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Այսու հրահրուած էք մասնակցելու հարեկան Մերամական Ժողովի որ պիտի գումարուի Կիրակի օր Փետրո 10, 1980 Էէսօրին ճիշտ 12 -ին նկատի ունե- նալու համար ներգակեալ օրակարգի հարցերը:

Նոր հարցեր եւ առնջարկներ պէտք է ժողովէն տաաջ գրաւոր կերպով յանձնուի: Իխական խորհուրդի Ատենապետ Դոկտ. Եղուարդ Օնանեանին:

Ներգակ կը գտնէք նաեւ եկեղեցւոյ օժանդակ կազմակերպութեանց 1979 -ի տեղե- կագրերը: Հաճեցէք կարգալ եւ ձեր հետը բերել այս տեղեկագրը ժողովին օրը:

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Կը սպասենք որ բոլորէ ալ ներկայ ըլլաք սոյն ժողովին:

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January 28, 1980

Dear Parishioner,

You are invited and urged to attend the annual Parish Assembly to be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, February 10, 1980, beginning at 12 noon, to consider the items set forth in the attached agenda. Other items of business must be submitted to the Parish Council Chairman, Dr. Edward Onanian, in writing prior to the meeting.

Enclosed also are copies of the organizational reports for 1979. PLEASE READ THEM AND BRING THEM WITH YOU TO THE MEETING.

Church services will begin at 10 a.m. on February 10, 1980 and will terminate at approximately 11:30 a.m. A light luncheon will be served immediately after church services, and the meeting will begin at 12 noon.

We look forward to seeing you on February 10th.

Pastor and Parish Council

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

February 10, 1980

1. Opening Prayer - Roll Call
2. Election of Assembly Tivan
3. Minutes of 1979 Assembly
4. Reports
  - A. Pastor and Parish Council
  - B. Diocesan Delegates
  - C. Women's Guild
  - D. Church School
  - E. Armenian School
  - F. Choir
  - G. A.C.Y.O.
  - H. Hye Club
  - I. Building Project
    - (1) Building Fund Committee
    - (2) Construction Committee
5. Election of Parish Council Auditing Committee and Nominating Committee Members
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Parish Council Treasurer's Report
9. Auditing Committee Report and Proposed Budget
10. Announcement of Election Results
11. Benediction and Adjournment

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Sunday, February 11, 1979

The Annual Parish Assembly of St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church, Washington, D.C., convened in the sanctuary at 12:30 p.m. after a light lunch served immediately following church services. The meeting was called to order by Miss Sirarpi Ohannessian, Chairman, Parish Council. Father V. Kalayjian read the opening prayer. The Treasurer, Mr. Joseph Vartabedian, called the roll of 1978 dues-paying members; 65 members were present, which constituted a quorum.

Following the roll call, Miss Ohannessian called for nominations for Chairman of the Assembly. Dr. C. Kumkumian and Miss Valentine Stahl, who were on the slate, were elected as Chairman and Secretary, respectively.

The first item following elections was the minutes of the 1978 Assembly. Since the minutes of the 1978 Assembly were included in the Notice of Meeting for the 1979 Parish Assembly, they were not read. The Chairman asked for comments before accepting the minutes. For record purposes, Father Kalayjian called attention to the word "unanimously" on page 5 as it referred to the nominees to the Parish Council. He stated that the Parish Council members (5) election by "acclamation" was not in accordance to the by-laws. Hence, the Primate would not approve an election by voice vote and insisted the election of the Parish Council members be by secret ballot. Subsequently, a second election was held by secret ballot. The revised minutes were then accepted as corrected.

### REPORTS

Pastor's Report. As Der Hayr had not submitted a previous separate report in Armenian, he briefly summarized in Armenian, the highlights of his activities during 1978; namely, home blessings, hospital visits, social services and immigration assistance, to name a few. He pointed out that Parish requirements for these services increase from year to year and he has had to call on various Parish members for help in finding jobs, housing, etc. He stressed the need to reach out to all persons who have decided to come to our church and participate in its activities. He stated that he cannot handle all these requests himself and has had to call on others for help in their special field. Father Kalayjian praised and thanked everyone -- Parish Council, Choir, Women's Guild, Church School, ACYO, Hye Club, et al, for their unstinting cooperation during 1978. He concluded with a plea to concentrate our efforts on the betterment of our community.

At this point, Mr. Bodurian asked for the total dues-paying membership, which was given as 15. Eleven persons have joined in 1979 who were not eligible to vote. At this time, total dues-paying membership numbers 170. Out of 159 members, 70 paid \$52 dues, 30 paid \$75, 48 paid \$200, 8 paid \$250, 2 paid \$300, and 1 paid \$800 in 1978. Mr. Casey Kazanjian offered a resolution to commend Der Hayr and Yerezgin for their outstanding accomplishments and efforts in the past year for our church. It passed unanimously.

Parish Council Report. Miss Ohannessian mentioned the report which the Construction Committee would give later. She also informed everyone that the March 3rd date for the 25th Anniversary Celebration of St. Mary's had been postponed to the fall. Mrs. Julie Oskoian and her children have decided to

donate a new organ to the church in memory of the late Mr. Gregory Oskoian. Miss Ohannessian also thanked the members of the congregation for the cooperation and help they had given in various ways. Dr. Kumkumian thanked Mrs. Oskoian for her generosity and expressed the hope that it would serve as an example for all.

