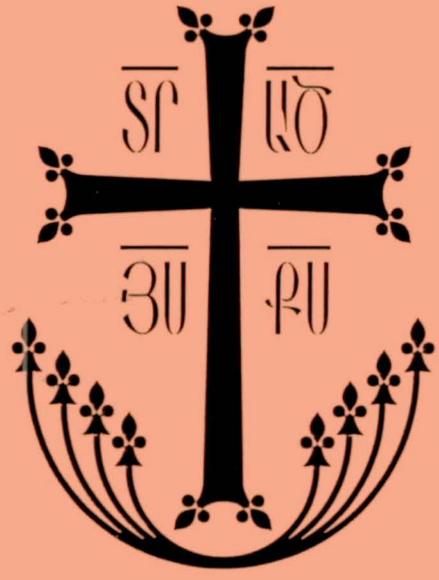


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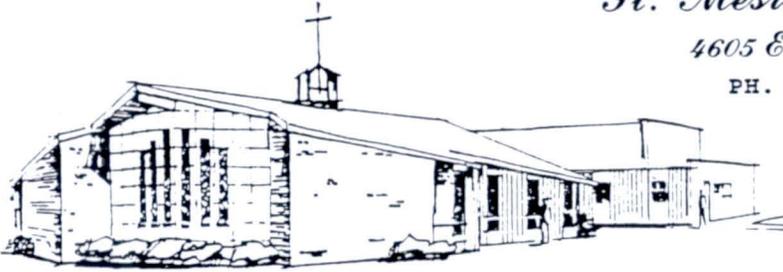
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Reverend Father Yeprem Kelegian, Pastor

Home Phone 414-639-3044

February 1, 1998

Dear Dues Paying Member,

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Sunday, February 15, 1998, 11:15 a.m. After the election of Chairman and Secretary of the Day, a luncheon will be served.

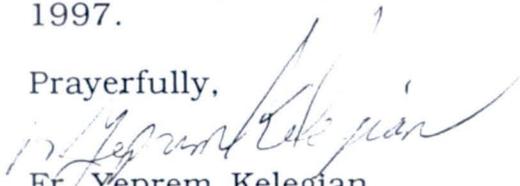
**Attached is an agenda.** On the reverse side of the Agenda are the names of all the people *remaining* in office after this Assembly, as well as the slate of Nominees for the Assembly. **Also, attached** is the Minutes of the last Assembly.

**The Annual Report** with all of the Organization reports, all of the budget reports, etc., **will be available, Sunday, February 8**, after Church. *Please read the Annual Report before coming to the meeting.*

Please make time to come. The elections, the budget and other items of business have much to do with the ministry and direction of this church.

In order to participate in this Assembly your dues must be paid up through 1997.

Prayerfully,

  
Fr. Yeprem Kelegian  
Pastor

  
Thomas Gengozian  
Parish Council Chairman



# ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

St. Mesrob Armenian Church  
Racine, Wisconsin

February 15, 1998

## AGENDA

1. Opening prayer
2. Verification of eligible voters and call for quorum
3. Election of Chairman and Secretary of the Day

Recess for Lunch

4. Approval of Minutes of previous Assembly
5. Adoption of Agenda
6. Nominating Committee Report and Elections

Parish Council - three to be elected  
Nominating Committee - three to be elected  
Auditing Committee - one to be elected  
Permanent Trust - one to be elected

*NOTE: On the back of this Agenda is a list of people still finishing terms on the above offices and therefore cannot be nominated for that particular office.*

7. Pastor's Report
8. Parish Council Report
9. Review and Acceptance of Organizational Reports  
(a Representative will be present to answer all questions)
10. Parish Treasury and Financial Report
11. Permanent Trust Committee Report
12. Auditing Committee Report
13. Review and adoption of 1998 Budget
14. New Business
15. Motion to adjourn

**NOMINEES FOR THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

The following are the Nominees for the various offices.

Nominations will be taken from the floor.

The 1997 Nominating Committee: Mary Ann Injasoulian, Kai Kazarian, Charles Hardy

**Chairman of the Day** (one to be elected)

Thomas Janikian                      Mikael Garoukian

**Secretary of the Day** (one to be elected)

Mary Akgulian                      Sue Kargenian

**Nominating Committee** (three to be elected)

Sue Esayian                      George Kadamian  
Meline Grigorian                      Catherine Mikaelian  
Nuritza Harvey                      Paul Tewagian

**Auditing Committee** (one to be elected)

Sue Nersesian                      Perry Paragamian

**Permanent Trust** (one to be elected)

Eileen Kamakian                      Charles Kaprelian

**Diocesan Delegate** (three to be elected)

Lauren Chalekian                      Edward Kargenian  
Ardis Cherkinian                      Kai Kazarian  
Murad Gengozian                      George Stevoff

**Parish Council** (three to be elected)

Andre Antreassian                      Edward Kunesh  
David Azarian                      Arthur Musurlian  
Sarkis Cherkinian                      Myron Topalian

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**Remaining on Parish Council:**

Thomas Gengozian (in first term)  
Mary Janikian (in second term)  
Janet Mrazek (in first term)  
Irene Nahabedian (in first term)

**Remaining on Auditing Committee:**

Frank Vidian (finishing 1st year of 3 year term)  
Noubar Tcheurekdjian (finishing 2nd year of 3 year term)

**Remaining on Permanent Trust:**

John Esayian (finishing 1st year of 3 year term)  
Thomas Gengozian (finishing 2nd year of 3 year term)

**Remaining on Nominating Committee:**

This is a one year term. Therefore, no one remaining.

MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING OF MAY 18, 1997

1) Meeting opened at 12:20 p.m. with a prayer by Der Yeprem.

2) There were approximately 30 parishioners present.

3) Shockey Gengozian moved that we delay the reading of the last annual meeting minutes until the next annual meeting. Murad Gengozian seconded. Approved.

4) The delegates to the 95th Annual Assembly of the Diocese were:

Jack Kazarian, Delegate , Kai Kazarian, Delegate, Fr. Yeprem Kelegian, Parish Priest and Tom Gengozian, Parish Council Chairman. Other delegates who could not go to the assembly but were present at today's meeting were Murad Gengozian and Sam Akgulian.

5) Fr. Yeprem reported on the Clergy Conference:

Shockey Gengozian questioned Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian Master's Thesis of "The Assassination of Archbishop Tourian" on the completeness of the news articles at the time. Fr. Yeprem assured her that all the facts were complete.

Charles Hardy questioned the Rumanian problems. Fr. Yeprem mentioned that the Armenians in Rumania were hungry because of poverty. Most are urban dwellers and have no means.

Fr. Yeprem then reported on the Diocesan Assembly:

Concerning the parishes that are in arrears. Nancy Kazarian suggested that these parishes get help from the Diocese. The churches involved have both financial and philosophical differences with the Diocese.

Mary Akgulian noted that in the past, when St. Mesrob was behind the Diocese took a more forceful action on its part in collecting back payments. Parishes in arrears were noted in print in the Assembly Booklet.

On the subject on Mission Churches, Sam Akgulian thought there should be more research on the viability of these churches to survive, thereby conserving Diocesan Funds.

