

THE ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT

1979

PASTOR and PARISH COUNCIL

THE PASTOR'S REPORT

It has been eighteen years that I have had the privilege of serving you as the Pastor of this Church. They have been 18 wonderful years for me and for my family. I thank God and my family of St. Thomas for that.

I am happy to report that by the grace of God we have completed another fruitful year. Our thanks go to the Church auxiliary groups and special commendation goes to our Parish Council for their fine cooperation and work. Each group has submitted its report separately. I will report to you mainly about the sacramental and pastoral activities of the past year.

WORSHIP SERVICES have been conducted every Sunday from 10:30 am to noon, with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and a sermon. During the year, we had as guest celebrants: Archbishop Torkom Manoogian on Palm Sunday when we celebrate the anniversary of the consecration of the Church; July 8 while our Pastor was on vacation Rev. Karekin Avak Kahanah Kirazian from Aleppo, July 29 Rev. Nersess Jebejian from Springfield, Mass. Other guests during the year were Aghan Dz. Vartabed Baleozian from Australia, Rev. Donald MacLeod from Hawthorne, and Rev. Gabriel Duffy from Washington, D.C. Our own William Weissman spoke at the conclusion of Services on October 28. Father Arnak celebrated Badarak at the Home in Emerson twice, on the Armenian Christmas Day and on Maundy Thursday of the Holy Week. On Good Friday we, the seven Churches of Tenafly, had a joint service and procession from church to church.

SACRAMENTAL SERVICES: During the year, 24 baptisms were performed (compared to 27 last year); 16 marriages were blessed (18 the previous year); 12 funerals took place (17 last year). We were shocked and saddened by the sudden deaths of Charles Dadaian, Caspar Kasparian, and Edward Papazian. Charles will be remembered as the hard working Chairman of the Men's Club, always ready to help when called upon. Caspar, Vice Chairman of our Parish Council, delegate to the Diocesan Assembly, and Deacon of St. Thomas was a peacemaker, always striving for harmony and unity. He was a total Christian Armenian, involved in all the aspects of the Church life with effective leadership. Edward will be missed, not only for his delicious pilaf at all our Church functions, but as a man of dedication towards the Armenian Church and strong feeling for what is right and what is wrong. We shall remember, also, the following whose families are active members of our Church: Ardemis Ajemian, Mother of Anthony, George and Peter; Bertha Tfrank, Mother and Grandmother of Sonia Turnamian and Joan Croskey respectively; George Der Hovhannessian, cousin of Nazar Nazarian. George was recently becoming active with our Parish, and, unfortunately, many did not have the opportunity of knowing and working with him.

ADMINISTRATIVE: As ex-officio president of all church organizations, Fr. Arnak attended and presided over all the meetings. He directed and advised and, in many cases, he helped in implementing decisions. He attended the Clergy Conference and Diocesan Assembly in Chelmsford, Mass. during the first weekend in May.

PUBLICATIONS: Fr. Arnak published the Bergen Beacon Monthly and put out the flyers for our various affairs. Each month our Beacon is mailed to our college students residing on campus. Special thanks to Mary Ann Saraydarian for editing, to Bedros and Iris Papazian for setting the type of the Beacon and of some special flyers and giving them their professional touch, and to five friends who alternately do the printing. Our mailing list is approximately 950 addresses. Dikris Malool has been most helpful in assisting with typing, addressing, and various other office work whenever called upon.

We also thank Mrs. Lucy Chakmakian and her helpers from Avak Society who make sure that we have "mahs" every Sunday.

A very special tribute must be paid this year to the efforts of our Chairman, Victor Arzoomanian, who is an experienced leader in organizing and delegating responsibilities. It is a joy to work with him. I'm sorry he has decided not to run for Parish Council this year.

On this occasion I would like to mention our very successful Bazaar financially and also as a vehicle of good fellowship. We thank Alice Shahinian and Victor Arzoomanian, Co-Chairmen of Bazaar '79 for leading the complex activities of this Bazaar with a harmonious team of our Parishioners.

THE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Under the guidance of our Religious Leader, Rev. Arnak Kasparian, the Parish Council effectively managed the activities of our beautiful Church to successful conclusions. These achievements are identified throughout our Annual Report. They were made possible through the combined efforts of our Parish Council, Chairpersons of our Church Organizations, Chairpersons of our committees, members of the Choir, members serving on the Altar, and our Parishioners who supported our programs by giving of their time, their services, and their generous donations. We congratulate and thank you for your support in allowing us to surpass our yearly goal in a professional and productive manner.

NAME	OFFICE	ASSIGNMENT	LIAISON
Victor Arzoomanian	Chairman		Men's Club
Ronald Kenderian	Secretary		ACYOA Srs.
Peter Jamgochian	Asst. Secy.	Rentals	ACYOA Jrs.
Vahan Barsamian	Treasurer		Couples Club
Moses Kazanjian	Asst. Treas.	Asst. Bldg. & Grounds	
Albert Papazian	- - - - -	Pledges	Sunday School

NAME	OFFICE	ASSIGNMENT	LIAISON
Samuel Demirjian	- - - - -	Narthex Coordinator Sacraments	Armenian School
Virginia Parseghian	- - - - -	Supplies, Purchases Custodial Service	Women's Guild
Albert Victoria	- - - - -	Buildings & Grounds	- - - - -
Virginia Malajian	- - - - -		Choir
Charles Doudoukjian	- - - - -		Avak Society Bookstore

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS and COMMUNICATIONS

The Parish Council scheduled most of their meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at the Church Annex. The meetings were held in a business-like manner. All areas of Church matters were discussed and action taken where required.

The members of the Parish Council took pride in the work they accomplished. They devoted time, services, and gave financial aid with a sense of dedication and willingness to serve.

The Parish Council meetings were open to our members. Chairpersons of Church Organizations, Committee Chairpersons, Delegates and other members attended our meetings during the year to discuss matters of interest, share ideas and to be briefed by the Parish Council. This type of personal communications made for a more comfortable relationship between the Parish Council and the members of the Parish. We urge future Parish Councils to continue this practice which furthers a better understanding, is informative, and allows the Parish Council to make sound decisions by knowing what the members require.

The Parish Council also communicates with the membership through the Church paper, The Bergen Beacon, where the Chairman of the Parish Council gives his monthly message to the members of the Parish.

PARISH COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS and RELATED ACTIVITIES

MEMBERSHIP - June Kashishian and members of her committee continue to have a low key drive for new members. Their best method of gaining new members has been after Church during the Coffee Social where new faces are approached and asked to join our Church.

