

THE ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT
1984
PASTOR and PARISH COUNCIL

THE 1984 PASTOR'S REPORT

Another year has ended, marking 23 years of my service to St. Thomas Armenian Church. I have seen numerous changes in our Parish during those years. New faces have come forward to enlarge our St. Thomas family! at the same time, we must never forget those who are no longer with us. This year we are going to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the building of the Church Sanctuary and God willing we shall build our new facilities.

Our hearty "thank you" to the church organizations, and all the untiring members of our Parish. Each organization has submitted its own report, and our Parish Council Chairman, Peter Ajemian, has acknowledged their services in his report; therefore, I shall report mainly on the sacramental and pastoral activities of this past year.

WORSHIP SERVICES: Have been conducted every Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Special thanks to Deacon Joseph Kalemkerian for his continued dedication in preparing acolytes and altar servers.

SACRAMENTAL SERVICES: During the year 30 baptisms were performed (26 last year); 23 marriages were blessed (16 the previous year); 23 funerals took place (17 the year before).

At this time, let us remember our dear departed members: Paul Varjan, husband of Araxie; Harry Bolson, husband of Louise; George Hallajian, husband of Agnes; Aram Kratlian; Charles A. Mayer, husband of Queenie; Sonia Incecian, wife of Dr. Vincent; Sooran John Karanfilian, husband of Madeleine. We shall also remember Vahan Nahabedian, father of Mary Ann Saraydarian; and Vahram Poosikian, father of Zaven Poosikian.

ADMINISTRATIVE: As ex-officio President of all church organizations, I attended many of the meetings. I directed and advised and, in many cases helped in implementing decisions. I attended the Clergy Conference (was elected chairman), and the Diocesan Assembly at Fair Lawn, New Jersey. I represented our Diocese at the Governing Board of the National Council of churches; once in Louisville, Kentucky and a second time at New Brunswick, New Jersey. I am a member of the Board of Directors of St. Nersess Seminary since its inception and presently, I serve as the Secretary of the Board.

PUBLICATIONS: We have published the Bergen Beacon Monthly and prepared flyers for our various affairs. Each month our Beacon is mailed to our college students residing on campus. A special thanks to Mary Ann Saraydarian for editing our Beacon.

This year there has been more enthusiasm shown by our parishioners to volunteer and accomplish projects. This is due to our Parish Council, particularly to the leadership of Peter Ajemian. Peter has been a God-sent at the crucial time of our expansion project. He has brought wisdom, humor, drive and maturity. He has been a person who does not seek recognition in any way. Thank you, Peter, for all your endeavours.

THE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The year 1984 saw another productive year for the St. Thomas Armenian Church. Despite many obstacles, on all fronts, we have managed to overcome many of them, and we are hoping to have a successful year in 1985. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for your continued support, on all levels, whether it was physical, or monetary, or both. Remember no contribution in any form can ever be too BIG or too SMALL.

The following represents your Parish Council for the year 1984:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENTS</u>	<u>LIASONS</u>
Rev. Arnak Kasparian	President	
Peter Ajemian	Chairman	
Edward Parseghian	Vice Chmn. & Pledges	
Arax Parseghian	Secretary	Book Store & Women's Guild
Grace Hagopian	Treasurer	A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs.
Karekin Bedrosian	Membership Asst.	Avak Society
Moses Kazanjian	Building & Grounds	Building Committee
Gerald Keosayian	Asst. Building & Grds.	Choir
Lucy Nakashian	Pledge Assistant	Armenian School
Nubar Nakashian	Membership Chairman	A.C.Y.O.A. Srs.
Virginia Victoria	Rentals Calendar, Custodial & Supplies	Sunday School
John Zakar	Membership Asst.	Men's Club

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS & COMMUNICATIONS:

The Parish Council met on every second and fourth Tuesday as scheduled, except for Holidays twelve months of the year. All of our meetings started on time and were well attended. The Parish Council meetings were presided over by the President, Rev. Arnak Kasparian, and conducted by the Chairman, Peter Ajemian. The Council meetings were always open to interested individuals such as; Delegates, Trustees, and Parish related organizations.

Events held by St. Thomas Armenian Church and its'

related organizations during the year of 1984.

Jan. 5	Services and Sunday Church School Christmas Eve Supper
Jan. 6	Armenian Christmas at Emerson Home
Jan. 8	Armenian School Christmas Dinner (Edward Bashian Award)
Jan. 27, 29	A.C.Y.O.A. Retreat at St. Nersess
Jan. 29	Parish Assembly 1st. Session
Feb. 5	Parish Assembly 2nd. Session
Feb. 28	Armenian Widowed & Divorced Support Group (AWADS) became a St. Thomas Church Organization
March 14	Women's Saints Day at Diocese- hosted by St. Thomas Women's Guild
March 18	Bus trip to New York to view the play "Zorba" - Women's Guild

March	23	Lenten "Fish & Chips" Dinner - Women's Guild
April	8	Young Artist Concert - Women's Guild
April	15	19th Anniversary Dinner (Dikris Malool St. Thomas Award)
May	3,4,5	Diocesan Convention - St. Leon's Church, Fair Lawn, N.J.
May	19	St. Thomas Cotillion, Tamcrest Country Club - Women's Guild
May	28	Memorial Day Picnic & Car Raffle - Men's Club
June	3	Special Parish Assembly / Sunday Church School Picnic
June	8	Armenian School Graduation and Lunch
June	10	Sunday Church School Graduation and Lunch
June	22	"Thank You" Dinner for all Church Organizations
July	8	St. Nersess Summer Religious Study Seminar - High School Students (38 participants) attended services - Lunch was served by Women's Guild
Sept.	7,8,9	Annual Rug Sale
Nov.	7	Armenian Night at Paramus Roller Rink - Sunday Church School
Nov.	10,11	St. Thomas Harvest Festival Bazaar
Nov. & Dec.		Fruit & Nut Sale - Women's Guild
Dec.	1	Pre-Ground Breaking Dinner
Dec.	2	Ground Breaking Ceremonies and Complimentary Buffet
Dec.	14	A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs. Progressive Dinner
Dec.	15	Men's Club Dinner Dance
Dec.	21	A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs. Christmas Party
Dec.	24	A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs. Christmas Eve Service
Dec.	30	St. Nersess Winter Religious Study Seminar - College Students (40 participants) attended services - Lunch was served
Dec.	31	Joint New Year's Eve Party at St. Leon's Community Center for the benefit of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary

PARISH COUNCIL RELATED ACTIVITIES

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Nazar Nazarian, Chairman

The St. Thomas Building Committee has met weekly during the course of this past year with additional Technical Meetings with the Architect, Engineers, Town-County and State Official regarding necessary permits for Construction. Over eight bids have been received and we are at the point of selecting the Builder we feel fits our needs. While Home Building is down, Commercial Building is up, therefore reflecting an upward surge in our up-dating and new construction project costs. The Building Committee has a more comprehensive report elsewhere in this report.