Also, Sam Akgulian could not understand why Midwest Churches did not participate in the Endowment Fund in order to take advantage of expertise in maximum return on investment.

6) Kai Kazarian reported on Proposals and Amendments.

7) Tom Gengozian reported on the Panel Discussions. These were done on an informal basis. Because of time restraints, they were not discussed during the assembly meeting.

Sam Akgulian noted that staff reductions might result in fewer funds being obtained since the telephone requests were discontinued and the letter campaigns being inefficient. Tom Gengozinn stated the Armenian Church magazine might be used to solicit more donations. Shockey Gengozian then stated we should ask people who are pro-organization to show their further support with financial aid. She also asked about the possible use of the Endowment Funds but these are earmarked.

Sam Akgulian inquired on the Social Services Program. Tom Gengozian stated the F.A.R. would be taking it over.

**Budget Concerns:**

Sam Kaprelian questioned endowment funds being in the budget when these funds that are earmarked are unavailable for use.

Murad Gengozian stated that ACEF should give us the amount of money that is used for administration.

**Unity:**

Sam Kaprelian asked about the major problems involved. By-laws took an inordinate amount of time to prepare. Unity is a North American problem with the USA for and Canada against. There also are factions in both groups in the USA who do not want it to succeed. Power, inertia and mistrust are prevalent. Discussion then ensued on the process.

Mary Akgulian asked how the mutual cross-service was working out. Der Yeprem said results are favorable but more needs to be done.

Jack Kazarian remarked that by the next annual meeting we should give serious thought on participating in the Diocese Endowment Fund with a portion of our permanent trust funds. Art Musurlian asked about fees and legal protection. This would be discussed at a later date.

Tom Gengozian encouraged all parish members to do more local parish volunteer work.

Fr. Yeprem stated that our delegates did a fine job at the convention.

Murad Gengozian moved we adjourn. Pat Paragamian seconded. Passed.

Meeting ended with a prayer at 1:45 p.m.

  
Fr. Yeprem Kelegian  
Pastor

  
Tom Gengozian  
Chairman

  
Arthur Musurlian  
Secretary of the Day

## PASTOR'S REPORT

In this last year we have attempted to continue our spiritual growth through various programs for all ages. In addition, I have looked to the faithful to engage in the active Christian ministry of visiting the sick and shut-ins, reaching out to the needs of others, both physically and spiritually. I must say that this aspect has grown and been fruitful.

### Pastoral Ministry

**Home visits** (176) The purpose: Shut-ins, illness, bereaved; pre-baptism; elderly and other pastoral concerns based on 48 weeks, this is 3.7/week)

**Hospitals/Nursing Homes**, 172 times, visiting 224 people

### Teaching

Bible Study Five week session on Colossians; six week session on I Thessalonians; nine week session on I Corinthians

Thursday Discussion Group This group meets before Retiree meetings and engages in discussion which brings our Christian beliefs together with contemporary events

Bible Fellowship meets once a month to discuss daily living along the guidelines of the Gospel

Prayer Group meets once a month to pray for the needs of the parish

The Three Part Lenten Series: Forgiving; Adults and children making crosses and Easter tree together; Contemporary Moral Issues

The Wednesdays of Lent: After the thirty minute service, there was a biblical reflection

Scripture Seminar, conducted by the Very Rev. Vahan Hovhanessian, had forty participants (thirty eight from St. Mesrob)

Acolytes The six youngest acolytes went through one year of training; were ordained and will continue their training. The older group (of five) continued their training by taking review classes with the youngest. And, the oldest group (seven) continued on the "kushotz", and started learning the deacons parts.

Lock-In's For Teens. These are like retreats. We had two here, in March and June; attended one in Palos Heights in November

Hye Camp Taught three religion classes; helped in culture class; conducted services; simply there with children.

Vacation Bible School There were thirty four children this year. The theme was Serving God and being loved by God. Thanks to the teachers, Alice Hazarian, Claudia Kalinoski, Pam Kazarian, Lara and Tamar Kazarian; assisted by Heidi Kadamian, David Johnson, Paula Johnson, Nathan Kadamian

Armenian Church Fathers Lecture at Chicago. The Midwest Clergy each took 15 minutes to present an Armenian Church Father and his spirituality.

Parish Council meetings were generally started with a Bible Study.

**Diocesan Council** Fr. Yeprem is in his last year of a four year term of the Council which oversees the Diocese.

**Vacations Days** Thirteen (out of twenty eight, based on seniority)

## **Services**

Divine Liturgy is preceded by morning service each week  
Christmas, January 6 and the Eve Service  
Sts. Vartanank Service  
Holy Week, each of the nine days of Holy Week  
Ascension Day Divine Liturgy  
April 24, Martyrs Day Service  
Ecumenical Good Friday noon service hosted for Northside Churches

## **Baptisms**

Alena Marie Katerdjan      Mia Juliana Dadian  
Arman Guevorkian      Michael William Kaprelian

## **Marriages** (each include four pre-marital sessions)

Kai Kazarian and Gay Derderian  
Abraham Ouzounian and Michelle Sahagian  
Geoffrey Schick and Jodie Samuelian  
Chad Buchaklian and Jennifer Eschner

Assisted at Marriage of John Tahmazian and Wendy Christiansen

## **Funerals**

John Keishian      Michael Stevoff  
Maireni Margosian      Sarkis Cabayan  
Martha Kaprelian      Joan Gengozian

Assisted at the Funerals of

Haroutune Mikaelian (St. Hagop)      Peter Leszczynski (Catholic)  
Clinton Platt (Lutheran)      Yeretzgin Hripsime Der Meksian (St. Hagop)  
Ben Hefferon (Lutheran)      Dan Mikaelian (St. Hagop)  
Ken Kaishian (St. John, Greenfield)      Martha Kayian (St. John, Greenfield)  
Haroutune Ouzounian (St. Paul, Waukegan)

## **Ecumenical/Racine Community Activities**

### President of the Racine Clergy Association

This organization is a gathering of 50 area clergy who are interested in the problems and challenges facing Racine. Duties include: Presiding at meetings, board meetings and being involved in various community activities, such as Martin Luther King Day, Racism Workshop, Holocaust Memorial.....

### On-Call Chaplain at St. Mary

Once a month Fr. Yeprem is at St. Mary for a 14 hour shift covering emergencies.

Orthodox Clergy of Wisconsin Fr. Yeprem attends the bi-monthly meetings and attends the few activities there are.

Community Advisory Committee, commissioned by the School Board to study school choice

**Minneapolis-St. Paul Armenian Church** Fr. Yeprem was instrumental in establishing this mission parish (the first in their 100-year history). In each of the 24-hour visits he works with the choir, acolytes, gives lectures, performs badarak, visits the sick..... In 1997 he visited three times.

**Publications** Fr. Yeprem writes the Varak and the weekly Messenger

## **Meetings**

St. Mesrob meetings: 101

Regional meetings: 8 (e.g. Council meetings, clergy meetings.....)