The assignment of Greeters in the lobby of the Church each Sunday is the responsibility of the Membership Committee. The practice of greeting members and friends each Sunday morning serves a dual purpose. It gives us an opportunity to be hospitable to our members and friends and also to meet prospective new members.

A total of 16 new members joined our Church in 1979. We have a total membership of 480 (individuals), 267 families.

We thank June Kashishian and her Committee for their efforts this past year.

BUILDING & GROUNDS - The purpose of Albert Victoria's Building Committee is to insure that the total Church complex is maintained properly. From the items noted below you will appreciate the improvements that have been made during the past year.

- a. A drainage line was installed on the perimeter of our Church to help stop water from entering our underground heating ducts. This has helped to reduce the destructive humidity problem we have had.
- b. All flashing joints on our Church dome were resoldered and resealed to eliminate water entry from that source due to the natural flexing of the dome.
- c. The cracks or joints in the ceiling of our Church have been filled with a special flexible material that should withstand the strains of the movement that is natural to this type of roof design. This condition existed since the building of our Church. With the planning of Al Victoria and the execution by Garo Arakelian who not only sealed the cracks but also gave the ceiling two coats of paint, we were able to correct this situation.

There is a growing vandalism problem which has taken a toll of our Church sign and the lights that were stolen. The Tenafly Police Dept. has agreed to make a more intensive patrol schedule of our area to reduce this type of destructive actions.

The Building and Grounds Committee has programs for the coming year which include the following:

- a. Refinishing the interior of the Church dome and pews.
- b. Developing the Church Balcony into three classrooms.
Approximate cost \$6,000.
- c. Adding a storage room outside the present boiler room.
Approximate cost \$7,000.
- d. Purchasing new appliances, ranges, dishwasher and other necessary items for the kitchen.
- e. Construction of a new bridge after the Tenafly authorities develop a stream and brook program for the entire community.

From the above you can agree that the St. Thomas Armenian Church complex is being maintained with professionalism, dedication, and beauty. In addition we have plans for the future which will continue to improve our facility. We can thank Albert Victoria, his able assistant, Moses Kazanjian, and his Committee for this accomplishment.

SACRAMENTALS & NARTHEX COORDINATOR: Samuel Demirjian is responsible for the coordination of items necessary for religious services, church etiquette, record keeping for altar flowers, memorial services, collection of monies for weddings, baptisms, etc. He handles this responsibility with care, love, and affection. Each Sunday morning Sam makes certain everything is in order for Church Services. In addition he greets and makes pleasant-

ries to our Parishioners and friends who attend Church. Sam is an asset and hopefully we pray that he will continue to serve in this capacity for many years to come.

SUPPLIES & CUSTODIAL SERVICES: Virginia Parseghian is responsible for our housekeeping and food serving supplies, surveillance and management of our housekeeping needs and for the control of the people required to maintain these services.

In all areas of her responsibilities Virginia has done a professional job. The cleanliness of our Church complex is at its highest. This is a tribute to Virginia's management ability and desire to excell.

Assisting Virginia on a full time basis is our Custodian, Garo Arakelian. Garo was hired in May 1978. We are very happy with the talents of this dedicated individual. His knowledge of all types of maintenance is evident in the excellent appearance of our Church complex.

We congratulate Virginia and express our appreciation for the many hours she has devoted to her assignment.

PLEDGES: Albert Papazian continues to conduct the Pledge program of our Church with dedication, dignity, and with the confidentiality it demands. This outstanding individual accomplishes the task of increasing monies received through the Pledge program each year without the help of anyone. He has a delicate job that takes many of his hours each week to properly administer. Albert's program is as follows:

- a. Posts weekly pledges
- b. Mails quarterly statement with an accompanying letter encouraging Parishioners to keep pledges current or to increase them.
- c. Makes personal phone calls or written contact to recover delinquent pledges.

Albert's assignment is a difficult one. He accomplishes it with class. We commend him for it.

RENTALS: Peter Jamgochian is responsible for coordinating the scheduling of events and the rentals of our facilities. This assignment is most difficult. It requires patience, good business sense, and an ability to deal effectively with the public and our members. Peter has these ingredients.

We thank Peter for another effective and smooth operation.

SECRETARY: We appreciate the efforts of Ronald Kenderian as Secretary of our Parish Council. In addition to being Secretary, Ron was Liaison to ACYOA Seniors.

TREASURER: Vahan Barsamian, Treasurer of the Parish Council, has managed the funds of this Church in an exemplary manner during the past year. The work load of the Treasurer requires a permanent assistant to help keep the financial records in good order.

For this reason and to insure continuity between new Treasurers each year a bookkeeping position has been added. Alice Arzoomanian was appointed to this important position.

We thank Vahan for taking time from his household chores to serve as our Treasurer. His assignment was most difficult, but Vahan did it in a first class manner. Our appreciation and thanks are extended to Alice Arzoomanian for "taking care of the books".

Charles Doudoukjian has been our Liaison to the Avak Society and our Bookstore. We thank him for his efforts in their behalf.

Virginia Malajian filled the term of office left void by Caspar Kasparian's death. She is Liaison to our Choir.

AUDITING COMMITTEE: Grace Hagopian, Zaven Haledjian, and Arthur Azarik, members of the Auditing Committee, audited the financial records of our Church Organizations during the year in accordance with the recommendations of the last Parish Assembly.

AFTER CHURCH SOCIAL Each Sunday after Church Services Amy Jamgochian and her Committee have coffee brewed and ready to serve our Parishioners and friends who wish to socialize in the lobby of our Church. This Mini-Social is well attended and makes for a happy place where friends meet and chat. It's a perfect place to sign up new members. We thank Amy and her Committee which includes Tish Basmajian, Jack Ekizian, Mary Chookazian, Alice Hallajian, Susan Stoneson, Grace Hagopian, and Agnes Basmajian.

BOOKSTORE Sona Doudoukjian, our dedicated Chairlady of the Bookstore, continues to operate this important activity after Church each Sunday. This first class operation by an efficient lady serves our Parishioners and friends who wish to purchase books with the Armenian flavor. We thank Sona and her husband, Charles, and members of her committee for their efforts in our behalf.

ACYOA SENIORS Our ACYOA Seniors reorganized early this year and had several meetings and socials. However, the past few months the ACYOA Seniors have not been active.