MEMORIALS COMMITTEE: Edward G. Bashian, Chairman

The Memorials Committee met regularly during the past year and with the Parish Council, updating their progress. The Committee did get people to

sponsor a side altar, a door and some of the remaining pews. We are in the process of inserting the names in stained glass of the donors of the stained glass windows.

ARMENIAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND: Ann Ajemian, Chairperson

The St. Thomas ACEF was formed in the fall of 1982. With a donation of at least \$100.00, a member was able to start their "Family Fund" in their name, in order to perpetuate income to the St. Thomas Church forever. To date the fund has reached \$52,561.00 with the annual interests coming to St. Thomas Armenian Church for its' designated projects. We urge everyone to join this project, and for those that are in it, add to it every year.

OFFICE STAFF:

As stated in our last year's report, we started to program the IBM P.C. Computer with the complicated equipment that was donated by our dear parishioner Rupen L. Saddler. There is software available for sale, however, Rev. Arnak Kasparian has gained the services of another person namely Mr. Vatche Terezian, owner of Computer City in Closter, N.J. for custom programing in order to fill the needs of our Church. We are very grateful to Vatche Terezian for his continued help and wish him continued success. The Parish Council felt that the time has come for a part time person to operate this delicate instrument, thus securing the services of Alicia Demirjian, who is familiar with the operation of the Church office. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Volunteer Office Staff who up to now have carried on and whom we know will again in the future. Our sincere thanks to; Marion Babigian, Alicia Demirjian, Arax Parseghian, Elise Poosikian, Joanne Torigian, Alice Arzoomanian, Hemmy Ajemian, Celia Martaian, Martha Saraydarian, Rose Garjian and Anna Maksian. A special "THANKS AGAIN" to our Dikris Malool who still helps us with the mailing and calendar and to Mary Ann Saraydarian for coordinating every issue of the "Bergen Beacon".

ST. NERSESS SEMINARY: Lillian Kasparian, Chairperson

Many of our smaller churches are without Clergy and the need to train future priests has reached a critical state. We at St. Thomas Armenian Church, with our liaison, Lillian Kasparian are trying to generate funds for the St. Nersess Seminary. Without any doubt in our minds, this is where the future of our Church lies. Aside from the budget allocation, we are running joint affairs with our sister churches for this purpose.

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank individuals who helped make this a banner year for St. Thomas Armenian Church

Martha & Mary Ann Saraydarian - Co-Chairpersons 19th Anniversary Dinner

Rose Mekenian & Yerezgin Violet - Chairpersons Women's Guild

Rose Gargian - Chairperson Cotillion

Ara Pekmezian - Chairman Men's Club

Zaven Poosikian - Car Raffle

Edward Bashian, Michel Izmirly & Mary Ann Saraydarian - Annual Rug Sale

Sam Demirjian & Tish Basmajian - Narthex Directors

The 1984 Bazaar was a success when you take into consideration the fact that every other organization had a fall back in income with similar projects. The credit goes to the whole Bazaar Committee and to their leaders for their hard work, namely: Victor Arzoomanian and his co-chairpersons, Virginia Victoria, Sona Damergy and Joanne Torigian.

We wish to give a special "Thank You" to our Custodian Garo Arakelian, who year after year goes beyond the call of duty, in his performance, completing tasks that reflect considerable dollar savings for our Church.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Edward Parseghian, Vice-Chairman, in charge of pledges has proven that he is an asset to the Parish Council. Ed has the difficult task of maintaining the pledges and explaining the new changes to our members.

Grace Hagopian, Treasurer, also serves as A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs. liaison. Grace, a professional accountant, keeps accurate accounts for the Church and is a credit to the Parish Council. We would like to acknowledge her helper Alice Arzoomanian who has done the bookkeeping job year after year, and thank Michel Izmirly who one can call the comptroller of St. Thomas Armenian Church.

Arax Parseghian, Secretary, also serves as liaison to the Women's Guild and the Book Store. We can always count on Arax to carry out her duties in a conscientious manner.

Karakian Bedrosian, Membership Committee, also serves as liaison to the Avak Society. Karakian maintains a very busy schedule, but always finds time to carry out his duties and offer helpful advise.

Moses Kazanjian, is in charge of Building & Grounds, also serves as liaison to the Building Committee. Moses has kept our Church repairs up to date, and has given many of his hours of his time with planning boards at City, County and State government in order to get the necessary permits for our Building Program. He has also spent countless hours with the Technical Committee in the planning of our Renovation and New Building Project. Our sincere thanks to you Moses for a job well done.

Gerald Keosayan, is an assistant in Building & Grounds, also serves as liaison to the Church Choir. Gerald a professional engineer, has applied his know-how to our heating problems and our future Air Conditioning projects. Gerald, is also very active in many Church organizations.

Lucy Nakashian, Assistant Treasurer and Pledges, also serves as liason to the St. Thomas Armenian School. You can find Lucy in Church every Sunday filling in anywhere she is needed. Hard workers like Lucy are very hard to find and we wish there were many more like her.

Nubar Nakashian, Membership Committee, also serves as liaison to the A.C.Y.O.A. Srs., was appointed to the Parish Council after Douglas Tashjian moved to Boston, Mass. because of business reasons. In the short time that Nubar served on the Council, he proved to be a constructive member. Recently, Nubar's business partner passed away, thus putting a double load on him. We wish him well and hope that he will join us again in the future.

Virginia Victoria, Rentals, Calendar & Supplies, also serves as our Sunday School liaison. Those who know Virginia, know that any project that she takes on is done well and on time. Virginia is a valued member of the Parish Council.

John Zakar, Membership Committee, also serves as liaison to the Men's Club. John and his family have always been active in our Church, and he has been helpful to the Parish Council with some new ideas.

