

BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE REPORT  
CALENDAR YEAR 1978

During 1978, the Building Fund Committee met certain expenses associated with the parish house and began to develop plans for a fund-raising drive to meet the costs of the building project approved by a Special Parish Assembly in June. The Parish Council expanded the Committee in November so that it is now an 11-member body.

With regard to the parish house, the monthly mortgage payments of \$390.35 were met, as was the cost of a new refrigerator in January 1978. As noted in our last report, the Committee plans to direct its share of each year's Bazaar proceeds toward meeting these mortgage payments and any major expenses arising at the house.

The Committee's other principal expense during 1978 was related to the new building project, and was incurred at the request of the Space Committee and the Parish Council. Specifically, the architectural firm which prepared our Expansion Feasibility Study was asked to study the feasibility of adding a balcony for classrooms in our sanctuary.

As for Committee income, the principal sources remained the annual Bazaar and donations in lieu of flowers. In both cases, the amounts received represented new highs. Of the contributions received in lieu of flowers, \$12,340 was donated in memory of Mr. Gregory Oskoian.

Looking ahead to 1979, the Committee in early February will launch a 2-month drive (its first since 1968) to secure 3-year pledges for our new building project. (A \$5,000 donation for this purpose was received in late December from Mr. and Mrs. Vartkess Balian.) All parishioners and friends of St. Mary's will be expected to undertake special fund-raising activities for this project. We welcome whatever assistance our parishioners can provide in this effort.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edward Onanian, Chairman

## WOMEN'S GUILD 1978 ANNUAL REPORT

The Women's Guild held its annual election on February 5, 1978.  
The present Executive Committee is as follows:

Chairman	Doris George
Vice-Chairman	Mary Perkins
Treasurer	Jean Sayian
Assistant Treasurer	Clara Andonian
Recording Secretary	Nora Gibson
Corresponding	Araxy Baldadian
Advisor	Alice Peltekian
Advisor	Dorothy Small
Advisor	Makrouhi Garabedian

### Committee Chairmen

Ways and Means	Marge Satian
Devotional & Education	Clara Andonian
Telephone	Araxy Baldadian
Kitchen	Ann Kavookian
Coffee	Myrna Seropian

At the present, there are seventy-three members in the Guild. General membership meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month and executive meetings, when necessary, are held on the first Tuesday of each month.

### CALANDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR 1978

January	8	Annual Christmas Dinner
	29	General Assembly - served lunch
February	4	Las Vegas Night
	13	Membership Meeting
March	12	Lenton Luncheon
	20	Membership Meeting - Installation of officers
	26	Easter Sunday
April	2	Pancake Brunch
	17	Membership Meeting
	20	Bake Sale at Montgomery Mall
	30	Dinner honoring Women's Guild Members
May	18	Celebration of Hamparzoom - Vijag
June	13	Meeting - Champagne Brunch at Officers Club
	18	Annual Picnic - assisted with preparation
September	12	Welcome Ladies from Richmond (Tour Pentagon)
	16	Flee Market
October	10	Membership Meeting
November	1- 4	Annual Bazaar
	21	Membership Meeting
December	12	Membership Meeting (Elections) at Alfios
	15	Christmas Party for Sunday School

On April 30th, a dinner had been put out by the Parish Council honoring the Women's Guild Members who had served twenty-five years or more of services to the church. This was a great event for the ladies.

The May meeting had been replaced by the celebration of Hamparzoom-vijag. It was successful both socially and financially which was planned and carried by the Women's Guild.

Throughout this past year the Women's Guild has purchased various items much needed to operate an efficient kitchen particularly during our annual bazaar.

In reference to the bazaar, all of you are aware that the Women's Guild plays a major part in raising funds for our church. This year our success may be greatly attributed to the pre-eminent spirit of cooperation and dedication.

This year we also assisted in sending some A.C.Y.O. members to St. Nercess, and by putting a Christmas party for the Sunday School children.

The Women's Guild is proud for its accomplishments and looks forward to many more successful years.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doris George, Chairman

## ACYO ANNUAL REPORT

The following list of activities covers the events of the past year in which the ACYO actively participated in.