We pray that this important Church group will be among our active organizations in 1980. Our appreciation to Dorothy Shahinian, Adult Advisor and Roy Constantine, Chairman, and the many members who tried very hard to make this a going and active organization.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER SERVES SIX YEARS Albert Victoria has served six consecutive years as an active member of the St. Thomas Parish Council. In those years Albert has been responsible for the improvement of our Church and Church grounds. We can proudly state that St. Thomas Armenian Church facilities are in excellent shape due to the efforts of Albert Victoria. Our gratitude and appreciation are extended to him for a commendable and first class accomplishment.

CASPAR KASPARIAN It was a shock and a sad day when we were informed of the untimely death of our Vice Chairman - Caspar Kasparian. Caspar was an inspiration to us all. He was our leader and we loved him. We lost a dear friend.

Our individual and collective sympathies are expressed to his dear wife, Lillian, and their children, Michael, Lisa, and David.

CASPAR M. KASPARIAN MEMORIAL FUND At the request of the Pastor and Parish Council, a committee comprised of Zaven Dedekian, Joseph Kalemkerian and George Mekenian drafted By-Laws for the Caspar M. Kasparian Memorial Fund in consultation with Mrs. Lillian Kasparian. These By-Laws have been reviewed and approved by the Pastor and Parish Council. The purpose of the Fund is to provide full or partial scholarships to primarily further the religious education of the youth of St. Thomas and in exceptional cases full-time seminary students of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America or youth of Holy Cross Parish of New York and St. Mary Parish of Washington, D. C.. Donations to this fund as of December 31, 1979, are \$7,163.

The By-Laws will be submitted to the Parish Assembly for approval.

PARISH COUNCIL SOCIAL FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES The Parish Council has been responsible for the following social functions this past year. All other functions by the Church Organizations are reported by their respective Organizational reports.

1. LEBANON FUND RAISING PROGRAM - March 18, 1979

St. Thomas Armenian Church sponsored a Program in which the AGBU presented two one act plays for the benefit of the Lebanon Relief Fund at the Church Auditorium. Wine and cheese were served for the 150 individuals who attended. Over \$2000 was raised and presented to the Diocese and AGBU by Co-Chairmen Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian Meyer and Col. Victor Arzoomanian.

2. TWENTY SECOND ANNIVERSARY DINNER - April 8, 1979

This successful Annual event was Co-Chaired by John and Anna Zakar. Over 400 persons attended. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church attended. Persons being honored were Mr. George Shahinian, St. Thomas Award; Mr. Edward Bashian, St. Vartan Diocesan Award; Bedros and Iris Papazian, Plaque for 10 years of service to St. Thomas Armenian Church. Our gratitude to John and Anna Zakar and their Committee for a lovely and enjoyable afternoon.

3. MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC - May 28, 1979

Gerald Keosayian and his Committee were responsible for a successful and profitable Memorial Day Picnic where over 1700 individuals enjoyed shish kebab, music by Jack Baghsarian, and each other's company. We thank "Jerry" Keosayian and the beautiful members of his committee for making this day a memorable one.

4. ONE WORLD FESTIVAL Sept. 8 & 9, 1979

Paul and Marion Kahaumjian were responsible for Co-Chairing another profitable event for St. Thomas at the One World Festival held at the Diocesan Complex on Sept. 8 & 9. Thanks and our sincere appreciation are in order to this happy husband and wife team.

5. GET-TOGETHER PICNIC Sept. 16, 1979

Gerard Keosayian chaired his second picnic for St. Thomas to another success. Over 1000 people attended this low key, but enjoyable outdoor social. Thanks again to "Jerry" and his Committee for another job well done.

6. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Dec. 1 & 2, 1979

St. Thomas had its most successful and profitable Christmas Bazaar in the history of our Church. This was a team affair where every organization in our Church participated with excellence. Our appreciation is in order to the Co-Chairmen Alice Shahinian and Victor Arzoomanian, Antranig Shahinian, Cake Sales, Edward Bashian, Oriental Rugs, and the dedicated members of St. Thomas who gave it all they had to make this the event of the decade. Thank you, all.

7. CAR RAFFLE

Zaven Poosikian did another phenomenal job as Chairman of the Annual Car Raffle. This year we raffled off three cars instead of one. Zaven's job wasn't an easy one, but through his aggressiveness, his dedication, and his desire to excel, he did it again. The winners of the 3 Buicks were: Thomas Varakian, Dena Markarian, and Nubar Jessourian. Zaven, the members of St. Thomas are indebted to you for your efforts in our behalf these many years. Thank you.

INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION

DONATION OF NEW COPYING MACHINE - We thank Mr. Rupen Saddler for his generous donation of a new copying machine which was so badly required for our office. Mr. Saddler has been a generous donor to St. Thomas for many other projects and individual items which we wish to acknowledge. We deeply appreciate his thoughtfulness and kind deeds.

ORIENTAL RUG DONATION - Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bashian donated a fine quality Pakistani weave oriental rug with a Cricifixion design in thanksgiving for their many blessings. This beautiful rug is gracing the interior of our Church for all to see and enjoy. We thank Mr. & Mrs. Bashian for this generous gift to St. Thomas.

RELIGIOUS PAINTING - Parsegh Koundakjian and Aram Koundakjian donated a commissioned painting in memory of their parents, Hagop and Haiganoush Koundakjian. This beautiful painting by the renowned contemporary artist Levon Arenius Mnazakanian, depicts the

apostles Thaddaeus and Bartholomew as well as St. Santoukt, the first Armenian Martyr. The painting has been placed above the votive candles in back of our Church. We thank Parsegh and Aram Koundakjian for their unsolicited gift.

ST. THOMAS SECRETARY We are most grateful to a dedicated, experienced, and talented member of our Church who serves as our Secretary, Dikris Malool. This responsibility takes the better part of some afternoons, evenings, and weekends. Actually, this position should be fulltime, yet Dikris does it without remuneration. She is timely, effective, and willingly accepts all assignments with enthusiasm. Dikris, you have earned the praises of all members of St. Thomas for your services as Secretary and for your other activities in our Church organizations. We thank her.

ASSISTANTS TO THE TREASURER During each Sunday we can depend on two devoted members of our Church to assist the Treasurer in the Parish Council room. Tish Basmajian, who has helped almost every Parish Council member in any capacity they wished him to serve. The other member is a former Parish Council member and the Chairman of the 1977 Annual Christmas Bazaar -- Michel Izmirly. Michel not only assists the Treasurer, he also was the Assistant Chairman of Bazaars '78 and '79. In both capacities he excelled. We thank both Tish and Michel for their efforts in the behalf of St. Thomas.