Rev. Arnak Kasparian, our Pastor and President of the Parish Council, has had another productive year for St. Thomas Armenian Church. The list of over 32 events held by St. Thomas Church and its' organizations show the fruits of hard work. We find that Der Arnak Always makes an extra effort to keep up with the times and tackles the many problems that face us with an open mind. We wish him continued good health and success in all of his projects.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you that serve on the Altar and Church Choir every Sunday, and to the teachers that serve our Armenian and Sunday Schools, and to all of the Officers and members of our organizations, and to the membership at large, that makes up the St. Thomas Family. Remember, your support, both physical and financial is essential in order that we can BUILD A BETTER ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH.....

For the Parish Council;

Rev. Arnak Kasparian

Peter Ajemian

Arax Parseghian

President

Chairman

Secretary

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT - 1984

We the Auditing Committee, have audited the books and records of the Parish Council and its Organizations, and found all entries properly entered and substantiated.

Roxie Daghlian
Ardis Kasparian
Dikris Malool

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH

MEMORIAL DONORS - DECEMBER 31, 1984

<u>Date</u>	<u>Donors Name</u>	<u>Earmarked for</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Feb. 1984	Araxie Pichigian	Front main door	\$ 2,050.
Dec. 14,	Lorraine and Aram Khatchadoorian	Front left door	3,600.
			\$ 5,650.

The Memorial Committee is comprised of the following:

Chairman:	Edward Bashian	Members:	Vahan Najarian
Secretary:	Michel Izmirly		Peter Ajemian
			Frank A. Stoneson

If you have any questions, kindly contact the Committee Members.

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH

A. C. E. F. LISTING - DECEMBER 31, 1984

<u>Donor's Name</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Edward Bashian	\$ 2,000.		\$ 2,000.
Haroutune Mekhjian	5,000.		5,000.
Anoosh Kavazanjian Kassabian	1,035.		1,035.
George Shahinian	20,486.		20,486.
Martin Tashjian	6,285.		6,285.
Arthur Otchy	1,200.		1,200.
Caspar M. Kasparian Fund		14,000.	14,000.
St. Thomas A.C.E.F.	2,750.	125.	2,875.
	38,756.	14,125.	
Total			\$ 52,881.00

The above names and the amount received from Victor Arzoomanian, Executive Director of A.C.E.F. Fund.

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH

TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 1984

BANK BALANCES AND OTHER BALANCES Jan. 1, 1984.

Checking account	\$ 4,017.	
Savings Account	3,107.	
Investment "Repo"	45,352.	
A.C.E.F. Diocese	38,756.	
A.C.E.F. Kasparian Fund transferred directly to Diocese	<u>14,000.</u>	
Total		\$ 105,232.

1984 Receipts 192,781.

1984 Disbursement 180,618.

Excess Cash after Disbursements 12,163.

Total Cash Dec. 31, 1984 \$ 117,395.

BANK BALANCES AND OTHER BALANCES Dec. 31, 1984

Checking Account	14,229.	
Savings account	3,285.	
Investment Repo	47,000.	
A.C.E.F. Diocese	<u>52,881.</u>	
Total Balances Dec. 31, 1984		<u>117,395</u>

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES - 1984

Chairman: Edward Bashian

Members: Michel Izmirly, George Mekenian, Haroutune Mekhjian,
Vahan Najarian, Nazar Nazarian, Rupen Saddler,
Antranig Shahinian and Haig Tashjian

During 1984, the members of the Board of Trustees held two meetings.

In conformance with the resolution of the Parish Assembly the \$140,000 held in trust has been consigned to the Building Committee. In 1984, the interest from these funds was given to the Parish Council, toward its annual expenses, in accord with the budget adopted at the Annual Parish Assembly in February, 1984.

The Trustees, being substantially members of the Building Committee, have participated in, endorse and support the developing concepts and plans for the enhancement of our Church.

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH
TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY
BUDGET AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEARS 1983 & 1984
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1985

	ACTUAL 1984	BUDGET 1984	PROPOSED 1985	ACTUAL 1983	BUDGET 1983
<u>SALARIES, FEES & BENEFITS</u>					
1. Clergy Salary	\$ 23,800	\$ 23,800	\$ 24,800	\$ 23,300	\$ 23,300
2. Parsonage Expense	3,780	4,000	4,000	3,173	4,000
3. Clergy Car Expense	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300
4. Clergy Insurance	3,067	3,000	3,100	2,380	3,000
5. Custodian Car Expense	3,250	3,250	3,500	3,000	3,000
6. Custodian Salary	12,200	12,200	12,700	11,700	11,700
7. Secretary	1,778	10,000	8,000	-	10,000
8. Visiting Clergy	-	600	600	200	600
9. Other Fees:					
A. Director of Christian Education	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
B. Choir Director	1,020	1,000	1,000	1,020	1,000
C. Organist	900	900	900	900	900
D. A.C.Y.O.A. Advisor	-	500	-	250	500
10. Payroll Taxes	3,063	3,000	3,100	2,966	2,300
11. Employee Benefits	1,706	2,600	1,800	2,511	1,900
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>					
1. Telephone	1,149	1,200	1,200	1,112	1,100
2. Stationery, printing and postage	7,239	5,800	7,500	5,761	4,800
3. Candles & Flowers	1,207	2,100	1,300	2,040	700
4. Bookstore	1,881	1,500	1,900	1,289	1,700
5. Paperware, Other Supplies	2,165	1,500	2,200	1,331	2,300
6. Activities	2,195	3,200	2,200	2,978	2,600
<u>ASSESSMENTS</u>					
1. Diocesan Dues	23,111	20,000	20,000	19,237	23,000
<u>EDUCATIONAL</u>					
1. Sunday School	907	2,000	2,000	446	2,000
2. Armenian School	-	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
3. St. Nersess Seminary	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
<u>CHURCH BUILDING EXPENSES</u>					
1. Mortgage Payments	33,580	27,300	2,100	27,318	27,300
2. Utilities					
A. Gas & Electric	22,181	16,000	25,000	14,873	17,200
B. Water	223	400	300	338	300
3. Insurance	3,760	4,500	8,000	4,430	4,300
4. Repairs & Maintenance	6,835	6,000	7,000	4,880	13,100
5. Snow Removal	400	600	1,000	377	600
6. Memorial	-	9,000	1,000	8,266	500
7. Loan & Exchange	7,872	-	-	661	400
8. Miscellaneous	424	9,000	500	3,522	4,000
9. A.C.E.F.	1,125	-	-	27,056	-
TOTAL	\$ 180,618	\$ 185,750	\$ 157,500	\$ 187,115	\$ 178,900
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ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH
TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY
BUDGET AND INCOME FOR THE YEARS 1983 & 1984
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1985