January 28	Disco Dance ACYO and Hye Club jointly.
February 3,4,5,	Ski Trip at Seven Springs at the Chalet of Mr. "Mole" Janigian.
February 11,	Massive Church Clean-up
March 19,	Palm Sunday Coffee
March 26,	Easter carnations given to women and Easter Egg hunt for Sunday School children
April 8,	ACYO Disco Dance.
May 14,	Mothers Day Dinner
June 3,	Church Landscaping
June 10,	Lake Fairfax outing and Antranig Dance Ensemble.
June 5,	Coffee after evening lecture.
July 8	Lake Fairfax outing
July 27 -	
Aug. 6	First St. Nersess Conference
August 13-19	The second annual ACYO trip to Der Hayr's house in Belmar, New Jersey.
August 18-27	Second St. Nersess Conference.
September 9,	Pool party at the home of Theresa Berberian.
September 17,	Welcome back barge trip on the C & O Canal.
October 27	Halloween Party for Sunday School Students.
October 28	11th Anniversary Ball of the ACYO of St. Mary's Church
December 2	Disco Dance
December 18	Bake Sale at Montgomery Mall.
December 22	Christmas caroling to the Armenian community and progressive Dinner.

Through this productive year our membership has increased and our support heightened.

We, the ACYO, would like to express our warmest thanks to Der Hayr, Mrs. Tashjian, Simon Kumkumian, The Parish Council and Women's Guild for all their special support and help to make the past year productive. Also our thanks to the parishioners of St. Mary's Church, for without their support our affairs would not be successful. We ask for your continued support.

Maggie Prodromidis  
ACYO Chairperson

## THE HYE CLUB 1978 ANNUAL REPORT

With the full support of the Washington Hye Community, St. Mary's Parish Council and especially Father Kalayjian, the HYE Club completed its 1st full year since its birth at St. Mary's Church in November 1977. This young adult group not only continues to grow, but it has become the Nation's Capital's most popular and respected group in existence. We are proud to say "everything we have started, we have completed with full success and honor".

Since January 1st, we have had the following activities and functions: 18 Open Houses, averaging attendance 45 persons each. Our gatherings have always included Armenian music and dancing, the ever-popular "Tavloo" and "ping-peng".

Our other activities included the following: Ping-pong and tavloo Tournament, Dinner and Dancing at the Black Angus, Disco Dance with the ACYO, Armenian Dance Lessons, Ski Trips, Bingo Night, Spring Dance "Teyabar" at Ramada Inn attended by 275, Trip to King's Dominion, Dinner Theater Outings, Bowling Night, Moonlight Pot Luck Dinner, Trip to Charlestown, Picnic at Lake Fairfax, Blessing of the Grapes- BBQ Chicken, attended by 110, Moonlight Pool Party at Reston, Bike Ride and Picnic at Bell Haven, Dance Contest, Trip to Philadelphia "Baghdassar Aghpar", and the Hye Club's 1st Anniversary Dinner/Dance.

The New Year's celebration Dinner/Dance was attended by our 184 guests. They wined and dined and brought in 1979 in a warm family atmosphere. With the 25 Hye Club members and ACYO members, serving to all made this New Years a happy one. On July 24th, Der Hayr invited over 40 most active persons of the Hye Club to discuss the By-Laws, especially to set up a procedure to elect officers for the Hye Club. With 25 persons attending and after covering all subjects concerning this matter, the idea of By-Laws and elections were defeated by a vote of 19 to 6. The understanding and final agreement was the following: The Hye Club is a "loosely organized group to all, without any political motivations, it is the young adult group of St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church. It falls under the By-Laws of St. Mary's and under the direction of the Pastor and Parish Council, the chairman is appointed by the Parish Council and is responsible for the group's activities in full and will report to the Pastor and Parish Council upon request".

In the spring, we formed the Hye Club Soccer Team, under the direction of Coach Shahen Tahmassian. After practicing through the summer, we joined the Northern Virginia Soccer League. Our 20 registered members with their white and red uniforms competed against various teams in the area. Finishing in 6th place out of 10 teams, we feel we did very well considering that for most of our players, it was their first experience. We realize that some of our games kept our young people away from Church Services, but our minds and hearts are always at St. Mary's. In the summer months we started Hye Club Basketball Team with the expert leadership of Dr. Harry Baker. Our practices were held at Montgomery College Physical Education Building. 15 of us practiced each week but with the start of school and night classes in September, we had to discontinue it. Our sincere thanks to coaches Shahen and Harry for their hard work. All financial needs for the sports activities were raised and taken care for by the Hye Club.

Our activities were not limited to the Hye Club. We had a major part of this year's Father's Day Church picnic, the blessing of the grapes, the Bazaar, and church services - "Washing of the Feet" by Der Hayr. We have kept a close and brotherly relationship with the ACYO. We have had a few joint activities and some ACYO members are part of our soccer and basketball teams.