OUR RELIGIOUS LEADER A special thanks is in order to our Der Hayr, Father Arnak Kasparian, who with his wife, Yeretzgin Violet, have devoted themselves to the good of St. Thomas. Most of the successes we have had these past years can be attributed to our Religious Leader and his wife.

It takes leadership to reap rewards and meet objectives. Der Hayr has the knack of finding and then selecting these leaders, motivating them, and then give them his support. You can easily see that Der Hayr has done his work well when you see the many achievements made by our organizations. Thank you Der Hayr and Yeretzgin.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

Each Parish Council prepares the next Parish Council with a list of recommendations for the improvement of St. Thomas. This list is helpful and gives the next Parish Council a guide and goals to accomplish for the improvement of our Church facilities, organizations, and religious activities. Listed below are recommendations which we would like to refer to the 1980 Parish Council for action:

- a. Appoint an adult leader or leaders to reorganize the ACYOA Srs.
- b. Make a concerted effort to increase the membership of our church.
- c. Continue to make improvements on the facilities of our Church and Church complex. Specific items have been identified.
- d. Increase tempo of Religious Adult Activities. Make an effort to gain more attendance.

- e. Continue to attract more qualified teachers, administrators for our Sunday School. Also, make a concerted effort to increase the membership.
- f. Support the Building Committee.
- g. Appoint a Chairman for Memorials. This could be in conjunction with the Building Committee.
- h. Get as many people involved in Church activities as possible.

CONCLUSION

We are proud of our accomplishments this past year. Our goals were set high and we met them with a sense of satisfaction. We all worked hard, we devoted extra hours, and we took a positive approach.

Our Church Organizations are healthy and continue to support our objectives in a highly efficient manner.

The leadership of Father Arnak gave us the inspiration and guidance to exceed our objectives. 1980 is the year in which St. Thomas will surge ahead. We are confident that we will continue to work harmoniously as a team for the betterment of the St. Thomas Armenian Church. --May God bless you all.

Victor V. Arzoomanian	Ronald Kenderian	Rev. Arnak Kasparian
Parish Council Chairman	Secretary	President

AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Auditing Committee has audited the books and records of the Parish Council and its Organizations and found all entries properly entered and substantiated.

We, the Auditing Committee, make the following recommendations:

1. The Parish Council Treasurer should guide the record keeping of the various organizations during the year. If the Parish Council Treasurer cannot take on this added responsibility, then the Parish Council shall assign someone from the Parish Council to fill this position.
2. No organization should keep in their account more than the amount needed to meet their operating needs. If a situation arises where more money is needed than their treasury has available, they should apply to the Parish Council for a loan.
3. The amounts to be held in each Organization treasury is to be determined by the Parish Council. In this manner the flow of cash into the Parish treasury will be greatly facilitated.

Arthur Azarik	Grace Hagopian	Zaven Halejian
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PROPOSALS PASSED AT THE 1979 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

AS EXCERPTED FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ASSEMBLY FEB. 4, 1979

Father Arnak opened the meeting with a prayer. Chairman Mekenian thanked the members present for participating in this important meeting and also thanked the Women's Guild under the direction of Amy Jamgochian for serving lunch prior to the Assembly. Der Hayr and Victor Arzoomanian, in their comprehensive reports expressed gratitude to the members of the Parish Council as well as all the individuals, committees and organizations who contributed to the well-being of St. Thomas. Mrs. Lucille Chakmakian was presented with a gift of appreciation for faithfully having made the "Mahs" for the past 17 years. Father Arnak and Yeretgin Violet and their family were also thanked for their dedication to and tireless efforts on behalf of St. Thomas.

Two major topics of discussion were the 1979 budget and the proposed building expansion. Questions on the budget were centered around the Diocesan Dues Assessment, allocation for Religious Education and various building maintenance and repair expenses. The proposed budget of \$127,200 was approved as presented. The status of the study for the proposed new building and Building Committee finances comprised the majority of the questions addressed to the Building Committee. The Committee suggested a Sunday in May as a target date for the Special Assembly at which the Cost Estimate Study for the proposed new building would be presented to the Membership for approval. A tentative ceiling of \$275,000 for a total mortgage was also indicated.

Increasing the membership of the Parish (we now have 475 members) and attendance at Services are among the major goals for the coming year. The ACYOA Seniors will be reactivated under the guidance of Ronald Kenderian and Dorothy Shahinian. Louise Kalemkerian, Director of Christian Education, announced a series of adult study programs based upon the teachings of the Armenian Church on six Tuesday evenings during Lent.

The nominating and Elections Committee posted the results of the elections at the conclusion of the Assembly. A total of 132 ballots were cast to elect the candidates.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY '79

The 77th Annual Diocesan Assembly was held May 3-5 in the newly-consecrated St. Vartanantz Church of Chelmsford, Mass. Our delegates were our Pastor, Rev. Arnak Kasparian, Arthur Azarik, Hagop Jebejian, Caspar Kasparian, and George Mekenian. Caspar Kasparian was elected Vice Chairman of the Assembly.

The Primate presented his Assembly Address focusing primarily on the matters of unity, Diocesan finances, organization of sub-dioceses, and our concerns in Canada. The Diocesan financial report was given by Diocesan Council Treasurer George Mekenian. A 1979 Budget of \$884,000 was adopted and a projected budget for 1980 was provisionally accepted.

Among the actions taken by the Assembly was the passage of a proposal presented by St. Thomas that submitting a projected budget for a year ahead become a regular practice. A By-Laws Amendment that members of the parish nominating committee be limited to two consecutive terms was adopted by the Assembly.

George Mekenian of our parish who was completing four years of service on the Diocesan Council declined to run again. However, George will serve this coming year on the Diocesan Budget Committee and the late Caspar Kasparian was elected to serve on the Assembly Proposals Committee.

Fr. Arnak attended the Annual Conference of Diocesan Clergy in Chelmsford during May 1-3.

On May 5, concurrent conferences were held by the various church organizations. Sirarpie Feredjian of our parish who is head of the Council for Religious Education of our Diocese was in charge of the Sunday School Conference. Yeretzgin Violet Kasparian made a presentation there and Louise Kalemkerian also participated. The Armenian School Conference was organized by Sylva der Stepanian, Diocesan Dir. of Armenian Language Education and also Director of our St. Thomas Armenian School. Rosinne and Joseph Hovsepian were present for this conference. The Women's Guild Conference was attended by Lillian Kasparian and Rose Mekenian. Joseph Kalemkerian, one of our Alternate Delegates, was unofficially present at the Assembly, too.

Next year's Assembly will be held at Washington, D. C. May 28-31 with the expectation that Catholicos Vasken I will be visiting the United States in 1980.