	ACTUAL 1984	BUDGET 1984	PROPOSED 1985	ACTUAL 1983	BUDGET 1983
<u>PLEDGES AND OFFERINGS</u>					
1. Pledge Receipts	\$ 43,772	\$ 40,200	\$ 45,000	\$ 40,174	\$ 39,200
2. Plates & Candles	7,863	7,000	8,500	6,691	7,200
3. Christmas Offering	2,035	1,300	2,100	1,260	1,200
4. Easter Offering	2,135	2,400	2,200	2,349	2,000
5. Prayers	490	600	500	572	600
<u>SACRAMENTS</u>					
1. Baptisms	1,480	2,100	1,500	2,025	1,900
2. Weddings	2,795	1,700	2,800	1,610	1,000
3. Funerals	1,010	500	500	565	500
4. Requiems	3,315	3,300	3,300	3,300	2,800
<u>AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS</u>					
1. Women's Guild	9,000	9,000	9,000	8,500	8,500
2. Avak Society	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
3. A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs.	-	500	500	200	800
4. Men's Club	13,000	13,000	13,000	12,500	10,800
<u>CHURCH AFFAIRS</u>					
1. Bazaar	33,787	38,000	34,000	49,644	30,000
2. Memorial Day Picnic	1,015	3,000	3,000	2,746	4,000
3. Anniversary & Cake	5,793	4,100	5,800	4,070	3,600
4. Fall Rug Sales	11,000	21,000	12,000	21,000	25,000
<u>DONATIONS</u>					
1. In Lieu of Flowers	9,003	6,200	9,000	6,105	10,000
2. Altar Flowers	1,615	1,400	1,600	1,390	1,100
3. Memorial Fund	5,650	10,000	5,000	17,650	5,500
4. Holiday Flowers	1,225	800	1,200	320	-
5. Christmas Greetings	1,238	1,700	1,200	1,616	1,300
6. Other donations	2,655	2,200	2,700	2,170	1,100
7. A.C.E.F.	1,125	8,000	-	21,956	3,800
<u>OTHER INCOME</u>					
1. Interest	4,278	3,000	3,000	2,841	1,000
2. Interest - Trustees	9,411	13,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
3. Bookstore	1,169	2,000	1,200	1,691	2,000
4. One World Festival	1,438	1,400	-	577	500
5. Hall Donation	3,820	5,200	4,000	5,174	5,200
6. Loan & Exchange	7,872	-	-	-	-
7. Miscellaneous	2,292	3,300	2,100	3,271	2,400
TOTAL	\$ 192,781	\$ 207,400	\$ 185,200	\$ 232,467	\$183,500

CASPAR M. KASPARIAN MEMORIAL FUND

The memorial fund was established in 1979 with the purpose of providing scholarship assistance for the youth of the St. Thomas Parish to attend religious study conferences, retreats, and other educational activities in the church.

During the summer 16 young people, ages 12-20 were awarded scholarship assistance by the Board of Directors to attend the St. Nersess Summer Study Program at the Ouzoonian House in New Rochelle, New York. The participants received the opportunity to learn more about the Armenian Church while also having the opportunity of sharing their St. Nersess experience with youngsters from other Armenian communities. A total of 75 youngsters from our parish have attended these programs during the past five years.

The 5th Annual Retreat for 7-9th graders from the St. Thomas parish was held at the Ouzoonian House during the weekend of Oct. 12-14. Ten youngsters from our parish participated. The theme of the weekend was "Directions for Life" and was developed and directed by Deacon Michael Chevian through Bible Study, talks, discussion and reflection. Father Arnak participated in a "Everything You Always Wanted to Ask Your Der Hayr" session on Saturday morning. The group attended Divine Liturgy at the St. James Church on Sunday.

The retreat provided the Jr. High students an opportunity for Christian fellowship and growth in a relaxed and comfortable setting. The fund contributed to the participation of each teenager.

Those attending the retreat were Donna Barsamian, Marla Berberian, Claudine Bogosian, Ara Hallajian, Arpi Mekhjian, Ara Meyer, Gregory Papazian, Sloane Papazian, Thomas Papazian and Barkev Tchalikian. Chaperoning and cooking for the weekend was done by Mrs. Lillian Kasparian, Mrs. Rose Mekenian and Deacon Joseph Kalemkerian.

During 1984 there were eleven individual contributions to the Memorial Fund. In December, The Board of Directors transferred the sum of \$14,000 to the Armenian Church Endowment Fund.

Members of the Board of Directors are, Father Arnak Kasparian, President Ex-officio; Zaven Dadekian, Joseph Kalemkerian, Lillian Hasparian and George Mekenian.

FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	
Interest	\$ 1,481.77		
Donations (Principal Funds)	710.00		
1984 St. Nersess Scholarships		\$ 600.00	
1984 Fall Retreat		423.00	
Miscellaneous		20.00	
	<u>\$ 2,191.77</u>	<u>1,043.00</u>	
Net (Donations & Income Less expenses)			\$ 1,148.77

<u>Assets on December 31, 1983</u>			
Certificate of Deposit (1st. National State)		14,713.85	
Checking Account		<u>1,093.26</u>	
			\$ 15,807.11
<u>Assets on December 31, 1984</u>			
Armenian Church Endowment Fund		14,000.00	
Checking Account		2,955.88	
			\$ <u>16,955.88</u>
<u>Changes in Assets</u>			
Principal Funds		710.00	
Operating Funds		<u>438.77</u>	
			1,148.77

BUILDING COMMITTEE - 1984

Chairman:	Nazar Nazarian	Trustee's Chairman:	Edward Bashian
Co-Chairman:	Vahan Najarian	Parish Council Chairman:	Peter Ajemian
Secretary & Counsel:	Ronald Kenderian	Treasurer:	Michel Izmirly
Technical Committee:	Moses Kazanjian, Antranig Ouzoonian,	George Mekenian, Albert Victoria	

Advisors: Dr. Haroutune Mekhjian, Rupen Saddler, Richard Turnamian

We continued to hold numerous regular meetings throughout the year. In addition, many technical committee meetings, conferences and appearances before planning boards, with engineering reviews, with prospective bidders, and not least with the Architect and his engineer were held.