**Treasurer's Report.** The only comment made by the Treasurer was that pledge amounts had increased over last year. Mr. Jerry Hekimian, on behalf of the Auditing Committee, reported that it has reviewed the financial accounts of the various organizations and found all books in order except those of the ACYO and Armenian School. In both cases, a modification of the report was needed. Mr. Hekimian concluded with the suggestion that a standard bookkeeping system be adopted by all groups to simplify bookkeeping and auditing.

**Proposed Budget.** A motion was made and seconded that this item be placed at the end of the Agenda. Motion was carried.

**Diocesan Report.** Two reports of the 76th Diocesan Assembly appeared in the Notice of Meeting submitted by our two delegates.

**Women's Guild Report.** Mrs. Doris George thanked everyone for helping with the various activities performed by the Women's Guild.

**Church School Report.** Dr. Kumkumian stated that he hoped additional classrooms would be available soon to alleviate the congestion and noise so disturbing during classes. He specifically requested that parents come to church early with their children so that they will be in church school on time. He also stressed the need for more teachers. Present teachers are good but more are needed.

**Armenian School of Greater Washington Report.** Mrs. M. Broussalian offered to answer questions on the report. There was none.

**Choir Report.** Jack Andonian reviewed the highlights of the report.

**ACYOA.** Maggie Prodromidis thanked the Parish Council, Women's Guild and congregation for their wholehearted support during 1978. Without the Women's Guild help and the Parish Council support, twelve members would not have been able to attend the summer seminar at St. Nerses Seminary. Dr. Onanian also commended the ACYO members for the excellent landscaping job they had done on the church grounds.

**HYE Club Report.** Mr. Mike Tashjian reviewed the activities of the Hye Club during 1978.

**Project Reach-Out.** The Assembly passed a motion that this report would be handled under Old Business.

**Building Fund.** Dr. Onanian commented on the report. He stated that membership grew from 2 to 11, but is now down to 9 because one member dropped out due to transportation problems and the other never came to meetings. The "currency conversion" item in the financial report was the cost of converting Canadian dollars, which had been donated, amounting to \$279.92. He also strongly urged the need for a minimum of \$75,000 NOW before any construction can be started.

To date, a \$5,000 pledge has come in -- 3 for \$1,000 each, 1 for \$2,000 and 2 for \$85 each. As a result of this appeal, the following pledges were made by members present:

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tashjian	\$ 2,000
Mrs. Julie Oskoian	5,000
Mr. and Mrs. George Semerjian	1,000
Mr. and Mrs. Ashod Krikorian	1,000
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Babigan	1,000
Valentine B. Stahl	1,000
Mrs. H. Nazarian	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>

Mr. Jerry Hekimian advised that the soil would be tested before any digging for the foundation. Date of completion depended upon the receipt of the initial \$75,000, weather and other unforeseen circumstances. Hopefully, the building would be ready for occupancy by the end of 1979.

A motion was made that the above reports be accepted. It was seconded and the reports were accepted as amended.

#### NOMINATIONS - ELECTIONS

Mr. George Derderian, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, informed the Assembly that many members had been canvassed to serve on the Parish Council, Auditing Committee and Nominating Committee but only those listed on the sample ballot had agreed to run. No nominations were made from the floor. Results of balloting:

##### Parish Council

Mike Tashjian	- 47
George Derderian	- 39
Edward Onanian	- 37
Charles Kumkumian	- 34

##### Auditing Committee

Vartkes Balian	- 37
Casey Kazanjian	- 36
Vartkes Broussalian	- 33

##### Nominating Committee

Raymond Babigan	- 53
Harry Baker	- 53
John Kavookian	- 53

Votes cast for other nominees to:

##### Parish Council

Albert Seropian	- 26
Philip O'Gulian	- 25

##### Auditing Committee

Ray Babigan	- 32
Joseph Vartabedian	- 16

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Project Reach Out.** Mr. George Derderian summed up the activities of Reach Out and ended his remarks by saying that he and his wife, Anna, had decided to withdraw as coordinators of the Project because of lack of interest and cooperation by the congregation. He went on to say that they had asked the Parish Council of their intentions as to whether the project should continue by letter dated May 9, 1978, but it was not until December 19th that the Parish Council answered, urging them to continue Project Reach Out. Upon further consideration, the Derderians answered by letter dated January 24, 1979, repeating their decision to withdraw as coordinators. They would be willing to work and help the Project, but could no longer serve as Coordinators. Der Hayr urged Assembly members to make a concerted effort to go out to the many Armenians in the Washington area who are not affiliated with either church and draw them to St. Mary's so they can become involved in the religious growth of St. Mary's. Dr. John Gueriguian made a motion that the Parish Council be directed to revitalize Project Reach Out. It was seconded by Isabelle Goshgarian and carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Hratch Semerjian stated that there appears to be a communication gap between the choir and the Parish Council and possibly with other church organizations, possibly because of no liaison officers. Miss Ohannessian pointed out that liaison officers had been appointed with each group. This list had been published in the Shnorhali. Dr. Onanian repeated, as he has on other occasions, the fact that Parish Council meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend or submit an item for discussion at any time with prior notification.