The St. Thomas Diocesan Delegates presented a report of the Diocesan Assembly at the Special Parish Assembly held on June 3, 1979 in our Church Auditorium.

Proposed By-Laws for

Caspar M. Kasparian Memorial Fund of the St. Thomas Armenian Church, Tenafly, New Jersey.

Purpose of the Fund: To provide full or partial scholarships to primarily further the religious education of the youth of St. Thomas and in exceptional cases full-time seminary students of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America or youth of Holy Cross Parish of New York and St. Mary Parish of Washington, D.C..

Administration: Shall be by a board of directors, subject to the authority of the Parish Council, consisting of the pastor (president-ex-officio) and four lay persons. Of the latter at least three shall be current members in good standing in the parish. Directors shall serve for a term of two years upon appointment by the Parish Council. A procedure for staggered terms shall be established.

Assets: Shall consist of the donations and any earnings therefrom made in memory of Caspar Kasparian and any future donations made, solicited or raised by the parish or the board of directors. The board shall endeavor to preserve the principal to the greatest degree possible. This mandate, however, shall not deter assistance in an especially noteworthy or deserving case upon approval by the Parish Council. Income from principal may be reserved for scholarships for no more than two calendar years before converting to principal.

Responsibilities of the Board:

1. To deposit or invest the funds in secure, responsible assets designed to provide a high rate of return with a commensurate potential for preservation of value.
2. To take measures to preserve the principal from inflationary erosion.
3. To seek, screen and select candidates for scholarships, to determine the amount of award and to qualify programs of study.
4. To make annual reports to the Parish Assembly and to the Parish Council and to take cognizance of their recommendations.
5. To annually elect, from the board members, a chairman, secretary and treasurer. To maintain minutes and financial records.
6. To develop procedures to facilitate administration of the fund and the awarding of scholarships.
7. To uphold the by-laws of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America and the laws of the United States of America.

Approved by Parish Council:

Adopted by Parish Assembly:

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH
TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 1979

BALANCE JANUARY 1, 1979

CHECKING ACCOUNT		\$12,411.86
SAVINGS ACCOUNT		<u>33,219.85</u>
TOTAL		\$45,631.71
1979 INCOME	\$127,950.07	
1979 DISBURSMENTS	<u>117,748.37</u>	<u>10,201.70</u>
TOTAL CASH - DECEMBER 31, 1979		<u><u>\$55,833.41</u></u>

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1979

CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 10,473.13	
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	<u>45,360.28</u>	
TOTAL CHECKING & SAVINGS		<u><u>\$55,833.41</u></u>

- NOTE: 1. THE BAZAAR CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE OF \$11,028.41 AT DECEMBER 31, 1979 AND \$1,544.12 AT DECEMBER 31, 1978 IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE FINANCIAL SUMMARY.
2. A DONATION OF \$1,000.00 TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE WOMENS GUILD IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE SUMMARY.
3. NO INCOME HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE DIOCESE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1979 FOR THE ONE WORLD FESTIVAL. AN ESTIMATED INCOME OF \$700.00 IS ANTICIPATED.
4. THE MORTGAGE BALANCES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>DECEMBER 31, 1979</u>	<u>DECEMBER 31, 1978</u>
CHURCH	\$101,880.28	\$118,478.99
PARSONAGE	<u>13,052.01</u>	<u>14,143.71</u>
	<u><u>\$114,932.29</u></u>	<u><u>\$132,622.70</u></u>

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH
TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY
BUDGET AND INCOME FOR THE YEAR 1979
AND
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1980

	ACTUAL 1978	ACTUAL 1979	BUDGET 1979	PROPOSED 1980
<u>PLEDGES AND OFFERINGS</u>				
1. PLEDGE RECEIPTS	\$ 28,446.00	\$ 30,257.55	\$ 30,300.00	\$ 32,000.00
2. PLATE & CANDLES	5,098.00	5,458.09	5,100.00	6,000.00
3. CHRISTMAS OFFERING	1,476.00	1,152.00	1,700.00	1,500.00
4. EASTER OFFERING	1,687.00	1,499.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
5. PRAYERS	325.00	85.00	400.00	200.00
<u>SACRAMENTS</u>				
1. BAPTISMS	1,315.00	1,180.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
2. WEDDINGS	1,400.00	980.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
3. FUNERALS	640.00	490.00	600.00	500.00
4. REQUIEMS	1,500.00	2,115.00	1,500.00	2,200.00
<u>AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS</u>				
1. WOMENS' GUILD	8,100.00	7,010.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
2. AVAK SOCIETY	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
3. COUPLES CLUB	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
4. ACYOA	-	-	300.00	500.00
5. MENS' CLUB	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
6. BUILDING COMM.	-	-	-	-
<u>CHURCH AFFAIRS</u>				
1. BAZAAR	24,623.00	16,193.56	25,000.00	30,000.00
2. MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC	4,486.00	4,008.22	4,500.00	4,000.00
3. FALL PICNIC	2,330.00	2,884.28	2,000.00	2,500.00
4. ANNIVERSARY CAKE	4,547.00	5,297.08	3,500.00	5,000.00
<u>DONATIONS</u>				
1. IN LIEU OF FLOWERS	4,036.00	7,901.65	4,000.00	6,000.00
2. ALTAR FLOWERS	840.00	385.00	700.00	500.00
3. MEMORIAL FUND	500.00	1,045.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4. FUHRMANN MEMORIAL	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
5. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS	790.00	655.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
6. OTHER DONATIONS	11,117.00	1,372.10	5,000.00	1,500.00
<u>OTHER INCOME</u>				
1. CAR RAFFLE	13,092.00	11,644.18	12,000.00	10,000.00
2. INTEREST	1,525.00	2,140.43	2,500.00	3,000.00
3. BOOKSTORE	950.00	1,086.25	1,000.00	1,200.00
4. ONE WORLD FESTIVAL	595.00	(55.31)	700.00	800.00
5. HALL DONATIONS	2,151.00	2,315.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
6. MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	1,026.00	10,637.99	6,000.00	3,000.00
7. KASPARIAN FUND	-	7,163.00	-	-
8. EXCHANGE	-	50.00	-	-
TOTAL	<u>\$125,595.00</u>	<u>\$127,950.07</u>	<u>\$127,200.00</u>	<u>\$130,600.00</u>

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH
TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY
BUDGET AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1979
AND
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1980

