for the Cultural Committee's Exhibit at the Worcester Centre Galleria and for the Armenian School bake sales.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income Jan. 1, 1974 - Dec. 31, 1974	\$3,560.70
Interest	<u>89.51</u>
Total Income	3,649.21
Expenses Jan. 1, 1974 - Dec. 31, 1974	<u>1,637.66</u>
Balance	\$2,011.55

Transferred to the Parish Council for the Cultural Center Fund \$2,000.

The Senior Ladies Auxiliary expresses its gratitude to all parishioners for their support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Kazarian
Chairman

Armenouhie Jardarian
Secretary

YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD

The Young Women's Guild completed another successful year both culturally and socially, culminating in the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Guild with medallions presented to 25 year members.

Executive Board for the year was:

Ann Kabian, Chairman	Ruth Shahinian, Corresponding Sec.
Frances Elloian, Vice-Chairman	Rose Derderian, Treasurer
Ann Sharigian, Recording Sec.	Pauline Agazarian, Asst. Treasurer

Appointed to Standing Committees were:

Advisors: Marion Nalbandian	Publicity: Margaret Belles
Betty Sheehan	Harriet Krikorian
Dorothy Yagjian	Auditing: Ardem Andonian
Hospitality: Arek Thompson	Barbara Kavogian
Nancy Mgrdichian	Ann Pahigian
Visitation: Dorothy Arakelian	By-Laws: Mary Elloian
Ann Najarian	Mary Martin
Sadie Takvorian	Liaison Parish Council: Ann Mosessian
Membership: Rose Aslanian	Liaison Cheerleaders: Jennie Barsamian
Alice Papazian	Volunteer Social Service:
Program: Charlotte Anusbigian	Ann Hagopian
Julie Najarian	Betty Sheehan
Ways & Means: Sid Davagian	Special Project: Ruth Kaprelian
Hazel Eljanian	
Margaret Hagopian	
Mary Sogigian	

A total of eight executive board meetings and nine membership meetings were held with an average of 35 members attending.

Activities for the year:

January- Installation Dinner	May- Guest Night
March- Lenten Dinner	November- 25th Anniversary Dinner and Program
April- Whist Party	

The Guild actively participated in the following functions: Cultural Project sponsored by the Peoples Savings Bank in January World Day of Prayer at Wesley Methodist Church sponsored by the Worcester County Ecumenical Council in March Senior Ladies Auxiliary Lenten Supper in March Delegates attended Diocesan Assembly in New York City in May Parish Picnic in August; Parish Bazaar in November; Y.W.C.A. Fiesta in November; Christmas Buffet after Church Services Christmas Eve

Social activities for the year were two trips to the Chateau de Ville in June and December.

Financial Report

Total Income	\$6,230.11
Total Disbursements	<u>6,001.14</u>
Net Balance	\$ 228.97

Disbursements to Church:

Armenian School	\$ 100.00
Sunday Church School	100.00
Library	200.00
Cultural Center Fund	2,000.00

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Sharigian, Recording Secretary

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club annual installation dinner meeting was held in January under the direction of the Very Rev. Shnork Kasparian, Pastor and Mr. Harry Sogigian at which time the following were installed:

Leo Parnagian, Chairman	Thomas Belezarian, Recording Sec.
Charles Sharigian, Vice-Chairman	George D. Avakian, Jr., Treasurer
Richard Shaw, Corresponding Sec.	

Monthly dinner meetings were held on the second Monday of each month with an average of twenty-eight in attendance.

1974 HIGHLIGHTS

The Annual Sport's Night was held on April 28th with an approximate attendance of 180. Dinner was served and awards of jackets were presented to our Senior and Junior teams.

In May, our Annual Cabaret Night was again a very successful evening.

The Fall of 1974 opened with the organization of a third basketball team for 18 year olds and over, This team is also sponsored by the Men's Club and under the direction of Mr. Leon Kachadorian.

A total of 33 uniforms for the three basketball teams were purchased this year.

PARTICIPATION IN COMBINED ANNUAL CHURCH EVENTS

Church Picnic and Bazaar. Other events included the Hye Jinks Musical and the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Young Women's Guild.

FINANCIAL STATUS

Total Income	\$4,360.63
Total Expense	<u>3,563.48</u>
Net Balance	\$ 799.15

The Executive Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all fellow members and parishioners who helped make the year a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Parnagian
Chairman

Thomas Belezarian
Recording Secretary

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

The year 1974 started off with the following officers:

David Papazian, Chairman	Joann Merzigian, Recording Secretary
Richard Markarian, Vice-Chairman	Nancy Mshooshian, Corres. Secretary
Steve Derderian, Treasurer	Pamela Davis, Publicity

In June we had a Record Hop with Jeff Starr and in July we had a Beach Party at Hampton Beach.

The results of our annual elections in September were:

Debbie Bedrosian, Chairman	Joyce Arakelian, Corres. Secretary
Adrienne Vartanian, Vice-Chairman	Dorothy Zakarian, Publicity
Barry Bilzerian, Treasurer	Michael Merzigian & Jean Mosessian, Program
Darrylin Besnilian, Recording Sec.	

This year we are fortunate to have Deacon Daniel Kochakian helping us and taking part in the ACYOA, as well as our four Advisors: Berjohie Zakarian, Rose Gulanian, Alice Piligian and Rose Aslanian.

We are certainly encouraged and happy with the help and cooperation we are receiving from our Deacon and Advisors.

During the recent November Bazaar, we participated by running games for the children and also a booth where we sold Armenian Power bumper stickers, hot dogs, soda, candy, Christmas cards and cocktail napkins. This proved to be a profitable venture.

We also took part in a service project in December by packing and sending clothing that were donated by our parishioners to the refugees of Cyprus.

We also attended a performance of "Jesus Christ Super Star" at the Worcester Auditorium in December. This was a truly enjoyable experience for all of us.

Tentative plans are in the making for a trip to our St. Vartan Cathedral in New York.

We are happy to say that our group is coming along very well and we hope to have a great year.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrylin Besnilian
Recording Secretary