**Proposed Budget.** Dr. Onanian scanned items of the proposed budget and pointed out that utility bills (gas and electric) were exceedingly high. He said the reason the heating bill (\$2400) and electricity (\$1200) were excessive was partially because of careless waste. Then he went on to explain the items included in the "Memorandum of Understanding" on page 14 of the Notice of Meeting attached to the Parish Council Report. Ann Kavookian made a motion to accept the proposed budget, seconded by George Derderian. It was carried.

Colonel George Juskalian commended all organizations for the excellent and comprehensive reports submitted for their respective groups.

Father Kalayjian read the Benediction and the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valentine (Bostonian) Stahl  
Secretary

Charles Kumkumian  
Chairman

Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian  
President

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## PASTOR'S REPORT - 1979

The following is a summary of my activities as your Parish Priest, which I humbly offer to God and to you. At the conclusion of the year 1979, I completed the third year as the Pastor of St. Mary's Parish.

### A. Sacraments and Services

1. The Divine Liturgy was celebrated regularly every Sunday. In my absence, Deacon A. Krikorian and the late Mr. E. Sourian, choirmaster, conducted the morning services, together with the choir, the organist John Krikorian, and the altar servers (Simon and Kegham Kumkumian, David and Levon Andonian, Vatche Tahmazian, Robert Hagopian-George and Yenovk Pashalian). On several occasions, we also had Mr. Boghos Zulikian's and Miss Lucy Nalbandian's services as organists. They all have our deepest gratitude. Sermons were delivered every Sunday in English and in Armenian, either together or on alternate Sundays. Special services were also held according to our church calendar.

2. Sacraments and Home Blessings. In 1979 we had 4 weddings, 7 baptisms and 7 funerals. Hokehankist, grave site prayers and home blessings were held according to the requests made and as opportunities arose. Home visitations were made over 130 times and the sick in the area hospitals and homes also were visited over 30 times.

3. Counseling and Social Services. On over 100 occasions, over 25 families and individuals were given special attention. The areas covered in these counselings included: Individual and Family Counseling, Spiritual Counseling, Job Placements, Housing, Immigration and Naturalization, Health Care, Nursing Home and Armenian Heritage Research and Schooling.

### B. Office Activities

1. Office Hours were kept from 1 - 4:30 p.m. throughout the year as regularly as possible. The office hours were used to carry on my pastoral duties in general (planning, organizing, counseling, etc.).

2. Publications: The Parish monthly paper, Shnorhali, was published five times during the year. Numerous special bulletins, fliers, etc., were mailed for more effective contact with the parishioners. The Sunday Bulletins were published weekly until May. We had two setbacks in our office work. First, the resignation of our part-time secretary, and second, the breakdown of our office machinery. We hope to correct both in the near future. Despite all that, the office work continued as regularly as possible. I thank Miss Sara Arzoomanian for most of the typing that she did during the past several months.

3. Consultations. I continued my efforts to solicit ideas and suggestions, through private and group consultations, during and outside of the office hours. The subjects covered a variety of organizational and community matters.

4. Public Affairs. On several occasions, I happily represented the Parish and/or the Diocese during public affairs and receptions and conveyed the good will of our parishioners. The highlight of such public affairs was the visit

of His Holiness The Pope to the Nation's Capital. Among other Armenian clergy, I attended the ecumenical services at the Chapel of the Trinity College, Washington, DC.

I also had the opportunity to offer the prayer at the U.S. House of Representatives on April 24. I thank the Honorable Congressman George Danielson who was responsible for the opportunity afforded to me.

### C. Organizational

1. The Parish Council met regularly twice a month, except during the summer months. For a long period at the beginning of the year, we met every week. The work of the Parish Council can be characterized as meticulous and diligent. My special thanks to Dr. Edward Onanian whose thorough dedication to all aspects of the church organization deserves our gratitude. As the Chairman of both the Parish Council and the Building Fund Committee, and the unofficial caretaker of the church finances, he is the one person that probably has spent as many hours as the pastor for the parish work. Our thanks go also to the retiring members of the Council, as well as to those who will remain to serve the Parish next year.

2. Auxiliary Organizations. I continued to work closely with the church organizations and presided over their regular and special meetings.

(a) Women's Guild. We thank the Executive Committee and each and everyone of the active workers for an outstanding year of success. The work done by Mrs. Alice Peltekian and Mrs. Alice Baker, Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively, was truly outstanding and deserve our gratitude.

(b) Choir. We continued to have growth in the number of choir members. We sadly note the death of Mr. Edward Sourian, whose replacement has not been materialized. I thank Mrs. Kohar Andonian and Dr. Hratch Semerjian who have been conducting the choir alternately. I thank also Mr. Jack Andonian who, until recently, held the chairmanship of the choir, and wish the new chairman, Dr. H. Semerjian, success.