## **Functions**

Church: 43

Regional: 11 (e.g. Womens Saints Day, sister church activities, youth forums, lectures)

**Clergy Conference and Diocesan Assembly** Fr. Yeprem attends all sessions of this week-long commitment

### **Special Event**

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian made his pastoral visit to St. Mesrob on October 4 and 5. He met with our youngest acolytes and their families. He ordained to the rank of "tbir": Daniel Azarian, Marissa Gafka, Nathaniel Kadamian, Alex Kaprelian, Nadalie Kargenian and Evan Kunesh. He celebrated Divine Liturgy, followed by our banquet.

### **Recognitions**

The deacons and acolytes who serve the altar are a great asset to our liturgical life. The eldest, Charles Hardy and Mikael Garoukian, provide the "back bone" of the many servers.

Margaret Dadian, our Choir Director/organist, ensures that the choir's worship is correctly and beautifully rendered. Carol Azarian, the Assistant Director, diligently leads our devoted choir.

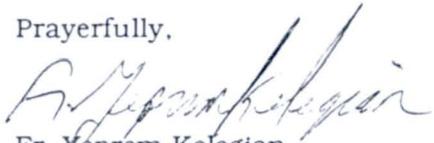
Lauren Chalekian, Superintendent of the Sunday School and the entire Staff have the privilege of leading our children toward the knowledge of the Lord.

Mary Cherkinian and Claire Kadamian carry out all of the daily work of the office with graciousness and good humor.

Thomas Gengozian, Parish Council Chairman, has done an excellent job of leading this Parish. And, the Parish Council has conscientiously and religiously cared for the direction of St. Mesrob.

**On a personal note**, I would like to thank St. Mesrob for a very beautiful 20 Anniversary celebration of my ordination to the Priesthood. Certainly, much of my joy as a priest is derived from working with the faithful of St. Mesrob. And, for the most part, these last four and one-half years have been joy-filled.

Prayerfully,



Fr. Yeprem Kelegian  
Pastor

## Parish Council Report 1997

This year I want to start by thanking all my friends on the Parish Council. Without the diligent support of these dedicated individuals our church would not be where it is today. Our Council functions as a team with everyone contributing the maximum, all in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ. Secondly, I want to thank all of my supporters and mentors in the parish. Without your guidance, many seemingly natural actions may not have transpired so smoothly. Lastly, I want to thank my relatives and parents, past and present, for their everlasting commitment to me and for the wisdom which they have instilled in me. I appreciate all the support, and advice through the years and hope to remain faithful to their examples.

Spiritually, we continue to be guided by our beloved Der Yeprem. Der Yeprem is an accomplished priest and an inspiration for our community. This past year we had the honor to witness the bestowal of the Floral Pilon upon Der Hayr by Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, which was given to honor his twenty years of service to our Lord. We also thank Yeretzgin Judy and daughters Talene and Marisa for their support to Der Hayr and for their contributions to the spiritual life of our community. We are thankful for Der Yeprem and pray that his mission at St. Mesrob will continue for many more years.

The Council is pleased with the spirituality seen in our parish and attributes this to the many hard working volunteers that serve the church. The work of the Sunday School often goes unacknowledged, however, their work truly is noticed and appreciated. We thank all of our Sunday School Staff for the extraordinary efforts. The Council expresses its gratitude to our Women's Guild. This group of devoted individuals personifies the spirit of what it means to be faithful Christians. The Guild supports the church both financially and spiritually. They are the backbone of our church and without their relentless support, our church would be much different than what it is today. Our continued thanks is extended to our Deacon Charles Hardy, Sub-Deacons, Tbirds and Choir Members. We know that without your service the beauty and reverence of the Badarak would be jeopardized. The Council extends continued congratulations to our Tbirds ordained this year. We are pleased that you are beginning your official service to the Lord at St. Mesrob and hope that each of you will serve as a beacon for many others in the future.

This past year was filled with many accomplishments. Membership was up slightly from last year. We had one of the most successful financial years and ended the year with a surplus of \$9,600. We thank our benefactors for their endless support and generosity which is the sustenance of our church community. Armenian Fest continued to be the largest single fund raising event. Despite the rainy weather and being only a one day event we fared quite well. The Council wishes to express its sincere thanks to our entire Armenian Fest Committee, namely Gary Vidian and Lauren Chalekian, along with all of the area chair-people and all of the volunteers. Thanks is given to the many other church organizations for their service during 1997. Due to the work of these various groups together with the Council we had an action packed year filled with successful events.

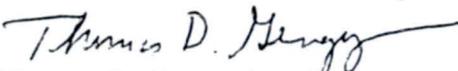
These included: Martyrs Day with guest speaker Dr. Juliette Stapanian Apkarian, concerts, ordinations, seminars, talks and other programs. This made for a very fulfilling and exciting year. We would like to see these successes to continue into 1998.

Special recognition and thanks is extended to our office staff of Mary Cherkinian and Claire Kadamian and to our custodial staff of Mike Kadamian and Harry Akgulian. Additionally, we thank Sam Kaprelian for keeping the financial records of our church correct. We know that many other people help out around the church and extend our gratitude to them.

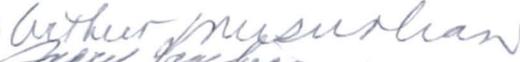
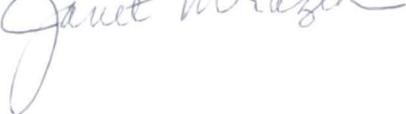
During 1997 the parish of St. Mesrob continued to build upon the solid Christian Armenian heritage which we have enjoyed in the United States of America for almost one hundred years. We have looked to the past to give us guidance for the future. Our Council has constantly looked to improve upon the parish life of St. Mesrob. We have provided our parishioners with more current financial statements. We are pleased to announce that our parish is covered under the IRS Code 501-C-3 which gives us certain federal tax exemption rights. The Council is very pleased and excited with the new SCRIPT program spearheaded by Irene Nahabedian and Ed Kargenian. We want to strengthen our church in all aspects while remaining committed to our spiritual goals.

We thank you, our parishioners, for your patience, understanding and devotion. We will remain focused on our mission while being committed and respectful to all of our church community members.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas D. Gengozian, Chairman

#### Council Members 1997

Fr. Yeprem Kelegian	President	
Thomas Gengozian	Chairman	
Authur Mursulian	Vice Chairman	
Mary Janikian	Treasurer	
Irene Nahabedian	Asst. Treasurer	
Carol Kazarian	Secretary	
Edward Kargenian	Advisor	
Janet Mrazek	Advisor	

**ST MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH**  
**INCOME STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997**