	<u>ACTUAL</u> 1978	<u>ACTUAL</u> 1979	<u>BUDGET</u> 1979	<u>PROPOSED</u> 1980
<u>SALARIES, FEES & BENEFITS</u>				
1. CLERGY SALARY	\$ 14,700.00	\$ 16,580.96	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,845.00
2. PARSONAGE EXPENSES	2,116.00	2,125.10	2,500.00	2,500.00
3. CLERGY CAR EXPENSES	2,200.00	2,469.03	2,400.00	2,600.00
3a. CUSTODIAL CAR EXPENSES	-	-	-	1,500.00
4. VISITING CLERGY	275.00	250.00	300.00	300.00
5. JANITORIAL FEES	9,388.00	9,880.00	13,000.00	10,000.00
6. OTHER FEES	3,820.00	3,820.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
7. PAYROLL TAXES	1,164.00	2,249.56	1,400.00	4,200.00
8. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,630.00	3,074.42	2,700.00	3,500.00
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>				
1. TELEPHONE	558.00	628.22	600.00	650.00
2. STATIONERY, PRINTING, POSTAGE	1,613.00	2,255.61	2,000.00	2,500.00
3. CANDLES, FLOWERS	620.00	512.20	700.00	700.00
4. BOOKSTORE	1,474.00	1,048.83	1,200.00	1,500.00
5. PAPERWARE, OTHER SUPPLIES	2,723.00	3,132.21	3,000.00	3,500.00
6. ACTIVITIES	2,761.00	2,500.04	3,000.00	2,500.00
<u>ASSESSMENTS</u>				
1. DIOCESAN DUES	15,854.00	12,556.00	17,500.00	17,500.00
<u>EDUCATIONAL</u>				
1. SUNDAY SCHOOL	530.00	794.79	750.00	1,000.00
<u>CHURCH BUILDING EXPENSES</u>				
1. MORTGAGE PAYMENTS	24,543.00	24,543.12	24,500.00	24,500.00
2. UTILITIES:				
A. GAS & ELECTRIC	12,028.00	11,777.67	13,000.00	13,000.00
B. WATER	128.00	279.93	150.00	300.00
3. INSURANCE	4,977.00	5,500.02	5,500.00	6,000.00
4. REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE	9,630.00	4,323.32	6,500.00	5,000.00
5. GROUNDS CARE, SNOW REMOVAL	598.00	354.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
6. FUHRMAN MEMORIAL	-	500.00	3,000.00	500.00
7. BLDG., EQUIPM. GROUNDS, IMPROVE.	1,536.00	3,346.05	-	3,500.00
8. MISCELLANEOUS	2,074.00	3,247.29	2,500.00	1,505.00
TOTAL	<u>\$117,940.00</u>	<u>\$117,748.37</u>	<u>\$127,200.00</u>	<u>\$130,600.00</u>

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT - 1979

On the evening of June 2, 1978, a committee was convened for the purpose of examining the feasibility of expansion of the Church Hall Building, or alternate.

Officers elected were Edward Bashian, Chairman; Vahan Najarian, Co-Chairman; Dr. Haroutune Mekhjian, Treasurer; Rupen Saddler, Asst. Treasurer; Virginia Victoria, Secretary.

Various executive as well as technical meetings were held thereafter. The proposal that was passed approved the concept of constructing a new church auditorium and remodeling existing auditorium and kitchen area and authorized the Building Committee to spend approximately \$10,000. for development of preliminary plans for the project and master plan for the Church complex through the architect, Mr. Ed Ludders.

On June 3, 1979, a special Parish Assembly convened for discussion of the project. The proposal was defeated. Upon the recommendation of the Parish Council another Assembly meeting was held on June 22 and again the proposal was defeated.

The Project Committee of the Building Committee was dissolved and Dr. Mekhjian turned in all accounts to the Parish Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Victoria
Secretary

The Building Committee makes the following proposal:

The Committee made a proposal for the formation of a Board of Trustees in conformance with Diocesan By-Laws for purpose of holding reserve funds and receiving gifts.

This proposal was made at a meeting held at St. Thomas Armenian Church on January 6, 1980 attended by Edward Bashian, Vahan Najarian, George Mekenian, Arthur Azarik, Albert Victoria, Frank Stoneson, Haroutune Mekhjian, and Virginia Victoria.

A.C.Y.O.A. REPORT - 1979

Chairmen Glenn Ermoian and Doug Kademian
Treasurer Lisa Kasparian Corr. Secy. Melissa Arzrouni
Publicity Gail Varbedian Advisor Miss Laurie Kasparian

The year started with a successful ski trip to Pine Grove Resort Ranch. We attended the Broadway play "Death Trap." We are making plans to see "Sweeney Todd".

We'd like to thank all those parents who so willingly showed their hospitality by sharing their homes with us for the Progressive Dinner. A special "Thank You" to the Arzrouni's who hosted our party. Also, a "Thanks" to our drivers who volunteered services.

Bazaar '79 turned out to be a successful event. Thank you to all who gave a hand.

Thanks to Susan Shamamian, Alyssa Ouzoonian, and Anita Keurajian for their assistance in the Christmas Eve Service, which was enjoyed by all who attended. A special plate was passed that night for the needy Armenians in Lebanon.

During the summer, close friends of the Sahagians hosted a going away surprise party for Alan and Susan who were very active in our A.C.Y.O.A.

Future plans include a ski weekend, A Broadway play, a day at the seashore, Mother's Day Dinner, and a day at Great Adventure.

A special "Thanks" to Laurie Kasparian who is volunteering her services as our Advisor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in checking account Dec. 31, 1979 \$1,576.02

AVAK SOCIETY OF ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH 1979

The Avak Society is a senior citizens group organized in 1972. Our membership is now 178. We meet each Thursday; some play cards, some do needlework, and others just enjoy chatting.

We have many things planned during the year. Wildwood, the Catskills, and the show "Kismet" were the highlights, plus Mothers' and Fathers' Day Luncheons, and a Christmas Party.

We gave a donation of \$1348.56 this year, and made over \$1400 at our booths at the Christmas Bazaar. Our ladies helped in making the pagharch, choereg, keufta and yalanji. Mrs. Guendjoian donated all the yalanji, and the Avaks donated and made choereg. Bertha Pooosikian was in charge of making the choereg. Lucy Chakmakian has been making the "Mahs" for many years; she also made some beautiful hand crocheted scarfs for the altar. Our thanks to them and also to all who helped. They are a wonderful group of ladies; all you have to do is ask and they are ready to help. We hope we have been helpful in our own way to the ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH.