(c) Church School. Upon assuming his duties in the Parish Council, Dr. Charles Kumkumian resigned as the Superintendent. After weeks of attempting to fill the post, which was not successful, I recommended Yeretzgin to assume the responsibility. I am thankful that she did. Continuing the work of the Church School effectively is of vital importance. I am happy that we have a competent teaching staff which is carrying out the task with dedication. We thank them all.

(d) Armenian School. Our thanks to the Educational Committee headed by Mrs. M. Broussalian, and the teaching staff headed by Yeretzgin, who are continuing their commendable work.

(e) A.C.Y.O.A. I am proud to have such a highly motivated and enthusiastic youth group. A great number of them attended the St. Nersess Summer Program and most of them are serving on the altar, teaching in the Sunday School or singing in the Choir. I thank Miss Alison Terzian, Chairman, and the advisors: Mrs. A. Tashjian and Mr. Simon Kumkumian.

(f) Hye Club. It continues to attract the attention of our Parish with its various and enjoyable programs. Along with open-house gatherings, the sports activities have been particularly remarkable. Our thanks to Mr. Mike Tashjian and a group of dedicated co-workers and wish them continuous success.

(g) Ararat Avak Society. Monthly gatherings continued to bring together our senior parishioners and friends for enjoyable afternoons. Luncheons and programs were organized by the joint efforts of Mrs. A. Kumkumian, Mrs. Z. Onanian and Mrs. E. Kevorkian, Treasurer. We thank them all.

#### D. Miscellaneous

1. Armenian Heritage Week. The 64th Anniversary Commemoration of the Martyrs Day was held during the week of April 20-24, 1979. The series of events included an art exhibit, plays, and vocal concert. The community responded to this unique way of celebrating the Rebirth of the Armenian National Spirit with appreciation and larger-than-expected participation. The affair brought together a number of out-of-town artists, performers and dignitaries. The Mayor of Washington, DC, issued a special proclamation, and I had the honor of offering the opening prayer of the U.S. House of Representatives. Congratulatory and encouraging letters were received from religious, community and political leaders.

The Heritage Week was jointly sponsored by our church and the A.G.B.U. Washington Chapter. I would like to thank the Chairman of the A.G.B.U., Mrs. Ani Totah, and my two Co-chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Vartkess Balian, who with the committee members, too numerous to mention individually, made the event a memorably great success.

2. Fund Raising. Aside from our ongoing effort to raise funds for the construction of the school building, our Parish responded to national and international appeals. Among them were: Lebanon Relief Fund, Istanbul Fund, and Cambodian Fund. I am happy to note that our budget this year for the first time has provisions for "charitable activities."

#### 3. Educational Activities

(a) St. Nersess Summer Study Conference has become an extension of our religious education endeavor. More and more of our youth attending it, are coming back spiritually refreshed and motivated. I thank the Parish Council and the Women's Guild for their continuous support.

(b) For the second year, the Annual Spring Lecture Series offered an opportunity to our parishioners to enrich their knowledge of the Armenian-Christian heritage. We will continue similar programs.

(c) Instructed Divine Liturgy was conducted for the edification of our parishioners. Mrs. Takouhi Avedikian and Mrs. Kohar Andonian did the narration. Since it was proved to be beneficial, we intend to repeat it.

(d) On a trial basis, we also conducted Bible studies. A limited number of parishioners responded and attended the eight sessions. I am in the process of organizing Bible study programs on an ongoing basis and I hope the community will respond to it more favorably.

(e) The first Sunday of each month was observed for receiving Communion by the Sunday School students. I am happy to note that more and more of our parishioners are receiving Communion on such and other occasions.

4. Silver Anniversary. In September, we celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the formation of our Parish. We were honored with the presence of His Eminence Archbishop T. Manogian, Primate. On this occasion, the Primate conferred the ecclesiastical degree of Tbroutune (scribe) to the following: Dr. H. Semerjian, John Krikorian, Thomas Magarian, Jr., Simon and Kegham Kunkumian, Levon Andonian and Vache Tahmazian. Of these, the last four received the special privilege of wearing the stole (ouraragir), and Yeretzgin Anahid, Anna Derderian and Maggie Prodromidis had their veils blessed as choristers.

Congratulations and thanks to all our parishioners are in order and I pray for our continuous growth in spirit and in various achievements.

5. Altar Care and Mas. With the help of Mrs. A. Baker, Mrs. Z. Onanian, Miss Sirarpi Ohannessian, Miss A. Manigian, Miss A. Kavookian, and Mrs. Julie Oskoian, the altar received good care. We thank also the ladies who continuously have prepared and donated the Mas during the past year. May they continue their services in good health.

Prayerfully,

Fr. V. Kalayjian, Pastor

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Calendar Year 1979

Our parish commemorated in 1979 the silver anniversary of its formation and began to carry out plans to meet the needs of the next quarter century. We have grown considerably and steadily during our first 25 years and the future promises greater and more rapid growth.

Our efforts to meet current and future needs center around the educational building which we plan to construct adjacent to the church. Floor plans for the building were approved by the Parish Council in mid-May, but delays were subsequently encountered in securing final plans from the architect. By year's end, however, it appeared that we were within a month of being in position to solicit construction bids.