Moses Kazanjian, Ronald Kenderian, George Mekenian, Vahan Najarian and Antranig Ouzounian beginning in February, attended and presented our proposal to the Tenafly Planning Board until conditional approval was granted in July.

Working with Ed Luders, our architect, the technical committee advanced the concept and details of the plans for the additions to our building concept as well as the alterations and repairs to the existing structure. These developments were reviewed and acted on by the entire committee.

Our next task was to secure approval of the Bergen County Planning Board and its staff engineers. Again conditional approval was granted on December 3rd, with their original conditions significantly reduced.

Presentations are currently being made to the Tenafly Borough Engineer and Administrator which should satisfy and remove the imposed conditions by Borough and County.

Once the detail plans were completed at the end of September, Moses Kazanjian worked diligently with the State Engineering Reviewer to secure engineering approval of the building plans. All, but a few details have been approved.

In June, a "Kitchen Cabinet" consisting of representatives of the Women's Guild and others met with Andy and George to review kitchen needs, and to evaluate proposals for the new kitchen.

Approximately 300 chairs used in the hall and classrooms, were recovered.

The Building Committee on two occasions made presentations to the assembled parishioners. The first was at the Annual Parish Assembly on February 5, 1984 and the second was at the Special Assembly on June 3, 1984. At the latter the sketches showing the layout of the plan accepted by the Committee was presented. The Parish accepted these plans unanimously and authorized an expenditure of \$600,000 for implementation.

On December 2, a groundbreaking ceremony was held at which honored guests and the entire parish participated. At the festive groundbreaking dinner the previous evening, speakers recalled the history of the Parish, heard about the current status of technical matters and were exhorted to continue to grow.

Pledges have continued to be made and some have been increased. However, considerable additional funds are still needed.

The Committee expresses appreciation to all those who have assisted, cooperated and advanced our goals. We look forward to the ribbon cutting ceremony in 1985.

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH CHOIR REPORT - 1984

Chairman	Mary Sanossian	Vice Chairman	Dorothy Kehiayan
Corr. Secy.	Sonia Takoushian	Rec. Secy.	Roseanne Arzoomanian
Treasurer	Archie Miñassian	Advisors	Joseph Kalemkerian
Choirmaster	Edward Daghljan		Rose Mekenian
Organist	Susan Shamamian		

We are pleased to let you know that we have five additional choir members bringing our current total to 38 members.

Many of our choir members are very faithful in attending church services and joining the choir on Sunday mornings as well as special Holy Days. We are continually encouraged by good choir turnout.

At Christmas and Easter our choir members give of themselves by uplifting their voices during the Divine Liturgy at the Home for the Armenian Aged in Emerson. The peace, happiness and glow on the faces of the Home residents is all the reward each choir member needs and receives.

Unfortunately, St. Thomas was again not represented at the annual Choir Convention which was held in Washington, D.C. September 28th weekend. We hope that future conventions will find St. Thomas choir members participants.

The choir is anxiously looking forward to continued participation in Sunday choir singing of our younger Sunday school students who bring joy to all of us.

The Choir has no definite plans. However, elections for new officers will be held shortly, as soon as a date is agreed on and confirmed. The usual annual cake sale should also take place shortly.

Discussions for a special musical event will now have to wait until renovations at St. Thomas are completed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on hand as of Jan. 1, 1984		\$ 590.32
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Easter Collection	291.00	
Veils - 50% deposit		60.00
Association of Church Choirs		150.00
	<u>\$ 291.00</u>	<u>\$ 210.00</u>
Balance on hand as of Dec. 31, 1984		\$ 671.32
Savings Accounts as of Dec. 31, 1984		\$ *881.32

* \$ 210.00 not yet cashed

ARMENIAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL REPORT - 1984

The Armenian School is a valuable part of our Church instilling a lifelong pride and knowledge of our ethnic heritage, language, and culture. The School's success can be credited to the efforts of its Director, Sylva Der Stepanian; its dedicated faculty; the Mothers' Committee; Lucy Nakashian our Parish Council liaison; Der Hayr and the parents who faithfully bring their willing children to class each week.

The School sponsors and Annual Armenian Christmas Dinner and Program, a Hantes and graduation in June, holiday parties for the children, a booth at the Church Bazaar, representation at the Diocesan Assembly; and various educational and cultural activities throughout the school year. An adult class and a children's 'conversation only' class has also been incorporated into the curriculum.

A special attraction of the school is The Club, held weekly from 1-3:00 p.m. with lunch and craft, karate, and game activities. A strong following of students and alumni participates. The School has also granted scholarships to students visiting Hyastan and Camp Vartan this summer.

At its Armenian Christmas Sinner, the School has established the George Shahinian Award for Perfect Attendance, the Edward Bashian Award for Achievement in Armenian History, and the Rupen Saddler Award for Armenian Reading.

FACULTY

Supt.: S. der Stepanian Nurs.: L. Samourjian Pre-K: S. Aram Kdg.: A. Nahabedian
 1 - Q. Tashjian 2 - A. Mardirosian 3 - M. Zokian 4 - M. Hajakian
 5 - S. Artinian 6 - S. Jebejian 7 - O. Jebejian Adults - S. Yavru
 Alumni Aides Dance: J. Shenloogian Conv.-H. Mangassarian
 Chairladies: A. Capan, M. Babigian, S. Yavru Treasurer: M. A. Saraydarian

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance from June 1984		\$	967.38
<u>INCOME</u>			
Tuition 64 x \$75 Full			
5 x \$75 Adult			
4 x \$30 Conversation	\$ 5,295.		
George Hallajian Memorial Donation	1,045.		
Mekhjjan Endowment	412.01		
Shahinian Endowment	707.		
Donations	3,800.		
Bazaar	672.		
Hantes Raffle	990.		
			13,888.39
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Salaries (11 x 31 wks x \$25)	\$ 8,525.		
Diocesan Book Store	1,026.		
Armenian Christmas Dinner	315.98		
Hantes	160.		
Scholarships	700.		
Building Fund Donation	2,000.		
Parties	233.		
Supplies	119.53		
			(\$13,079.51)
ESTIMATED BALANCE JUNE 1985		\$	808.88

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - 1984

A. Church School

The Church School began its academic year on September 9 with an enrollment of approximately 98 students, divided into 10 classes. Classes are held from 10:30 to noon, on Sunday mornings, concurrently with the Divine Liturgy. The students' courses of study are prescribed by the Diocese, and include the Faith, doctrine and teachings of the Armenian Church, Biblical study and history, Armenian Church history, and Christian living. Regular church attendance and reception of the Sacraments is at the center of the Church School program.