Chairman	Anoush Pooosikian	Treasurer	Helen Avedisian
Vice Chmn.	Vahram Parsekian	Asst. Treas.	Zephyr Bandazian
Rec. Secy.	Anne Stepanian	Advisors:	Michael Avakian
Cor. Secy.	Alice Shakarjian		Rebecca Avakian
			Bertha Pooosikian

Refreshments Haig Markarian--Vahram & Angel Parsekian, Assistants

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1979		\$1,792.40
	INCOME	EXPENSES
Membership Dues	\$ 522.00	
Weekly Dues	1,155.33	
Contributions	390.00	
Bank Interest	67.57	
Stevensville Trip (profit)	46.00	
Mothers' Day Lunch	219.12	2,400.02
Refreshments		686.00
Supplies		16.99
Memorial Donation		95.00
St. Thomas Armenian Church		1,348.56
Telephone		25.25
Gifts		44.00
Cost of Elberon		14.50
Cost of Fathers' Day Lunch		306.75
Cost of Christmas Party		204.58
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1979		\$1,475.79
Provident Savings Bank	1,450.87	
MidAtlantic (checking a/c)	22.17	
Bergen State Bank	2.75	
	\$1,475.79	

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH CHOIR REPORT - 1979

This year's officers elected at the January meeting are:
 Chairman Mary Sanossian Corr. Secy. Elise Poosikian
 Vice Chmn. Armen Basmajian Rec. Secy. Osanna Soukiassian
 Treasurer Arthur Azarik

Attendance at rehearsals and weekly Church Services have been well attended. Again during Lenten Holy Week, members of the Choir participated to make these services more meaningful. Choir members went to the Armenian Home for the Aged with Der Hayr to celebrate Theophany and Easter. The Home and its members were grateful for our presence and we all came away glad we could cheer up our Armenian senior citizens.

Our Liaison, Caspar Kasparian, suddenly passed away and we were all saddened by his departure. Appropriately, the Choir sang at his funeral services in a gesture of gratitude to a fine gentleman who helped and encouraged us and who held the Choir close to his heart. We shall all miss him dearly.

The Choir also sang at two other funeral services for members of the Parish: Mr. Edward Papazian and Mr. George Der Hovanessian, a cousin of Mr. Nazar Nazarian.

Armen Basmajian has been serving faithfully as Sargavak this past year and we should be proud of his devoted work. Aiding him were: Krikor Anoushian, Berj Feredjian, Joseph Kalemkerian, John Malool, George Mekenian, and Robert Nicolian. We thank them all for their efforts.

Organist Susan Shamamian steadily and untiringly has fulfilled her duties and we are thankful for her ardent and enthusiastic work.

This year the Choir Convention was held at St. George's Church, Hartford. Delegates were: Edward Daghlian, Haig Parseghian, Mary Sanossian. This year the sessions started earlier on Friday afternoon and extended through Saturday afternoon. The group sessions and meetings were informative and inspiring. We again aspire to host the convention at St. Thomas some time in the future.

We held a successful cake sale in June. Profits were used to allay expenses as shown in our Treasurer's Report.

We thank our new Liaison, Mrs. Virginia Malajian, and the Parish Council and all our Parishioners for their support and hope we have fulfilled their inspirational needs in our performance in celebrating the Divine Liturgy.

Edward Daghlian
 Choir Director

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1979				\$122.05
Choir Plate Collection	INCOME			
Cake Sale	\$161.00			
Donation	52.66			
	<u>250.00</u>			463.66
Flowers			\$ 12.50	
Assoc. of Armenian Church Choirs			100.00	
In Lieu-of-Flowers			<u>75.00</u>	
				187.50
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1979				\$390.21

ST. THOMAS MEN'S CLUB REPORT 1979

Chairman Gerald Keosayan Rec. Secy. Vahan Parseghian
 Vice Chmn. Arthur Azarik Corr. Secy. Paul Kahaumjian
 Treasurer John Soovajian

Our Men's Club which was reorganized in March 1978, has continued with encouraging turnouts. This past year we had a very enjoyable Sports Outing combining a picnic with soft ball and games; another Sports Award Night, a Rummage Sale and a Keff Nite. To finish our year there was another highly successful Christmas Party at the Golden Plough.

We supplied our Junior Boys' and Girls' Basketball Teams with uniforms and entry fees. Our Club, together with the women, came to the rescue of the Fall Get-Together Picnic when, at the last minute, it fell into our lap.

Our plans for 1980 include sports events, another Sports Outing, a Monte Carlo Nite, sponsoring another Sports Award Nite for our Youth, and, of course, our 3rd Annual Christmas Party.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	INCOME	EXPENSE
Membership Dues	\$ 215.00	
Sports Outings	616.00	\$ 435.00
Sports Awards Night	503.00	473.06
Rummage Sale	513.00	
Keff Nite	1,768.00	1,146.42
Christmas Party	1,000.00	905.00
Uniforms & Entry Fees		935.00
Collation		18.00
Donations		125.00
Postage		105.98
Miscellaneous	.88	
	<u>\$4,615.88</u>	<u>\$4,143.46</u>
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1979		\$472.42

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT - 1980

The Church School began its academic year on Sept. 9, with an enrollment of approximately 127 students, divided into eleven classes. Our Nursery program continues to be an important learning experience for our youngest children, and has grown this year. Classes are held from 10:30 to noon on Sunday morning, concurrently with the Divine Liturgy. The Students' courses of study include the Faith, doctrine and teachings of the Armenian Church, Biblical history, Armenian Church history, and ethics. Regular church attendance and reception of the Sacraments is at the center of the Church School program.

The students' participation in the Divine Liturgy increased by their regular recitation of the Psalms at the beginning of the Service. The students led the procession for the Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy, celebrated by the Primate, and recited the Psalms and read the Old and New Testament lessons. Church School students also read the Scripture lessons at the Easter Eve Service.

New to the Church School program this year are a special discussion/seminar on contemporary issues of faith and of concern to young people for 11-12 graders, a Lending Library for students and parents with titles to enhance their learning at home, and to help parents in their roles, and a monthly newsletter for families, "Day by Day" published in conjunction with St. Mary's Church, Livingston.

An adult evening program entitled "Does It Matter What I Believe?" was conducted on Tuesday evenings during Lent, preceded by Lenten worship services.

The staff regularly participates in Teacher-education sessions conducted to enable them to increase their own knowledge about the Church, and help provide suggestions for innovative teaching.

The graduating class visited Holy Martyrs' Church School in Feb. Seven young people graduated from the Church School on June 10, having completed their course of study. A reception for the graduates followed the impressive service. All of the graduates are participating in the discussion/seminar, and four of them are serving as assistant teachers.