RECEIPTS	Actual 1996	Actual 1997	Budget 1997	Over (Under)	%	Budget 1998
<b>Membership Dues</b>						
1 Future Years	\$990.00	\$1,236.50	\$1,800.00	(\$563.50)	-31.3%	\$1,200.00
2 Current Year (1997)	\$21,238.00	\$22,257.00	\$21,000.00	\$1,257.00	6.0%	\$24,000.00
3 Prior Years	\$2,657.50	\$1,172.50	\$2,500.00	(\$1,327.50)	-53.1%	\$1,200.00
4 <b>Total Membership Dues</b>	\$24,885.50	\$24,666.00	\$25,300.00	(\$634.00)	-2.5%	\$26,400.00
5 <b>Stewardship</b>	\$40,317.00	\$51,493.00	\$42,000.00	\$9,493.00	22.6%	\$50,000.00
6 <b>Plate Collections</b>	\$5,124.55	\$3,685.54	\$5,200.00	(\$1,514.46)	-29.1%	\$4,000.00
<b>Donations</b>						
7 Christmas	\$1,396.00	\$645.00	\$2,550.00	(\$1,905.00)	-74.7%	\$1,500.00
8 Easter	\$1,653.00	\$1,521.11	\$1,800.00	(\$278.89)	-15.5%	\$1,700.00
9 Requiem	\$760.00	\$860.00	\$800.00	\$60.00	7.5%	\$1,000.00
10 In Lieu Of Flowers	\$8,431.00	\$6,670.00	\$5,500.00	\$1,170.00	21.3%	\$5,500.00
11 Candles	\$324.00	\$937.26	\$400.00	\$537.26	134.3%	\$1,000.00
12 Designated Gifts		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
13 Grape/Water Blessing	\$90.00	\$240.55	\$100.00	\$140.55	140.6%	\$300.00
11 Special Collections	(\$145.65)	\$613.00	\$0.00	\$613.00		\$700.00
12 Other	\$761.31	\$708.33	\$900.00	(\$191.67)	-21.3%	\$900.00
13 <b>Total Donations</b>	\$13,269.66	\$12,195.25	\$12,050.00	\$145.25	1.2%	\$12,600.00
14 <b>Sacraments/Ceremonies</b>	\$575.00	\$525.00	\$600.00	(\$75.00)	-12.5%	\$600.00
<b>Affairs (Net)</b>						
15 Festival	\$22,027.40	\$19,641.03	\$21,000.00	(\$1,358.97)	-6.5%	\$20,000.00
16 Madagh Dinner	\$1,021.85	\$1,806.02	\$1,050.00	\$756.02	72.0%	\$2,000.00
17 Other Dinners		\$377.37	\$250.00	\$127.37	50.9%	\$500.00
18 Other	\$20.00	(\$91.02)	\$450.00	(\$541.02)	-120.2%	\$200.00
19 <b>Total Affairs</b>	\$23,069.25	\$21,733.40	\$22,750.00	(\$1,016.60)	-4.5%	\$22,700.00
<b>Rentals</b>						
20 Church Hall	\$1,485.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,500.00	(\$300.00)	-20.0%	\$1,500.00
21 Parish House	\$8,100.00	\$8,325.00	\$8,350.00	(\$25.00)	-0.3%	\$8,400.00
22 <b>Total Rentals</b>	\$9,585.00	\$9,525.00	\$9,850.00	(\$325.00)	-3.3%	\$9,900.00
<b>Other Receipts</b>						
23 Book Sales	\$481.00	\$265.00	\$300.00	(\$35.00)	-11.7%	\$300.00
24 Church Organizations	\$7,677.97	\$6,690.58	\$6,000.00	\$690.58	11.5%	\$7,000.00
25 Clergy Services		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
26 Ardis Cherkinian Cultural Fund		\$1,372.00	\$0.00			\$500.00
27 Sahag Akgulian M.F.		\$100.00	\$200.00	(\$100.00)	-50.0%	\$200.00
28 From Permanent Trust	\$5,995.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
29 Miscellaneous	\$612.35	\$496.50	\$100.00	\$396.50	396.5%	\$600.00
30 <b>Total Other</b>	\$14,766.32	\$8,924.08	\$6,600.00	\$952.08	346.3%	\$8,600.00
31 <b>Total Operating Inc</b>	\$131,592.28	\$132,747.27	\$124,350.00	\$7,025.27	5.6%	\$134,800.00
32 <b>Loan From Permanent Trust</b>	\$8,000.00	\$4,100.00				
33 <b>Maireni Margosian Trust</b>		\$615.00				
34 <b>Total Receipts</b>	\$131,592.28	\$137,462.27	\$124,350.00	\$13,112.27	10.5%	\$134,800.00

**ST MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH**  
**INCOME STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997**

Disbursements	Actual 1996	Actual 1997	Budget 1997	Over (Under)	%	Budget 1998
<b>Stipends &amp; Salary of Resident Clergy</b>						
1 Stipend	\$34,985.00	\$35,873.00	\$35,873.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$39,100.00
2 Housing/Utilities	\$10,752.00	\$11,088.00	\$11,088.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$11,340.00
3 Insurance Med/Life	\$4,115.24	\$5,086.29	\$4,539.00	\$547.29	12.1%	\$5,940.00
4 IRA	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$2,000.00
5 Auto Allowance	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$2,900.00
6 <b>Total Stipend</b>	<b>\$54,652.24</b>	<b>\$56,847.29</b>	<b>\$56,300.00</b>	<b>\$547.29</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>\$61,280.00</b>
7 Visiting Clergy	\$560.88	\$522.00	\$600.00	(\$78.00)	-13.0%	\$600.00
8 Custodian/Security	\$2,760.00	\$2,850.00	\$2,850.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$2,850.00
9 Office Clerical	\$1,778.40	\$2,259.00	\$3,000.00	(\$741.00)	-24.7%	\$2,700.00
10 Bookkeeper	\$750.00	\$775.00	\$775.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$775.00
11 Youth Director	\$1,938.79	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	(\$3,500.00)	-100.0%	\$3,500.00
12 <b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$7,788.07</b>	<b>\$6,406.00</b>	<b>\$10,725.00</b>	<b>(\$4,319.00)</b>	<b>-40.3%</b>	<b>\$10,425.00</b>
13 Diocesan Dues	\$20,370.00	\$22,110.00	\$21,000.00	\$1,110.00	5.3%	\$24,000.00
14 Diocese Youth Ministry	\$1,174.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	(\$1,200.00)	-100.0%	\$0.00
15 Etchmiadzin Looma	\$738.00	\$684.00	\$750.00	(\$66.00)	-8.8%	\$750.00
<b>Organizations</b>						
16 Sunday School	\$121.73	\$1,123.45	\$400.00	\$723.45	180.9%	\$1,200.00
17 Heritage Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
18 Choir	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	(\$150.00)	-100.0%	\$150.00
19 ACYOA Juniors	\$271.94	\$563.39	\$300.00	\$263.39	87.8%	\$600.00
20 ACYOA Seniors	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
21 Softball Team	\$379.25	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$200.00
22 <b>Total Organizations</b>	<b>\$922.92</b>	<b>\$1,886.84</b>	<b>\$1,050.00</b>	<b>\$836.84</b>	<b>79.7%</b>	<b>\$2,150.00</b>
<b>Utilities</b>						
23 Gas	\$4,334.79	\$4,765.57	\$5,000.00	(\$234.43)	-4.7%	\$5,000.00
24 Electric	\$3,433.76	\$3,402.85	\$3,500.00	(\$97.15)	-2.8%	\$3,500.00
25 Water & Sewer	\$522.77	\$430.05	\$625.00	(\$194.95)	-31.2%	\$500.00
26 <b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>\$8,291.32</b>	<b>\$8,598.47</b>	<b>\$9,125.00</b>	<b>(\$526.53)</b>	<b>-5.8%</b>	<b>\$9,000.00</b>
<b>Administrative Expense</b>						
27 Telephone	\$1,375.42	\$1,479.07	\$1,500.00	(\$20.93)	-1.4%	\$1,600.00
28 Office Supplies	\$1,734.51	\$1,383.37	\$1,700.00	(\$316.63)	-18.6%	\$1,500.00
29 Copier Maint	\$1,258.58	\$1,240.24	\$1,200.00	\$40.24	3.4%	\$1,400.00
30 Sanctuary Supply	\$718.96	\$1,071.72	\$800.00	\$271.72	34.0%	\$1,200.00
31 Kitchen Supplies	\$322.35	\$616.13	\$400.00	\$216.13	54.0%	\$650.00
32 Postage	\$984.41	\$1,691.20	\$1,100.00	\$591.20	53.7%	\$1,700.00
33 Church Insurance	\$4,397.80	\$4,067.25	\$4,500.00	(\$432.75)	-9.6%	\$4,200.00
34 Computer Maintenance	\$0.00	\$590.10	\$200.00	\$390.10	195.1%	\$200.00
35 Other	\$128.74	\$140.50	\$200.00	(\$59.50)	-29.8%	\$200.00
36 <b>Total Admin Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,920.77</b>	<b>\$12,279.58</b>	<b>\$11,600.00</b>	<b>\$679.58</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>\$12,650.00</b>