While looking forward to the new building, the Council also began to attend to some long overdue maintenance work at the church. Since early summer, Charles Kumkumian and a capable group of volunteers have undertaken a variety of improvements and repairs. Further work is still necessary, however, and parishioners willing to assist in this effort will be most welcome.

During the past year, we had replacement tops made for the tables in the church hall and we purchased a mechanized shish kebob grill. As we look ahead to 1980, we will attempt once again to solve our pigeon problem and will assess the necessity of resurfacing the parking area. At the same time, we will keep our fingers crossed that the roof holds out for another year.

We were dependent on volunteers for most of the year to meet our clerical needs. Our secretary resigned at the end of May, and the absence of a regular office assistant became increasingly noticeable as the year progressed. One of our priorities for 1980 is to secure the services of a part-time secretary.

Not only did we lose our secretary during the year, but we were also plagued by problems with our office equipment. In November, an electronic stencil maker and a new duplicating machine were installed on a trial basis, and the use of this equipment permitted us to get through the year. A proposal to purchase such equipment will be presented at the Parish Assembly. During 1980, also, we hope to solve another problem by replacing our present address plate system with a computerized mailing list.

The Shnorhali was one of the victims of our clerical and equipment problems. Earlier in the year, due mainly to inadequate help, the Council had decided to publish the Shnorhali on a bimonthly basis.

## Parish Council Report (continued)

Even this reduced schedule, however, proved difficult to meet. With the acquisition of new equipment and a regular office worker, we should be able to meet this goal. Publication on a more frequent basis, however, is contingent on our securing the services of an English language editor and of a regular committee to prepare the newsletter for publication.

In the area of social activities, the Council on September 22 sponsored a Dinner-Dance to commemorate our 25th Anniversary. On November 18, the Allen organ, which Mrs. Julie Oskoian and her children donated to our church, was blessed during the Divine Liturgy. On the preceding evening, there was dedicatory organ recital in the sanctuary by Berj Zamkochian. Earlier in the year, in April, Armenian Heritage Week was commemorated under the joint sponsorship of our church and the Washington AGBU. Two picnics were held this year, one in June at NOL and another on the church grounds in July. Last, but far from least, the Bazaar was a huge success, and we are grateful to all who participated, notably the women of our church. A special word of thanks is in order also to Jerry Hekimian who volunteered to serve once again as Bazaar chairman.

Considerable attention was directed also to the 1980 Clergy Conference and Diocesan Assembly which will be held in Washington for the first time. If all goes according to plan, His Holiness the Catholicos Vazken I will attend the Assembly. In mid-December, Colonel George Juskalian was appointed by the Council to chair the Diocesan Assembly Committee.

Turning to church finances, our parishioners in 1979 responded more generously than ever before to meet the operating and capital needs of the church. The year began with the gift of a new organ and was marked throughout by generous pledges and contributions to the building fund drive. At the same time, we came very close to meeting an operating budget which was higher than expected due to inflation and some unforeseen expenses.

As we look ahead, we expect to present a budget of about \$50,000 to the Parish Assembly for approval. To meet it will require a higher rate of contribution by our parishioners and more regular contributors. If the past year is any indication, both goals can be attained.

Our first 25 years are now behind us, and we can look forward to our second quarter century with confidence. The condition of our parish has probably never been better. To be sure, we have our problems, but fortunately these are of a kind to which solutions can be found. The potential of our parish is limitless. We close with the prayer that in the years ahead the talents and resources which abound among us will be directed to as great an extent as possible to the full realization of that potential.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Onanian, Chairman

Memorandum of Understanding Between the  
Parish Council of St. Mary Armenian  
Apostolic Church of Washington and  
Reverend Vertanes Kalayjian

We agree that the following monetary and related considerations shall apply to Reverend Kalayjian's services as Pastor of St. Mary's Church during the period set forth herein:

1. Stipend and Allowances 1/

Basic Stipend	\$10,710
Service Increment	3,825
Membership Increment	765
Car Allowance	3,060
	<u>\$18,360</u> plus clergy insurance and IRA

1/ The parish will assume the payment of all utility expenses (heat, light, water, and telephone) at the parish house.

Deductions will be made from Reverend Kalayjian's stipend at the rate of \$1,500 per year until the auto loan made to him in 1977 is repaid in full; the loan balance at the close of 1979 was \$1,575.

2. Vacation

In accord with the Diocesan vacation schedule, we agree that Reverend Kalayjian shall be allowed to take leave on two Sundays while on vacation. Leave may be accrued with the prior consent of the Parish Council. There was no leave balance outstanding at the close of 1979.

In addition, if he chooses to attend the ACYOA and/or Choir Assembly, he shall be allowed to take leave on the Sunday of those weekends, provided his return to Washington for services should prove inconvenient. It is expected that these organizations will provide a lodging and travel allowance.

In the event that Reverend Kalayjian wishes to lead a pilgrimage to Holy Etchmiadzin during 1980, he shall receive an additional 21 days of leave for that purpose.

This memorandum of understanding becomes effective on January 1, 1980, and continues through December 31, 1980, provided it receives the approval of the annual Parish Assembly.

## BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

Calendar Year 1979

In early February, the Committee launched a drive to secure 3-year pledges for the planned addition to our church and for the subsequent expansion of our social hall and kitchen. Although we had expected to complete the drive in two months, it continued into 1980 as pledges and contributions still are being received.

We received during the year \$94,360 in 3-year pledges and contributions. Of this total, \$79,360 came from 89 individuals or families, and \$15,000 from our church organizations. We received payments toward these pledges of \$41,803, leaving pledges receivable at \$52,557.

Aside from pledge income, we were pleased to receive the proceeds from the Armenian Heritage Week activities which were sponsored jointly by our church and the AGBU Chapter of Washington. Other sources of income remained the same, but it bears noting that we realized over \$5,800 in interest income as we were able to take advantage of the high rates being offered on 6-month certificates.

The Committee continued to meet the monthly mortgage payments of \$390.35 on the parish house. We also purchased a new oven for the house and had some trees removed from the property. In the year ahead, we plan to re-tile the bathrooms and replace the gutters. In addition, we may find it necessary to paint the exterior of the house. As has been noted in previous reports, the Committee plans to direct its share of each year's Bazaar proceeds toward meeting the mortgage payments and any major expenses arising at the house.

Our other principal expenses during the year were related to the building project. In the spring we spent \$782 for soil and foundation tests; later in the year, we made an initial payment of \$1,565 to the architect.

Our need for assistance is as great as ever, particularly since the cost of mortgage money is at record levels. We urge each of you to contribute to the extent that you can today, so that we can minimize the total cost of this building project.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Onanian, Chairman

REPORT on the 77th ANNUAL DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

Presented to St. Mary's Parish Assembly

Washington, D. C.

February 10, 1980

The 77th Annual Assembly of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America was held Thursday through Saturday, May 3-5, 1979, at St. Vartanantz Armenian Apostolic Church in Chelmsford, Mass., hosted by that church, jointly with the churches of St. Gregory the Illuminator of Haverhill and of Holy Cross in Lawrence, Mass.

The Parish of St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church of Washington, D.C. was represented at that convention by its diocesan delegates Abraham Bodurian and Edward Onanian.

The Assembly, attended by 100 delegates at its opening session out of a total of 198, was presided over by His Eminence Abp. Torkom Manougian, the Primate. Messrs. Harry Terzian of Detroit and Casper Kasparian of Tenafly were elected chairman and vice-chairman respectively, while Father Diran Papazian of Cleveland and Mr. Bartevo Baghdasarian of Watertown were elected to serve as Armenian and English secretaries in that order.

The guest clergymen representing His Holiness, Vazken I, this year were Very Rev. F. Vartan Dilanian, Acting Primate in Baku, Azerbaijan, and Rev. F. Eghishe Bagramian from Holy Etchmiadzin.

Diocesan delegates Edward Chapian, Martin Cholakian and Arshavir Geunjian were designated by the Chair to act as parliamentarians.

In the course of the brief customary requiem conducted by the Primate mention was made of a former diocesan delegate, Eghishe Hazarabedian of Troy who had passed away at the good old Biblical age of 103.

One of our two diocesan delegates, Dr. Edward Onanian was appointed by the Chair to head the Courtesies Committee.

The four newly-elected members of the Diocesan Council are: Very Rev. F. Paren Avedikian, formerly our pastor, Rev. F. Mampre Kouzouian, Mrs. Louise Simone, Alex Manougian's daughter (active in fund-raising campaigns and the first woman member on that council), and Mr. Crosby Kazarian, each to serve a four-year term.

The newly-formed Diocesan Council consists of the following:

Judge John K. Najarian, Chairman

Very Rev. F. Paren Avedikian

Very Rev. F. Houssig Bagdasian

Very Rev. F. Arshen Aivazian

Rev. F. Mampre Kouzouian

Crosby Goshgarian

Crosby Kazarian

George Stevoff

Louise Simone

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Highlights of the three-day convention may be summed up under the following headings:

### The Primate's Report

In the course of the first session Thursday afternoon, May 3, 1979, Assembly Chairman Harry Terzian called on His Eminence Abp. Torkom Manoogian to address the delegates as scheduled. Earlier, mimeographed bilingual texts of his report were passed out to the delegates. Salient passages of the Primate's message covering such issues as the unity of our Church, Diocesan finances, trial organization of a sub-diocese and the crisis created in Toronto are to be found in a supplement attached to this report.

This was a rather unusual procedure chosen by the Primate (reading out 12 mimeographed pages, 8 of which dealing with the Canadian situation and focusing on the case of Bishop Aris Shirvanyan), outlined in lengthy excerpts quoted from three letters sent to the Vehapar. One could not help but notice that there could not possibly exist a complete concurrence of views between His Holiness the Catholicos and His Eminence the Primate over the Toronto conflict, for otherwise the crisis would not have gone on unabated for a period of four years.

Acting on a motion from the floor, the Diocesan Assembly confirmed and fully supported the Primate particularly as regards the Canadian conflict. However, the Assembly had no way of knowing directly what Bishop Aris or the so-called "faction" had to say in the matter. Nor was the Assembly apprised of the position and views held by His Holiness the Catholicos in the whole dispute.