As in previous years, the students made and bought gifts for needy families at Christmas. This program helped our youngsters realize better the true spirit of Christmas giving. The Church School received a warm letter of thanks from Lorraine Kapakjian of the Bergen County Division of Youth and Family Service.

Annual events of the Church School include the Fall Pot Luck Supper, Christmas Program and Luncheon, Christmas and Easter Communion breakfasts and Graduation and Reception. The Parents' Committee ably coordinated these activities. We are thankful for the cooperation of the entire Parish family which ensures the success of these events.

CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF & TREASURER'S REPORT

STAFF

Superintendent
Nursery
Kindergarten

1st Grade

2nd Grade

3rd Grade

4th Grade

5th Grade

6th Grade

7th & 8th Grades

9th Grade

10th Grade

11th & 12th Grade Seminar

Secretary-Treasurer

Librarian

Mrs. Louise Kalemkerian
Mrs. Carol Partin
Mrs. Suzanne Ekizian, Mrs. Alin Papazian
Cheryl Parseghian, Asst.

Mrs. Beverly Hajinlian
Mary Bozian, Asst.

Mrs. Adrienne Tenbekjian
Gregory Ekizian, Asst.

Laureen Berberian, Lisa Saraydarian
Yeretzgin Violet Kasparian

Mrs. Sona Damergy, Pamela Parseghian
Nancy Arzoomanian, Asst.

Mrs. Ruth Esperian, Mrs. Bunny Mateosian
Vahan Parseghian

Stephen Mekenian, Asst.

Mrs. Virginia Parseghian
Lance Berberian, Craig Tashjian, Assts.

Joseph Kalemkerian

Dr. Gary Dadaian

Mrs. Jeanette Ekizian

Mrs. Joyce Chilingirian

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1979

\$ 259.15

INCOME

EXPENSES

Offerings

\$516.71

Lenten Offerings

97.47

Luncheon Donations

131.00

745.12

Donation to Diocese

\$100.00

Christmas Luncheon

43.62

Postage

12.00

Donation-St. James Armenian Church

20.00

Luncheon-Communion

63.73

Pot Luck Dinner

75.21

Supplies & Books

489.68

804.24

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1979

\$200.03

WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT - 1979

The following Women's Guild Executive Board and Standing Committee Chairmen were elected in May:

Co-Chairmen	Alicia Demirjian and Mary Chookazian		
Vice Chairman	Margaret Varbedian	Treasurer	Artemis Nazarian
Rec. Secy.	Mary Varteresian	Advisors	Lillian Kasparian
Corr. Secy.	Anna Zakar		Virginia Parseghian
Asst. Secy.	Sona Doudoukjian	Asst. Treas.	Margaret Varbedian

Standing Committee Chairmen

Membership	Sona Doudoukjian	Publicity	Margaret Tatoian
C. W. U. Secy.	Ann Markarian	Historian	Margaret Minassian
Hospitality	Jacqueline Beylerian	Social Service	Queenie Tashjian
" "	Alyce Parseghian	Sunshine	Bertha Vaniskhian
Devotional	Ann Markarian	Gourmet Club	Lillian Kasparian
Sunday Coffee	Amy Jamgochian	" "	Virginia Parseghian
Bridge Club	Violet Ouzoonian		

In an attempt to increase the attendance at our regular meetings, we have made changes on several occasions, coming to the decision to hold our meetings on the third Tuesday of the month when the Men's Club also meets, thus combining our programs and refreshment hour. The Bridge Club meets the first Thursday of the month and the Gourmet Club meets the second Wednesday of each month.

Besides our regular monthly meetings, our activities and programs during the year were as follows:

Participated in Fr. Oshagan Minassian's Concert; hosted Church Women's United World Day of Prayer; Lenten Pot Luck Dinner; Luncheon for Annual Parish Assembly; Twenty-second Annual Cotillion; Tennis Party; Farewell reception for Sahagian Family; Luncheons for special Parish Assemblies; Gourmet Pot Luck Dinner; Farewell Luncheon for Victoria and Serge Ganian; Armenian Food stand at Bergen County Festival of the Arts in Englewood; Get-Together Luncheon; Memorial Dinners for Charles Dadaian, Caspar Kasparian, and Edward Papazian; Bus Trip to Sugar Loaf Craft Village and West Point Farms; Blood Drive; Membership Luncheon; Annual Christmas Luncheon at Harbor House.

At our monthly meetings we had programs on King Tut with a special raffle of 2 tickets to see the exhibit; travelogue on Scotland; talk and demonstration of Middle Eastern dancing; Art Displays; Bazaar Shower; Arts & Crafts demonstration.

We have met and paid our 1979 pledge of \$8,000. to St. Thomas Armenian Church. We again supported a student through the Armenian Missionary Assoc. and also donated \$200. to the St. Nersess Theological School.

One of the highlights of 1979 was our Membership Luncheon on Nov. 14, at which time we honored the original members who got together in 1957 and were instrumental in starting the St. Thomas Women's Guild. They were presented with an Armenian Silver Cross stick-pin in appreciation of their continuing membership.

Our Delegates to the Diocesan Assembly were Rose Mekenian and Lillian Kasparian.

WOMEN'S GUILD TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1979		\$1,524.42
	INCOME	EXPENSES
Cotillion	\$24,455.00	\$14,440.55
Festival	1,618.00	945.67
Tennis Party	567.50	292.65
Christmas Party	1,230.00	1,193.02
Bus Trip	728.06	703.00
Women's Saints Day Trip	51.00	58.00
Lenten Supper (net)	17.40	
Sunday Luncheon 2/25/79 (net)	51.00	
Sunday Luncheon 10/4/79	141.85	62.51
Bus for Erevan Choral Concert	95.00	95.00
Dues	455.00	
Gourmet Club	595.00	534.43
Bridge Club	252.00	48.62
Bridge Tables	100.00	89.85
Donations	154.00	
King Tut Raffle	80.00	
Sale of Leftovers & Flowers	65.05	
Miscellaneous	32.00	
Refreshments		112.81
Donations		200.00
Gifts		335.17
Secretarial & General Expenses		140.00
Postage		50.22
Programs for Meetings		45.00
Miscellaneous		52.11
Flowers for Church Grounds		126.30
Certificate of Deposit		10,000.00
St. Thomas Armenian Church		1,668.15*
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	\$30,687.87	\$31,193.06
		(505.20)
		\$1,019.22
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1979		\$1,019.22

*Closed Savings Account of \$6,331.85. Amount given to St. Thomas made total contribution \$8,000 for 1979.