**ST MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH**  
**INCOME STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997**

Disbursements (Cont)	Actual 1996	Actual 1997	Budget 1997	Over (Under)	%	Budget 1998
<b>Building, Equipment And Maintenance</b>						
37 Building Exterior	\$1,162.75	\$1,074.11	\$1,000.00	\$74.11	7.4%	\$1,000.00
38 Building Interior	\$1,395.95	\$729.82	\$900.00	(\$170.18)	-18.9%	\$900.00
39 New Equipment	\$5,995.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	(\$3,000.00)		\$1,000.00
40 Building Supplies	\$416.75	\$694.19	\$700.00	(\$5.81)	-0.8%	\$800.00
41 Parking Lot	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	-100.0%	\$100.00
42 Rubbish Pickup	\$794.59	\$912.11	\$800.00	\$112.11	14.0%	\$900.00
43 Snow Plowing	\$800.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,500.00	(\$400.00)	-26.7%	\$1,200.00
44 Grounds Keeping	\$175.69	\$1,511.88	\$200.00	\$1,311.88	655.9%	\$300.00
45 <b>Total Bld &amp; Maint Exp.</b>	<b>\$10,740.73</b>	<b>\$6,022.11</b>	<b>\$8,200.00</b>	<b>(\$2,177.89)</b>	<b>-26.6%</b>	<b>\$6,200.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>						
46 Parish House	\$120.00	\$4,259.37	\$600.00	\$3,659.37	609.9%	\$500.00
47 Diocesan Assembly	\$1,711.15	\$1,526.47	\$1,800.00	(\$273.53)	-15.2%	\$2,100.00
48 St. Nerses Conference	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$100.00
49 Choir Assembly	\$465.29	\$0.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)	-100.0%	\$500.00
50 Designated Gifts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
51 Ceremonial Serv.	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00		\$0.00
52 Adopted Child CASP	\$430.00	\$457.00	\$400.00	\$57.00	14.3%	\$500.00
54 Other	\$1,631.27	\$1,884.84	\$1,000.00	\$884.84	88.5%	\$1,500.00
55 <b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>\$4,457.71</b>	<b>\$8,327.68</b>	<b>\$4,400.00</b>	<b>\$3,927.68</b>	<b>89.3%</b>	<b>\$5,200.00</b>
56 <b>Total Operating Exp.</b>	<b>\$120,055.76</b>	<b>\$123,161.97</b>	<b>\$124,350.00</b>	<b>(\$1,188.03)</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>	<b>\$131,655.00</b>
56 <b>Operating Gain(Loss)</b>	<b>\$11,536.52</b>	<b>\$9,585.30</b>		<b>\$9,585.30</b>		<b>\$3,145.00</b>
57 <b>Total Operating Exp + Gain</b>	<b>\$131,592.28</b>	<b>\$132,747.27</b>	<b>\$124,350.00</b>	<b>\$8,397.27</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>\$134,800.00</b>
58 <b>Due P-Trust to Repay Loan</b>		<b>\$4,100.00</b>				
59 <b>Due P-Trust M Margosian</b>		<b>\$615.00</b>				
60 <b>To P-Trust To Repay Loan</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>				
61 <b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$139,592.28</b>	<b>\$137,462.27</b>	<b>\$124,350.00</b>	<b>\$13,112.27</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>\$134,800.00</b>

PARISH REPORT  
ADDENDUM TO INCOME STATEMENTS

Cash Balance - Reconciliation

Checkbook Balance, January 1, 1997	\$ 10,000.00
1997 Receipts	137,462.27
1997 Disbursements	(123,161.97)
Payable - Permanent Trust Loan	(4,100.00)
To Permanent Trust - excess over \$10,000.00	<u>(10,200.30)</u>
Checkbook Balance, December 31, 1997	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>

Analysis of Various Income Account

<u>Line No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Net</u>
15	Festival	39,887.93	20,246.90	19,641.03
16	Madagh Dinner	2,669.00	862.98	1,806.02
17	(Bishop's) Other Dinner	2,311.00	1,933.63	377.37
18	Scripture Seminar	<u>292.20</u>	<u>383.22</u>	<u>(91.02)</u>
	Total Affairs			<u>\$ 21,733.40</u>
11	Special Collections:			
	Food Pantry			280.00
	Bulgarian Immigrants			276.00
	CASP Cannisters			<u>57.00</u>
	Total Special Collections			<u>\$ 613.00</u>
12	Other:			
	Armenian Golf Tounament			250.00
	"Fast Forward" Tapes donated			180.40
	Pick & Save Receipts			127.93
	Misc. Others			<u>150.00</u>
				<u>\$ 708.33</u>

**St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church  
Permanent Trust Statement of Condition  
For the Year Ended December 31, 1997**

Balance December 31, 1996:		\$382,583.11
Income:	Interest	\$ 18,498.93
	Dividends Cash	\$ 1,648.92
	Dividends Reinvested in Stock AT&T	\$ 245.40
	Proceeds from Sale of Stock	\$ 67.00
	Unrealized Gain in Market Value of Stocks	\$ 15,304.99
Additions:	Church Funds in Excess of \$10,000	\$ 11,536.52
	Maireni Margosian Fund	\$ 615.00
	Ben and Mary Kamakian Fund	\$ 10,000.00
	<b>Total Income:</b>	<b><u>\$ 57,916.76</u></b>
Deductions:	Safety Deposit Box Rental	\$ 20.00
	Cultural Events ( Cherkinian Family Fund)	\$ 1,372.00
	St. Nersess Scholarship ( S. Akgulian Fund)	\$ 100.00
	Loan To Parish Council (Roof Parish House)	\$ 4,100.00
	Sunday School	\$ 356.62
	<b>Total Deductions:</b>	<b><u>\$ 5,948.62</u></b>
	Loan Receivable from Parish Council	<b><u>\$ 4,100.00</u></b>
Balance December 31, 1997:		<b><u>\$438,651.25</u></b>