One of the goals of the Church School is to help its young people develop into worshipping members of the Armenian Church. To further this end, a regular music program is part of the Sunday morning schedule, to help in the learning of music from the Divine Liturgy. This is under the direction of Anita Keurajian Gebhardt, a graduate of the Church School. Students of the eighth, ninth and tenth grades read the Scripture lessons during the Christmas Eve and Easter Eve Services.

The Junior Choir continued to grow in 1984, under the direction of its devoted choirmistress, Mrs. Lillian Kasparian. These youngsters, aged 6-10, met weekly for rehearsal to learn the hymns of the Divine Liturgy and other services of the Church. They sang in the church services several times during the year, and also at the American Christmas Eve Service on December 24.

The newsletter DAY BY DAY continued to serve as a means of helping families learn and grow together in their Faith.

Several new projects were initiated in 1984, one being a special program to celebrate All Saints' Day on November 4. Another was the debut of the ST. THOMAS SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS, a bi-monthly newspaper produced by the fifth grade class, under the direction of teacher Douglas Martaian. "Armenian Night at the Roller Rink" on November 7, was a new event which was well received. The Church School students also planted flower bulbs on October 7, to beautify the church grounds.

Four young people received their Diocesan graduation diplomas in June, upon completion of all the requirements for graduation, including a year of service to the parish. Three of these young people continue to serve the parish either as altar servers or as Church School staff members.

The Church School is blessed with dedicated teachers who try to provide our children with a firm Christian foundation, especially by their own example. Their devotion deserves the thanks and gratitude of the entire St. Thomas family. The staff meets periodically for meetings, and six members of the staff participated in a special Crash Course on the Armenian Church sponsored by the Dep't of Religious Education in May.

For ten consecutive years, the students have been buying gifts and foodstuffs for needy families at Christmas. This project is coordinated through the Division of Youth and Family Services of the Xtate of New Jersey. Food was also collected in October on the occasion of World Food Day, and in November for Thanksgiving, and given to the Center for Food Action in Englewood, to benefit those in need. The children raised \$202.20 for UNICEF at Halloween, and \$131.50 for the Ethiopian Relief Fund of the Diocese in December.

The program to train youngsters to serve as acolytes during the Divine Liturgy continued through the year. At present, 8 boys and 4 girls in grades 5-9 are serving on a regular rotation.

Annual events of the Church School include Armenian Christmas Eve supper, Christmas and Easter communion breakfasts, Christmas program and luncheon, Roller Skating party, picnic, and graduation 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.

B. Adult Education

The Bible study group continued to meet on a weekly basis. Recently they completed a study of the Biblical teachings about the Messiah. The group explores and studies our Christian faith as it finds its expression in the Armenian Church based upon the Holy Scriptures.

A special Bible study was also conducted in the spring for members of the A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs., over a period of 6 weeks.

Louise Kalemkerian, Director of Religious Education

CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF:

Superintendent	Louise Kalemkerian
Kindergarten	Suzanne Ekizian, Alin Papazian & Tania Mekhjian
1st grade	Vicky Natale and Adrenne Tenbekjian
2nd grade	Beverly Hajinlian, Ellen Kenderian & Andrea Ekizian
3rd grade	Marilou Pinajian and Stephanie Ekizian
4th grade	Thomas Merjanian and David Kasparian
5th grade	Douglas Martaian
6th grade	Stephen Jarahian
7th-8th grades	Sona Damergy and June Kashishian
9th grade	Lori Kalemkerian
10th grade	Yeretzgin Violet Kasparian
Sec'y/Treas.	Jeanette Ekizian
Parents Committee	Sandra Alpino, Chairperson

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1984			\$ 539.91
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	
Offerings	\$ 727.92		
Lenten Offerings	74.36		
Lenten Donations		\$ 125.00	
Foods (Comm. Breakfast & Christmas Luncheon)	395.00	698.14	
Misc. Foods		112.59	
Books, supplies, postage, misc.		396.22	
UNICEF Trick or Treat	202.22	202.22	
Bake Sale - Ethiopian Fund	131.50	131.50	
Ice Cream Party	45.25	60.24	
Skating Party (students with 100% attendance)		167.75	
Skating Party in November	324.95	50.00	
Sunday School Picnic	67.00	191.41	
	\$ 1,968.20	\$ 2,135.07	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1984			\$ 373.04

ST. THOMAS MEN'S CLUB REPORT - 1984

Chairman:	Ara Pekmezian	Membership:	Paul Pinajian
Vice Chairman:	Mike Fenarjian	Publicity:	Matthew Keshishian
Treasurer:	Jack Ekizian	Corr. Secy.:	Arman Ajamian
Recording Secy.:	Arthur Azarik		

Since January 17, 1984, with election of new officers the Men's Club has strengthened membership, encouraged new membership, increased publicity and effectively closed gaps in communicating with its' members. Nine (9) Dinner Meetings were held, two (2) jointly with the Women's Guild (Dinner only) during the calendar year. Our Dinner Meetings proved very successful with many members enjoying the various cooked meals, barbecues, etc., followed by a planned program. For the new year, a team of Program Directors has been established as well as a questionnaire fill out sheet for members. The Men's Club looks forward to another successful year for 1985.

Activities, Programs and Accomplishments in 1984

Engraved Plaques to out-going Officers, Cotillion Booklet donation - half page, Atlantic City bus trip, ordered and erected New Picnic/Bazaar sign (authorized by Parish Council), chaired Annual Memorial Day Picnic, Catskill Sports Week-end, Men's Bowling Team, joint Picnic/ Softball Game with St. Leon's, Annual St. Thomas Men's Club Family Picnic, Annual St. Thomas Car Raffle-1984 Audi 5000S, two BBQ Joint Dinners with Women's Guild, sponsorship of all Church Youth Sports activities, Annual St. Thomas Christmas Bazaar-Wheel of Fortune Booth, Men's Club Church Breakfast, Men's Club night at the Nicks/Nets Basketball Game, Meadowlands Annual Men's Club Christmas Party.