Commenting on this same issue, Chairman of the Diocesan Council, Judge John K. Najarian, had this to say: "Bishop Aris Shirvanyan is currently serving as the principal of an independent Armenian school in Toronto. He is forbidden to conduct services at the illegally-founded Holy Cross Church in that city as of April 15, 1979, and when the school closes in June he is expected to return to Etchmiadzin under instructions from His Holiness."

"Presently there is only one parish in Toronto. The illegally-organized second parish in that city was not approved by the Diocesan Council as it was not created according to the bylaws and canons of the Armenian Church. However, the establishment of a second parish in Toronto is deemed necessary because of the growing Armenian population there during the last decade."

"The Diocesan Council affirms the proposal that Canada have a separate diocese in the light of its different government but that the transition should be effected in a legal and secure manner."

It was agreed that the Resolutions Committee present a special report on this matter to the Assembly at a future session.

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The Diocesan Council Chairman also reported that there had been no further contact between the two unity committees - now known as bylaws committees - but that meetings had been held with individuals where presently existing bylaws of both sides had been exchanged.

Though falling outside of the scope of the Assembly's work, mention should be made here of the Etchmiadzin meeting held during October 4-9, 1979, with representatives from the Cilician See, in an endeavor to eliminate the existing rift. Further similar consultations will be held in the near future.

### Diocesan Budget

The Diocesan Budget approved by the 77th Assembly for the year 1979 consists of \$844,000.00 as against \$632,000.00 for the previous year, while preliminary budget expenditures for 1980 amount to \$916,000.00. As usual, the bulk of those budgetary allocations goes to staff salaries at the Diocesan office, namely, \$291,000.00 for 1979, \$349,000.00 projected for 1980 as opposed to \$236,189.00 actually spent in 1978.

On the other hand, parish assessments constitute the major source of income. Parish dues totaled \$340,000.00 in 1979 as compared with \$313,000.00 during 1978 and are estimated to bring in \$386,000.00 in 1980.

Total parish assessments for 1979 were reduced by \$24,000.00 to be collected from delinquent parishes numbering ten.

The Assembly decided to direct the Diocesan Council to invest the funds of the Kavookjian bequest in an interest-bearing account and to report to the 1980 Diocesan Assembly for its approval of the Diocesan Council's plans for the future use of these funds, with the additional proviso that such interest be spent on mortgage payments only.

Diocesan budgets almost always end up in the red and are usually balanced off with funds derived from raffles and other income acquired by the so-called Archbishop's Pacesetter's Committee, currently headed by Mrs. Louise Simone. The budget for 1981 will certainly exceed the one million dollar mark.

### Amendments to Diocesan Bylaws

The Diocesan Assembly accepted for the second time, thereby making it an integral part of the bylaws, the proposed amendment that nominating committee members serve a maximum of two consecutive terms and, after an interim of one year, become eligible for election again to the nominating committee.

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### Amendments (Continued)

The Assembly defeated the proposal that parishes failing to pay their Diocesan assessments automatically forfeit their right to vote at the Diocesan Assembly.

Also defeated was the proposal to have diocesan delegates serve a maximum of two consecutive terms and, after an interim of four years, become eligible for election again as diocesan delegates.

### Site and date of the 1980 Diocesan Assembly

The 78th Annual Diocesan Assembly will be held in Washington, D. C. Thursday through Saturday, May 29-31, 1980, to be hosted by St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church.

Both the Clergy Conference and the Diocesan Assembly will be presided over by His Holiness, Vazken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of all Armenians.

It was a privilege to represent St. Mary's Parish at the 77th Annual Diocesan Assembly held in Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

Abraham Bodurian, Diocesan Delegate

### Supplement: Summary of the Primate's Address

May 3, 1979

Dear Members of the Diocesan Assembly:

We will concern ourselves today with four issues: 1) The unity of our Church; 2) Our Diocesan finances; 3) Trial organization of a sub-diocese; and 4) The crisis created in Toronto.

#### 1). The Unity of our Church

We have been concerned with the issue of unity with our separated brethren since 1970. While committee discussions and negotiations were initially very encouraging, they did not prove ultimately satisfactory because constitutionally-grounded steps and procedures for unity were not developed for the consideration of Diocesan authorities. And the division continues, adding pointless pain and distress to our community life and deepening an unnatural schism in our Church. This state of affairs has inevitably been responsible for the sad waste of already limited human resources in the Armenian community.

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### Primate's Address (Continued)

It is a religious-canonical split. Although the division has in recent years gradually lost its original bitterness it has now taken on a further, quite serious character. The issue of unity in our sacred Church has been distorted and tied to motives and purposes that are alien to the real character and mission of the church.

The Armenian Church is the spiritual home of its children who are obligated to care for its internal strength, its vitality, its order and discipline. Those who earnestly believe in this principle, in this truth, will not tolerate the interference of those individuals, factions, and organizations who, having separated themselves from the basic oneness of the Church, offer themselves as champions of the unity they themselves disturbed.