**Asset Composition:**

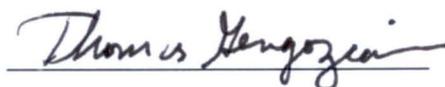
Stocks:	Shares	
AT&T	188.319	11,546.31
Wisconsin Energy	594	17,077.50
Ameritech	60	4,830.00
Bell South	45	2,534.06
Bell Atlantic	70	6,370.00
SBC Com	89	6,519.25
US West	40	1,805.00
Lucent Tech.	58	4,632.75
Eli Lilly	20	1,392.50
Air Touch Com	40	1,662.50
NCR	11.4596	318.72
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>58,688.59</u></b>

Notes: 40 Shares of NYNEX converted to 30 Shares Bell Atlantic.  
40 Shares of Pacific Telesis converted to 29 Share SBC.  
20 Shares of Eli Lilly given to Church Transfer to Trust.  
11.4596 Share of NCR issued by AT&T

Receivables from Parish Council	<b><u>\$ 4,715.00</u></b>
Unrestricted Funds	
Passbook North Shore	\$ 554.92
Money Market Heritage Bank	\$ 27,212.82
Money Market M&I Bank	\$ 32,717.31
Certificates of Deposits:	
Heritage Bank	\$105,943.89
M&I Bank (formerly Security Bank)	\$ 53,055.65
North Shore Bank	\$ 39,178.61
TCF Bank	\$ 26,653.77
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$285,316.97</u></b>
Restricted Funds:	
Sahag Akgulian Memorial Fund	\$ 3,623.42
Ardis Cherkinian Family Cultural Fund	\$ 51,832.83
Sam & Ann Akgulian Endowment Fund	\$ 10,823.31
Ben and Mary Kamakian Fund	\$ 10,226.81
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 76,506.37</u></b>
In Trust On Behalf of Other Organizational:	
Sunday School	\$ 6,729.00
Choir	\$ 3,785.44
Choir Music	\$ 2,909.88
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 13,424.32</u></b>

**Total Assets:** **\$438,651.25**

Treasurer:



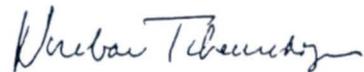
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## AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

We have reviewed the books and financial statements of the St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church and its supporting organizations and consider them to fairly represent their financial activities and position on December 31, 1997.

Audit Committee

Noubar Tcheurekdjian



Frank Vidian



Pat McConnell



## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Several parishioners asked members of our Committee about the expectations of each elected position. The information contained below may be helpful in answering some of these questions.

### **Some Duties and Responsibilities:**

#### **Nominating Committee**

- Prepare lists of candidates for the vacancies in the Parish Council, Auditing Committee, Officers of the Annual Parish Assembly, subsequent Nominating Committee and Diocesan Assembly
- Govern the elections at the Annual Parish Assembly together with the Auditing Committee

#### **Parish Council**

- Carry out the decisions of the Parish Assembly
- Present to the Parish Assembly its financial statement
- Prepare the Annual Budget
- Examine and approve, once each year, the accounts of its subordinate bodies and to supervise and regulate their financial and administrative affairs
- Regularly collect Church dues and all other income of the Parish
- See to it that all expenses of the Parish are paid
- Ensure the proper and regular performance of Church Services
- Establish, supervise and give moral and financial support to the various schools of the Parish
- Encourage all educational, benevolent and cultural organizations in the community
- Record names and addresses of members and to keep records of baptisms, marriages and deaths
- Execute the instructions given by the Primate and Diocesan Council relating to the administration of the Diocese and the Parish in accordance with the Diocesan Bylaws
- Do all things that are prescribed in the Diocesan Bylaws, by the Parish Assembly or by the Diocesan Council
- Meet with the Diocesan Delegates at least one month prior to the Diocesan Assembly to review the affairs and status of the Parish
- Ensure the regular and timely payments to the Diocese of all regular and special Diocesan assessments

#### **Auditing Committee**

- Examine the accounts of the Parish Council, all Parish auxiliary organizations and standing committees at least annually and report its findings and recommendations to the Parish Council

#### **Permanent Trust**

- Maintain the principals of the Permanent Trust Fund and to ensure that it is earning the highest levels of income

- Maintain all interest and dividends received regularly and include them in the annual Parish Assembly report
- Watch and maintain all designated gifts, endowments, memorials, family funds and organizational trust, and to administer them in compliance with the agreement specified
- Update all certificates of deposits for best possible rates at time of expiration or due date
- Evaluate all stock assets and make revisions as necessary to increase the value of the portfolio
- Pay an deduction charges for administration of the Permanent Trust Fund or special project requests as approved by a Parish Assembly
- Review total assets and submit them to the Auditing Committee prior to the Annual Parish Assembly

**Diocesan Delegate**

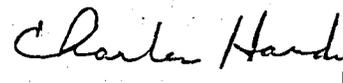
- Attend the Annual Diocesan Assembly and participate in its deliberations
- Give a timely Diocesan Assembly report at a special Parish Assembly
- Attend special convened Diocesan Assemblies and participate in its deliberations
- Attend meetings of the Midwest Council of Diocesan Churches

In executing its responsibilities, the Committee felt that the following should be brought to the attention of our parishioners:

The Committee also noted that the Church's membership list as of November 5, 1997 consisted of 233 members, approximately seventy of whom are in the 70-79 age group and eleven of our members are over eight years old; twenty-nine live out of town; several are in poor health; some have jobs that make it difficult for them to be candidates and other indicated that they are not interested in being a candidate for any position. Given this situation, a very close look should be taken to attempt to determine what impact this will have on future nominations and elections.

The Nominating Committee thanks all those individuals who were willing to be candidates for the various offices. In preparing this slate, the Committee made every effort to include a cross section of the membership. We are pleased to have been able to present to the Parish Council and Parish Assembly what we believe to be a very qualified slate of candidates.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles Hardy

## CHOIR REPORT

Though this report is essentially the same every year, it should be noted that the choir continually faces the challenge of fulfilling the proper observance of the beautiful rituals of the Armenian Church.

The sixteen members worship every Sunday, leading the faithful in singing. They also serve at most of the Holy Week Services and take part at the Good Friday Noon Ecumenical Service (this year hosted by St. Mesrob for the Northside Churches).

The Deacons, organists and soloist serve at our funerals and weddings.

The Chairman is MaryAnn Injasoulian; Treasurer, Karen Kunesh.