St. Thomas Men's Club Treasurer's Report - 1984

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1984			\$ 1,028.63
Membership Dues	\$ 445.00		
Dinner Meetings	1,110.00	\$ 959.00	
Atlantic Mity Trip	675.00	458.00	
Berg. Cnty. Parks Comm.	40.00	60.00	
Men's Club Picnic	405.00	305.00	
Men's Club Diq. Raffle	367.00	102.93	
Christmas Party	3,307.00	3,583.00	
St. Thomas Sports Activ.		608.00	
Postage		95.00	
St. Thomas Breakfast		26.67	
Men's Club Awards		136.26	
St. Thomas Cotillion Booklet		200.00	
Memorial Donations		25.00	
	\$ 6,349.00	\$ 6,558.00	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1984			\$ 818.77
	<u>Car Raffle</u>		
Sale of tickets	\$ 30,000.00		
Purchase of Car,		\$ 17,415.00	
Print. Tickets, Circul. Env. Acknowled.		162.00	
License for Raffle		195.00	
Turned over to St. Thomas		12,500.00	
Interest in Bank	265.25		
Bal. in Bank Book 12/31/83	362.84		
Bal. in Bank Book 12/31/84		356.09	
	\$ 30,628.09	\$ 30,628.09	

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING PROGRAM

For the fourth consecutive year, Deacon Joseph has continued to conduct the Altar Servers Training Program.

During 1984, five young men served at the Holy Altar during the Divine Liturgy. Assisting the Deacons were, Gregory Doudoukjian, Henry Hagopian, Thomas Kasparian, Stephen Mekenian and Andrew Martaian.

For the greater part of the year Henry and Gregory were present on Sunday mornings, and whenever they were home from college both Thomas and Stephen did their share. In addition to censing, these young men have also been chanting most of the litanies and psalms. On one Sunday in the fall both Gregory and Henry assisted during the entire service due to the absence of the deacons of the parish.

At present, newcomers to the program are Sarkis Jebejian and Elizabeth Papazian who can be heard chanting Psalm 100 every Sunday.

It is our hope that in coming years we will continue to have dedicated young people to faithfully serve at the altar.

Deacon Joseph Kalemkerian

WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT - 1984

Executive Board Officers: (Elected)

Chairman:	Violet Kasparian	Treasurer:	Sonia Takoushian
Vice-Chairman:	Alyce Parseghian	Asst. Treas.:	Sonia Tashjian
Vice-Chairman:	Shakae Shahinian	Advisor:	Rose Mekenian
Rec. Secy.:	Mary Ann Saraydarian	Advisor:	Anna Zakar
Corr. Secy.:	Joanne Torigian		

Standing Committee Chairpersons:

Bridge:	Hermine Ajemian	Programs:	Alyce Parseghian
C.W.U.	Louise Kalemkerian		Shakae Shahinian
Devotionals:	Ann Markarian	Membership:	Sona Doudoukjian
Emerson Home:	Violet Ouzoonian	Soc. Serv.:	Queenie Tashjian
Historian:	Dikris Malool	Sun. Coffee:	Margaret Minassian
Hospitality:	Alicia Demirjian	Sunshine &	
	Virginia Parseghian	Visitations:	Celia Martaian

Eight regular monthly meetings were held during the year, generally on the third Tuesday of the month. The Executive Board convened as needed. Some of the programs following meetings were Alyce Parseghian, slide show on her "Trip to the Orient;" Corinne Heditian spoke on "Life in the Foreign Service;" Dr. Ralph Meyer spoke on "American Involvement Abroad;" Emily Massoth demonstrated "Pysanky" or Ukranian Easter egg decorating; Susan Victoria spoke on general legal topics of interest to women; and a "Nostalgia Night" - pictures of members during childhood and past Women's Guild Activities.

Other activities and programs for the year included:

Joint dinner and Bar-B-Q with Men's Club	Christmas Luncheon
Fish & Chips Supper	Holiday Fruit & Nut Sale
27th Annual Cotillion	Communion & Breakfast
Tennis Party	Theater Party to "Zorba"
Bus Trip to Old Westbury Gardens &	Two Gourmet Sessions
Planting Fields Arboretum, both in	7th Annual Blood Sonor Day
Long Island	Membership Tea

Our members participated in Church Women United activities during the year. We hosted the Women Saints Day at St. Vartan Cathedral. Two lovely tables of refreshments were prepared and served to the residents of the Emerson Home following services on Holy Thursday and on Christmas. Our members also take an active role in providing "birthday" celebrations for the residents of the Home. The Guild donated food to the Center for Food Action in Englewood, N. J. We presented three artists at a most successful Young Artists Concert.

Once again we fulfilled our 1984 pledge to St. Thomas Armenian Church in the amount of \$9,000, and continued to support a student at the St. Tarkmanchatz School in Jerusalem. Refreshments were provided for the Sunday School and Armenian School students at Halloween. Our members were instrumental in the success of the annual Bazaar and also provided and manned the pastry booth at the Memorial Day picnic. Members prepared and served lunch to seminarians, staff and participants to retreats at St. Nersess Seminary when they visited

our Church (twice during the year). We also provided and served refreshments following services on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24th).

Our delegates to the Diocesan Guild Conference in May at St. Leon's Armenian Church in Fair Lawn were Rose Mekenian and Joanne Torigian.

Members served on the Strawberry Festival Committee headed by the Primate's Women's Advisory Council. A number of our members also attended the Spiritual Renewal Conference at St. Mary's Church in Livingston and the Regional Women's Guild Conference also at Livingston.

We were sorry to say good-bye to one of our active members, Dorothy Otchy and her husband, Arthur, who have resettled in South Jersey.

We had 150 members in 1984, including 4 new members.

Our members were very happy to set up, prepare and serve the magnificent buffet at the Church's groundbreaking services in December

Our thanks and appreciation to each of our members and friends for their continued cooperation and support in our efforts to perpetuate the Guild traditions of fellowship and service.