We thank all involved in helping the Hye Club to rise and meet the challenges of 1978. We hope we will continue the same next year. Our special thanks to St. Mary's Parish, the very respected and loved Pastor, Fr. Kalayjian and the members of the Parish Council and ever-present advisor, my wife. Some of this year's working members included:

Simon Kumkumian, Treasurer ; Anita Zenopian, In charge of mailing fliers; Riva Sahaar, Phone Communications; Edick Pezishgian and Zareh Tahmassian, Music. For me, it is an honor to serve as the chairman of this fine and dynamic group of young Armenians and I look forward to another great year in 1979. Mike Tashjian, Chrmn.

CHOIR REPORT - 1978

**Choir Executive:**

Jack Andonian      Chairman  
Dorothy Small      Secretary  
Clara Andonian      Treasurer

The choir, as in the past years participated in all Lenten Services coordinated by Der Hayr, Mr. Sourian and Ashod Krikorian.

The Choir was represented by Zevart Jamgochian as delegate this year at the Choir Convention in St. James Armenian Church, Watertown, Mass.

Thanks to Mr. Ashod Krikorian and Mr. Edward Sourian, the Choir has been in good directive hands during 1978.

Master John Krikorian has been stupendous at the organ, conscientious and dependable.

Clara Andonian has been instructing the Sunday School on Church Hymns before coming up to Church each Sunday.

Choir elections were not held this year upon Der Hayr's request for the present Executive body to remain.

Two benches were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Gary Avedikian, for the Choir members use.

Junior Choir members have been attending periodically. However, we urge all parents to encourage their children to attend and sing more regularly.

We welcome Dr. Hratch Semerjian and Nancy Hallajian as regular participants and wish more parishioners would come forward and help out with the singing each week.

Submitted by Jack Andonian

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT  
1978

The Church School has continued to function in the same manner as it has in the past years. There are six classes, starting from Kindergarten to the eleventh grade. The teachers and staff are as follows:

Class

Kindergarten and First Grades	- Miss Ann Kavookian
	- Laurie Onanian, Asst.
Second and Third Grades	- Mrs. Evelyn Vartabedian
	- Robert George, Jr., Asst.
Fourth and Fifth Grades	- Mr. Aram Andonian
Sixth and Seventh Grades	- Mrs. Nora Gibson
Eighth and Ninth Grades	- Mrs. Ani (Kazanjan) Law
Tenth and Eleventh Grades	- Mr. George Derdarian
Superintendent	- Dr. Charles Kumkumian
Asst. to Superintendent	- Miss Mary Vartabedian
Music Teacher	- Mrs. Clara Andonian
Audio-Visual	- Mr. Joseph Vartabedian

This Fall we were fortunate to have Mrs. Z. Onanian take charge of the nursery. She organized the nursery so that an adult is present every Sunday.

The Church School uses the curriculum as recommended by the Council for Religious Education.

This Fall's enrollment has dropped slightly over the previous year. We have fifty three students registered with about forty being the average attendance.

The 1977-78 year was a fruitful year since nine students were graduated.

The activities of the year included a Halloween Party, Christmas Program, PTA Dinner, Picnic and closing exercises. We also had the Lenten Bible Reading Program, Lenten "Dime" Program, Parents Visiting Church School and Youth Sunday Programs. The collection from our "Dime" program was sent to the Patriarch of Istanbul to help the needy children.

We have functioned this year, as in the past years, with less than desirable conditions. We have only one class room that is not usually disturbed. The other classrooms are in pathetic condition and not representative of the "Proud Armenians." We hope that this condition will be corrected shortly. We want to thank the Ladies Guild for their help and support during the year. In order to improve our Church School we would like to present the following Action Items which need to be addressed and corrected.

1. Adequate class rooms
2. Arriving at Church School on time.
3. Increased teaching staff.

Charles Kumkumian  
Superintendent

## The Armenian School of Greater Washington - 1978

### Chairman's Report

In May 1978 at a PTA meeting, the parents of the Armenian School of Greater Washington, after considering several possibilities, voted to make the school part of the Diocesan school system for one year on a trial bases. The Parish Council agreed with that decision and appointed a committee of eight to oversee the affairs of the school. The following are the appointed members:

President : Pastor Vertanes Kalayjian  
Chairman : Marie Broussalian, Treasurer: Blanche Manian  
Members : Sirarpi Ohannessian, Doris George, Verjin Sahagian,  
Aroussiag Kumkumian and Jean Jamgochian who declined to be a member of the committee but is willing to assist as an advisor.

Subsequently the committee decided to hold classes on Saturdays from 1-4, Set fees at \$50 per student, \$85 for 2, and \$125 for 3, and appointed the principal and staff.