Organist/Director, Margaret Dadian; Assistant Director, Carol Azarian

### ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

#### ORGANIZATION

ST. MESROB CHURCH CHOIR

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>6</u>		\$	176.59
INCOME RECEIVED IN 199 <u>7</u>	+		420.00
DISBURSEMENTS PAID 199 <u>7</u>	-		399.63
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL 199 <u>7</u>	-		0
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>7</u>	=		196.96

#### FUND RAISING EVENTS:

LIST EVENTS

<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>PROFIT/(LOSS)</u>
CD sales	\$20.00
<b>DONATIONS RECEIVED:</b>	
Choir plate collection (11/2/97)	\$260.00
Donation from Mark and Mary Akgulian(11/10/97)	\$20.00
Donation from Mary Rzepecki (12/22/97)	\$20.00

#### DONATIONS GIVEN:

Donation to A.A.C.C.A. (from Choir plate Collection) (11/9/97)      \$260.00

#### ASSETS:

\$196.96 total in checking account

#### LIABILITIES (UNPAID BILLS AT 12-31-97)

none

PREPARED BY:

Karen Kunesh

Date January 7, 1998

TITLE:

St. Mesrob Church Choir Treasurer

ST. MESROB WOMEN'S GUILD  
Racine, WI

1997 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

The St. Mesrob Women's Guild takes care of the following on an on-going basis year after year:

- Services all Funerals
- Provides Altar Flowers for each Sunday
- Provides Mahs for Divine Liturgies
- Prepares a monthly list of parishoners for cleaning the church
- Cleans church kitchen as needed
- Plans and executes all food preparations for the church's annual Armenian Fest (approximately four months work)

The St. Mesrob Women's Guild:

- Takes part in a community Hot Meal Program to feed the needy. We prepare and serve the food and clean up afterwards. This is done twice a year serving approximately 150 people
- Has membership in Church Women United (Racine Branch)
- Has a Good Samaritans group who visits the sick, shut ins and bereaved
- Has a Sunshine Committee that sends cards for all occasions to St. Mesrob Parishioners
- Food Pantry
- Membership of 40 - 1997

The St. Mesrob Women's Guild donated to:

- Children of Armenian Sponsorship Program (CASP) - \$200 annually
- Tarkmanchatz School in Jerusalem - \$100 annually
- Midwest Hye Camp - \$200 annually

Other St. Mesrob activities included:

- Meetings on the last Thursday of each month except during the cold winter months of January, February, and March when meetings are held on the last Sunday of the month, after church
- February 2 - Provided lunch for congregation before Annual Parish Assembly
- March 1 - Hosted Womens Saints Day
- March 8 - Katah baking fundraiser
- March 11 - Provided the Hot Meal at First Baptist Church
- April 27 - Assisted Parish Council in preparation of Martyr's Day Madagh

- August 4 - ARMENIAN FEST - All Guild Members busy from morning to night
- August 28, - Family Pot Luck with Guild meeting following
- September 13 - Participated in Downtown Racine Corporation Farmers Market Fundraiser
- September 25 - Guild meeting with Dr. N. Akgulian as guest speaker
- October 5 - Primate's Dinner chaired by Mary Stevoff, Julie Kapralian, and Catherine Mikaelian
- November 15 - Guild sponsored a very successful Armenian Christmas Fair
- December - Mailed out a community Christmas Card

1997 Officers of St. Mesrob Women's Guild

Acting Vice-Chairman - Elsie Garoukian  
 Corresponding Secretary - Nancy Kazarian  
 Recording Secretary - Mary Kaprelian  
 Treasurer - Mary Cherkinian  
 Ass't Treasurer - Byds Musurlian  
 Advisors - Rose Margosian and Muggs Antreassian

*Elsie Garoukian*

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
 ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

ORGANIZATION

WOMEN'S GUILD

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>6</u>		\$	500.00
INCOME RECEIVED IN 199 <u>7</u>	+		13,886.15
DISBURSEMENTS PAID 199 <u>7</u>	-		7,397.35
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL 199 <u>7</u>	-		6,488.80
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>7</u>	=		500.00

FUND RAISING EVENTS:

LIST EVENTS

<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>PROFIT/(LOSS)</u>
Katah Sale	580.60
Women's Saint Day	150.83
Farmers Market	1,020.23
Christmas Fair	3,925.84
Christmas Card	771.00

DONATIONS RECEIVED:

Anonymous Donor for Hot Meal Program	300.00
Elsie Kulafjian & Evelyn Armaganian	120.00

DONATIONS GIVEN:

CASP	200.00
St. Tarkmantchatz School	100.00
Hye Camp	200.00

ASSETS:

None

LIABILITIES (UNPAID BILLS AT 12-31-97)

None

PREPARED BY: Mary Perkinian Date January 4, 1998  
 TITLE: Treasurer

## 1996-1997 ST. MESROB SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

The 1996-1997 St. Mesrob Sunday School opened on Sunday, September 15, 1996. Parents were invited to attend this special assembly session with their children. We have 28 Sunday School families. There were approximately 35 parents in attendance. A total of 47 children were enrolled. We have a total of 14 staff and teachers. (Please see attached listings for the 1996-1997 school year)

Our format followed a schedule of participation in Assembly alternated with Church attendance. During Assembly, which is led by Lauren Chalekian, we include the Lord's Prayer (Armenian and English), the Creed, music, an offering and a lesson prepared by George Kadamian

Activities included:

November 10, 1996 - Grade 2 students were presented with their Bibles.

Those who received them were: Nico Hagopian,  
Kara Kunesh, Alex Sahagian, Tyler Vanoss

December 22, 1996 - Christmas Pagaent and Fellowship

February 9, 1997 - Poon Paregentan - "Mardi Gras" Family Pot-Luck Luncheon and the "Holy Wheel of Fortune"

May 18, 1997 - Graduation and Fellowship on closing day  
Paula Johnson, daughter of Liz Johnson was our only graduate.

Our children also participated during the Christmas Season and during the Lenten Season with various readings during services.

Respectfully submitted,



Lauren Chalekian

Superintendant

ST. ... SROB ARM  
 ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

ORGANIZATION

Sunday School

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>6</u>		\$	307.80
INCOME RECEIVED IN 199 <u>7</u>	+		1,947.19
DISBURSEMENTS PAID 199 <u>7</u>	-		1,553.21
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL 199 <u>7</u>	-		201.78
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>7</u>	=		500.00

FUND RAISING EVENTS:

LIST EVENTS

<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>PROFIT/(LOSS)</u>
<u>Poon Paregentan - February</u>	
<u>Graduation - May</u>	
<u>Sunday School Picnic at Armstrong Park - August</u>	
<u>Opening Day - September</u>	
<u>Christmas Program - December</u>	

DONATIONS RECEIVED:

<u>Shockey Gengozian</u>	<u>20.00</u>
<u>Gafka Family</u>	<u>15.00</u>
<u>Elsie Garoukian</u>	<u>25.00</u>

DONATIONS GIVEN:

<u>Diocese - Lenten Donation</u>	<u>50.00</u>
<u>C A S P for orphan</u>	<u>200.00</u>

ASSETS:

<u>\$6,729.00 per Trust</u>
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LIABILITIES (UNPAID BILLS AT 12-31-97)

<u>none</u>
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PREPARED BY: Susan Esajian (ctw)  
 TITLE: Treasurer

Date January 10, 1998

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
 ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

ORGANIZATION

ARMENIAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>6</u>		\$ 352.81
INCOME RECEIVED IN 199 <u>7</u>	+	-0-
DISBURSEMENTS PAID 199 <u>7</u>	-	-0-
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL 199 <u>7</u>	-	-0-
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>7</u>	=	352.81

FUND RAISING EVENTS:

LIST EVENTS

EVENTS

PROFIT/(LOSS)

On May 31, 1997, Olga Yevgushchenko, assisted by Nicholas Barootian, tenor and Carol Wallace, Pianist, presented a Piano Concert at Prairie School to a standing room audience only. At the time of this concert, Olga was only 16 years old.