WOMEN'S GUILD TREASURER'S REPORT - 1984

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1984

\$2,842.21

INCOME

DISBURSEMENTS

St. Thomas Plédge - 1984		\$9,000.00	
Cotillion - Orchestra Deposit	300.00		
Dues/Membership Tea	1,150.00	63.46	
Meeting Refreshments - May Dinner	247.25	335.67	
Emerson Home Visitions	38.55	74.41	
Transferred from Insured Money Market	6,500.00		
Interest Income IMM transferred	373.27		
Postage		230.94	
Women's Saints Day Lunch	1,308.00	1,328.00	
March Theatre Party	3,877.75	3,572.44	
Gourmet Sessions (two)	340.00	329.29	
Sunday Coffee	30.00	84.29	
Communion Breakfast	13.00	66.84	
Fish & Chips Dinner	1,347.15	739.64	
Young Artists Concert	1,542.00	1,348.51	
Tennis Party	688.89	325.00	
Delegate's Registration Fee		10.00	
Halloween-Church Children		51.66	
St. Tarkmanchatz School 1983-84 (student fee)		75.00	
Church Women United Dues		50.00	
Church Women United 5th Decade		100.00	
Guest Speaker March Meeting		20.00	
Guest Speaker October Meeting		50.00	
Holy Cross Church 50th Anniversary		50.00	
Strawberry Festival		100.00	
In lieu of Flowers - Paul Varjian		25.00	
In lieu of Flowers - Mrs. Hagopian		25.00	
Gift Chairlady		75.00	
Coffee Urns	110.00	105.87	
Sunshine		73.94	
Christmas Eve Reception		20.97	
Bridge Club	175.00		
Dinners/Mens Club	120.00		
October Bus Trip	872.00	775.85	
Christmas Luncheon	1,966.00	1,547.50	
Holiday Fruit & Nut Sale	2,614.05	2,482.84	
Interest Income Checking	217.10		
Miscellaneous		231.98	
	<u>\$23,830.01</u>	<u>\$23,369.10</u>	<u>460.91</u>

Balance on Hand December 31, 1984

\$3,303.12

INSURED MONEY MARKET

Balance on Hand January 1, 1984

\$4,765.90

Balance on Hand December 31, 1984

\$8,958.09

Cotillion Income

10,000.00

Interest Income

692.19

\$15,458.09

Transferred to Checking

6,500.00

AVAK SOCIETY REPORT - 1984

Chairman:	Anoush Poosikian	Treasurer:	Arax Markarian
Vice Chmn.:	George Avedisian	Refresh. Chmn.	Haig Markarian
Rec. Secy.	Anne Stepanian	Assistants:	Bertha Poosikian
Corr. Secy.:	Victoria Vezerian		Armen Tarzy
Advisors:	Vartoohi Halebian	-	Diane Nakashian
	Alice Shakarjian	-	Charlotte Thomajian

The Avak Society has now been in existence for 12 years. Our meetings are held every Thursday at the Church hall. Refreshments are served and later there is tavloo, card playing, handcrafts, or just coming and enjoying the company of others. Many friendships have been made and they look forward to the meetings each week.

We also have trips and luncheons during the year, and are active in helping at Bazaar time making the choreg and donating it to the church, as well as other goodies.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1983			\$ 2,133.95
	Income	Expenses	
Membership Dues	\$ 465.00		
Weekly Dues	2,258.75		
Contributions	477.00		
Interest on Savings Acct.	86.74		
Profit on Fallsview trip	14.00		
	<u>3,301.49</u>		5,435.44
Refreshments		\$ 1,322.42	
Supplies		5.56	
Memorial Donors		111.50	
St. Thomas Church		1,566.94	
Custodian		50.00	
Mothers' & Fathers' Luncheon		32.67	
Christmas Luncheon		59.00	
		<u>3,148.09</u>	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1984			\$ 2,287.35
Provident Savings Bank	\$1,383.81		
Midlantic Bank (checking acct.)	<u>929.54</u>		
	\$2,313.35		

SENIOR A.C.Y.O.A. OF NORTHERN N.J. REPORT - 1984

Chairman:	Lori Kalemkerian	St. Thomas Armenian Church
Vice Chmn.:	Sosi Kirian	St. Leon's
Treasurer:	Lisa Saraydarian	St. Thomas
Rec. Secy.:	Richard Bohajian	Holy Cross
Membership:	Alice Saraydarian	St. Thomas
	Lori Kalemkerian	St. Thomas
Executive Board		
Advisor:	Lori Aslanian	

The Senior A.C.Y.O.A. has had a very successful year. We have firmly established ourselves in the Armenian community as a new group for young Armenian adults. Activities this year included monthly wine and cheese membership receptions at St. Leon's Hall; a weekend retreat at St. Nersess Seminary, a 3rd Annual June "Springfest" dance at A.G.B.U. Nazarian Hall which attracted over 300 young adults, a picnic at Van Saun Park where over 80 attended, participation in the One World Festival in conjunction with Camp Nubar and we ended the year with our 3rd Annual Christmas Party at St. Leon's.

Through these various functions we have been able to develop a sound financial base. This has enabled us to make donations to Armenian organizations. Donations this past year have been made to St. Thomas, St. Leon's, Holy Cross, and St. Mary's Churches, as well as St. Nersess Seminary. Additionally, a donation was made to the Religious Education Department of the Diocese.

We have added many new names to our membership list during the year and quite a few of these people have become involved with the group. Ultimately, we hope to get many of these people in the executive board positions.

Future plans include a Fourth Annual June dance, picnic, and New Year's Eve Dance. Also, a weekend to St. Nersess Seminary is scheduled. We are looking forward to another busy and successful year and would like to have the support of all parents by encouraging their young adults to join the A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors.

At this time we would like to thank all at St. Thomas who helped us during the year. Special thanks go to Der Hayr and the Parish Council members. Also, special thanks to Mrs. Dikris Malool. You all have played an important part in the continuation of the Senior A.C.Y.O.A. We truly appreciate everything you have done for our group and it is our hope that the Senior A.C.Y.O.A. will grow bigger and better to serve the Armenian Church.

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH

Building Committee Cash Report

November 1982 to December 31, 1984

Checks Received				
Pledges	\$	210,161.66		
Loan from Trustees		40,000.00		
Interest from Investment		3,048.16		
Affairs		4,535.22		
Jokes		49.41		
Profit Sharing		<u>100.00</u>		
				257,894.45
Disbursement				
Heating System		32,906.10		
Railings		4,400.00		
Professional: Avakian, Luder, Ziegler & Lyon		27,965.00		
Permits		588.98		
Stationery and Postage		590.07		
Affairs Expenses		<u>5,126.16</u>		
				<u>71,576.31</u>
				186,318.14
				<u>165,000.00</u>
				<u>21,318.14</u>
Bank Balance First Fidelity Bank				<u>21,318.14</u>
Investment	Due	Yield		
First Fidelity Bank C. D.	1-23-85	12%	100,000.00	
First Fidelity Bank Repo	1-2-85	8.50	<u>65,000.00</u>	
				<u>165,000.00</u>
				<u>186,318.14</u>
Pledges		353,635.00		
Received		210,161.33		
Balance to be received		143,473.67		