When school started on October 27, 1978, we had no clear estimate of how many students will register. The response however was beyond our wildest expectation. Starting with 22 students we have presently 34. As of now we have a Kindergarten and four classes and we may be adding another class. Nor were we certain that we would be able to find sufficient teachers. But we were fortunate in finding them after a hard search.

On the basis of the first three months experience, it appears that we have had a highly successful beginning which is due undoubtedly to the commitment of staff, active interest of committee members and enthusiasm of the students.

We thank all individuals and organizations (Ladies Guild, ACYO, AGBU) for the support and interest they have shown to the school.

With our collective efforts we can look forward confidently for a successful educational program in the remaining part of the school year.

Mrs. M. Broussalian, Chairman

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### Superintendent's Report

The Armenian School activities began as scheduled on October 28, 1978. Around 34 students have been registered and the attendance has been almost perfect. The schedule of the Saturday afternoon is as follows:

1:00 P.M.	- 1:30 P.M.	Armenian Songs and History of current events (in Armenia and abroad).
1:30	- 2:15	First Period - Language and conversation instructions
2:15	- 2:30	Recess and Refreshments
2:30	- 3:15	Second Period - History, and Geography of Armenia and Culture
3:15	- 4:00	Armenian Folk Dancing - Arts and Crafts
4:00		Dismissal

The teaching staff consists of Yeretzgin Anahid Kalayjian, Supt. and the conductor of Songs and Dances program and instructor of Current Events program.

Dr. John Guerigian - Instructor of 4th Grade  
Miss Malvina Vartanian - Instructor of 3rd Grade  
Mrs. Takouhi Ozben - Instructor of 2nd Grade  
Mrs. Sona Semerjian - Instructor of 1st Grade  
Miss Maggie Prodromidis - Instructor of Kindergarten

Among the committed substitutes are Mrs. A. Kumkumian, Mr. K. Tahmazian and Mrs. Hilda Witherspoon.

A special class for teenagers is carefully being considered.

Activities planned for the year include Christmas Program, Sts. Vartanantz Program, Martyrs' Day Program, Cultural Month Program and Closing Hantess.

Yeretzgin Anahid, Supt.

#### PROJECT REACH OUT ANNUAL REPORT

During the calendar year 1978, Project Reach Out:

- o Held an Open House on February 11.
- o Coordinated the activities during the 1978 six-part Spring Lecture Series.
- o Wrote and sent the publicity releases to the Armenian newspapers in the Northeast, for each of the lectures in the series and for the Easter season and other religious services.
- o Managed the Welcoming Committee activities.
- o Coordinated the activities of six volunteers interested in providing social services to Armenians in the Washington metropolitan area or new arrivals in town.
- o Prepared the monthly Project Reach Out Update Reports in "Shnorhali" to keep the parishioners informed.

All Project Reach Out activities were suspended pending a reply from the Parish Council to our May 9 letter which requested their views as to the future direction for Project Reach Out.

George and Anna Derderian  
Coordinators, Project Reach Out.

PARISH COUNCIL TREASURER'S REPORT

CALENDAR YEAR 1978

Receipts

Expenses

Pledges	15,683.00	Pastor	
Candles	1,361.79	Stipend	\$11,400.00
Plate	2,126.08	Auto Allowance	2,550.00
Youghakin	3,232.00	House Utilities	1,864.07
Sacraments	750.00	Insurance & IRA	2,609.01
Hokehankist	1,840.00	Secretary	2,206.31
Flowers	305.00	Janitor	1,722.00
Shnorhali	299.00	Telephone	551.90
General Donations	2,004.00	Heat (Gas)	2,397.97
Earmarked Donations	1,525.00	Electricity	1,208.74
Parish Council Affairs (net)	870.35	Postage	857.17
Bazaar	7,000.00	Office Supplies	1,664.95
Lieu of Xmas Cards	305.00	Church Supplies	474.67
Donations for use of Hall & Parking Lot	2,045.00	Flowers	163.94
Book Store (net)	811.89	Insurance (Church & House)	1,207.00
Church Organizations	700.00	Youth Program	600.00
Lectures (net)	215.86	Building & Equipment Maintenance	759.92
Miscellaneous	25.00	Diocesan Dues	4,848.02
Bank Interest	492.16	Diocesan Meetings	252.90
		Earmarked Items	919.12
		Miscellaneous	137.28
Sub-total	\$41,591.13		
Auto Loan Repayments	1,500.00		
Total	\$43,091.13	Total	\$38,394.97