DONATIONS RECEIVED:

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DONATIONS GIVEN:

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ASSETS:

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LIABILITIES (UNPAID BILLS AT 12-31-97)

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PREPARED BY:

*James B. Chapman*

Date

1/18/98

TITLE:

Chairman



Armenian Fest 1997

The 1997 Armenian Festival was again very successful. The total commitment by many has enabled us to continue this tradition. A special thank you to the Women's Guild for providing their hard dedicated work. Our net margin was \$19,641.03. The overall costs were lower this year in comparison to past years. Over the years, we have produced within the parameters of 18-23,000 dollars. For 1998, the Fest Committee will see a couple positions filled with different faces. Michael Vidian will assume the role as Co-Chairman and Sue Proctor will become Treasurer. A very special thank you to Mary Akgulian for her many years of professionalism. We are looking forward to the 1998 Festival and hope your support continues. Thanks to all.

Sincerely,



Gary Vidian  
Fest Chairman

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ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
ARMENIAN FEST

ORGANIZATION

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <sub>6</sub>		\$	500.00
INCOME RECEIVED IN 199 <sub>7</sub>	+		39,887.93
DISBURSEMENTS PAID 199 <sub>7</sub>	-		20,246.90
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL 199 <sub>7</sub>	-		19,641.03
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <sub>7</sub>	=	\$	500.00

FUND RAISING EVENTS:

LIST EVENTS

<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>PROFIT/(LOSS)</u>
August 3, 1997 ARMENIAN FEST	\$19,641.03

PREPARED BY: Mary A Akgulian Date January 3, 1998  
TITLE: Treasurer

ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
 ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

ORGANIZATION ST MESROB RETIREES

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>6</u>		\$ 490.00
INCOME RECEIVED IN 199 <u>7</u> True Income	+	\$ 350.00
DISBURSEMENTS PAID 199 <u>7</u>	-	\$ 264.96
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL 199 <u>7</u>	-	\$ 300.00
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>7</u>	=	\$ 275.04

FUND RAISING EVENTS:

LIST EVENTS

EVENTS

PROFIT/(LOSS)

The following events were done by the retirees.

We had pot-luck luncheons, Vabtanantz Day Luncheon, field trip, plus a trip to the Botanical Gardens-Chicago. We went to Great Lakes for a Graduation Ceremony. We took a field trip outside of Racine. Another pot-luck at church. We closed the year with a Xmas Party at church.

DONATIONS RECEIVED:

The retirees received no donations in the year 1997

DONATIONS GIVEN:

We gave to our church, plus a party for our out-going nurse.

We gave our Priest for his birthday (certificate) We also gave for other events, which we felt were necessary for the good of the church.

ASSETS:

We have no physical assets, those items bought were given to our church. Our cash assets are listed above.

LIABILITIES (UNPAID BILLS AT 12-31-97)

As of this date, no outstanding bills.

PREPARED BY: Geo Sahagian & Paul Tewagian Date Dec 18, 1997  
 TITLE: Treasurer CoChairman Last Meeting for 97

ST. MESROB PROJECT COMMITTEE  
1997 REPORT

The members of the St. Mesrob Project Committee is comprised of members who volunteer their help in various area's. Some by taking care of various projects which include the entire complex and other who serve as grass cutting and other summer chores. Members for 1997 were as follows.

President	Ft. Yeprem Kelegian
Chairman	Harry Akgulian
Vice-Chairman	Mark Akgulian
Secr. & Treas:	Sam Akgulian

(SPECIAL PROJECTS AND SUMMER HELP)

Sarkis Kazarian	Onnig Katerdjian	Gene Chardukian
Sam Garabedian	Harry Boranian	Mike Kadamian
Jack Kazarian	Jack Kirkorian	John Tabet
Sarkis Cherkinian	Al Paragamian	George Kadamian
Adam Barootian	Don & Carol Miller	
Charles Kaprelian		

As we near our twenty-fifth anniversary in the forth-coming year let us reflect on how we got to where we are, and analyze the future. We could never have achieved as many of our goals had it not been for years of service from our past and present committee members. This help however now seems to be waiving due to the aging process and fewer responses from the membership. If this trend continues we will have no choice but to obtain more outside services in maintaining the property. This should be considered as a major item in planning future budgets.

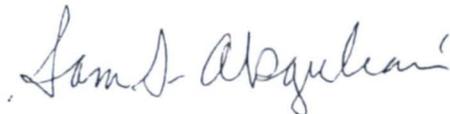
As for the past year some major repairs were initiated. The addition of a complete new shingle roof on the house located on the property, along with some revisions to the kitchen area. The deterioration under the church roof was removed and replaced. This section located near the choir room exit door. A large section of the paneling at the church entrance door and class room was removed and replaced. Other panels were sanded, painted, and rough cedar stained where-ever necessary. Major plumbing revisions have taken place due to deteriorated water pipes, especially around the kitchen area. Electrical wiring changes have also taken place throughout the complex, Some other projects still to be addressed are the addition of vinyl siding to the tractor & mower shed, plus restoring the surface of the metal shed by sanding and metal painting. Other priority items were issued to the Parish Council on a Priority Rating List in 1996 for their review.

Along with above mentioned items there is a constant maintenance plan that must be adhered too. This along with unexpected trouble spots keeps the committee on a constant vigilant watch each to see what may occur next.

As you can we need your services. If you are unable to contribute weekly, PLEASE..PLEASE try to respond whenever called upon for special work related projects in your "Not for Profit" commitment. God has entrusted us in taking care of his property. Let us all respond in a positive way.

Respectfully, Harry Akgulian (Chairman)

Sam Akgulian (Secr.)



ST. MESROB ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
 ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

ORGANIZATION

ST. MESROB GIFT & BOOK STORE

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>6</u>			\$ 477.53
INCOME RECEIVED IN 199 <u>7</u>	+		2,684.95
DISBURSEMENTS PAID 199 <u>7</u>	-		2,800.42
FUNDS GIVEN TO PARISH COUNCIL 199 <u>7</u>	-		-0-
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 199 <u>7</u>	=		362.06

FUND RAISING EVENTS:

LIST EVENTS

<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>PROFIT/(LOSS)</u>
Armenian Fest	1,100.95 Minus Cost
Christmas Fest	169.00 " "

DONATIONS RECEIVED:

None

DONATIONS GIVEN:

None

ASSETS:

Books, Jewelry, CD's, Cassettes, Videos, Floor Mats, Tableclothes, T Shirts, etc.  
 Inventory upon request.

LIABILITIES (UNPAID BILLS AT 12-31-9  )

None

PREPARED BY: Ann Cherkinsian Date 1/12/98

TITLE: Co-Manager 29.