It has been publicly announced that the See of Cilicia, according to the promise it had made to the Supreme Patriarch of All Armenians, has removed articles 32 and 33 from its constitution. And on the basis of that deletion Antelias has proposed to the Supreme Patriarch that the unity of the Armenian Church be reestablished in accordance with the canons and traditions of the Church. Reports in this connection offer some hope that the wishes of His Holiness may be realized, which would, at the same time, help resolve the problems that face us in America. It may be necessary to wait for the decisions to be made by His Holiness, the Catholicos of all Armenians.

#### 2). Our Diocesan Finances

Some extremely encouraging and effective work was done during the past year under the chairmanship of Richard Manoogian to relieve the financial burdens of the extensive programs and responsibilities of the Diocese. This effort is expected to raise 2-3 million dollars over a five-year period.

For almost two years a Patrons' Committee has been working on behalf of the Diocese headed by the Vicar General, Father Houssig Bagdasian and under the chairmanship of Joseph Chorbajian. This Committee plans to raise a quarter of a million dollars from individuals who are willing to donate \$500.00 or more in memory of their loved ones with the gift appropriately memorialized in the Cathedral. Such gifts will be accumulated in a trust fund and the income utilized for Diocesan and Cathedral needs.

In America the burdens assumed by the Armenian Church are enormous. If it is to continue to realize its mission we must have broader resources.

#### 3). Trial Organization of a Sub-diocese

At its meeting of June 3, 1977, the Diocesan Council selected the New England Region for the trial that would include the ten parishes in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. It is unfortunate, however, that plans remain unimplemented when they require financial resources that do not exist.

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Primate's Address (Continued)

4). The Crisis created in Toronto

Our concerns in Canada derive from three separate issues: 1. Bishop Aris' personal conduct and activities; 2. The organization of a second parish in Toronto; and 3. The establishment of a separate Diocese in Canada.

Bishop Aris Shirvanian was appointed Vicar of Canada and pastor of the Holy Trinity Church of Toronto effective March 24, 1975. From the outset the Bishop considered himself as the full-powered representative of the Catholicos and he continued to conduct himself as if that were his capacity. It was that very attitude that finally led the Primate and the Diocesan Council to terminate his service as Vicar as of February 10, 1978. The particulars that made our action necessary are outlined in several letters sent to His Holiness and they are:

"In a letter dated May 11, 1977 Bishop Aris said that as of June 1 he would end his service as pastor of the Holy Trinity Church of Toronto and serve only in the office of Vicar. We felt obliged to tell him that only the Primate determines who will be the Vicar...."

"The Diocesan Council held its November 18, 1977 session in Niagara Falls, N.Y. and invited for consultation the priests and representatives of the four churches in Canada...At this meeting Bishop Aris read our letter of November 4, 1974, in which it is not said that he would have to assume pastoral duties. That letter, however, was intended to call the churches in Canada to a meeting to consider the possibility of inviting Bishop Aris to serve as Vicar."

"We were confronted with another unexpected event in January 1978. With a view to organizing a second parish in Toronto, Bishop Aris made arrangements with a Catholic church in the name of a Holy Cross Armenian Church that does not exist without the knowledge of the Primate, the Diocesan Council or the Toronto Parish Council."

"In view of the foregoing and in accordance with the decision of the Diocesan Council on January 28, 1978, we informed Bishop Aris that, as of February 10, 1978, he was relieved of his responsibilities as Vicar of Canada."

It is the Primate's responsibility to appoint a Vicar, as it is for the Primate to decide when that appointment should be terminated. It is not an issue for public review or subject to the consideration of parish authorities.

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**Primate's Address (Continued)**

As regards the formation of a separate Diocese in Canada, consideration has been given to this matter for some time. Regrettably, however, with the course he has pursued, Bishop Aris has introduced irrelevant complications and awakened concerns for discipline and order in our Diocesan procedures and structure.

We have made our position clear concerning all aspects of the situation in letters addressed to His Holiness, stating: -

"Bishop Aris continues his disturbances, making unworthy and disrespectful announcements, saying that he will not leave Toronto and will do what he intends if the Catholicos does not do him justice."

This then is the story of the confusions and disruptions in our church community in Canada. The record has been communicated to His Holiness and whatever the Catholicos finally determines we will, of course, follow.

## WOMEN'S GUILD 1979 ANNUAL REPORT

Alice Peltekian	-	Chairlady
Alice Baker	-	Vice-Chairlady
Mary Perkins	-	Treasurer
Doris George	-	Assistant Treasurer
Queenie Avedikian	-	Recording Secretary
Araxy Baldadian	-	Corresponding Secretary
Nora Gibson	-	Advisor
Myrna Seropian	-	Advisor
Ripsime Zenopian	-	Advisor

There are 72 members of the Women's Guild. General membership meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. The executive committee meetings are held when necessary.

### Calendar of Activities for 1979

- January 7 - Annual Armenian Christmas Dinner
- January 16 - Membership meeting and luncheon
- February 11 - Parish Assembly - luncheon served
- February 27 - Membership meeting and luncheon
- March 4 - Champagne Brunch
- March 20 - Membership meeting and luncheon
- March 25 - Lenten luncheon
- April 7 - Montgomery Mall - Bake Sale
- April 17 - Membership meeting and luncheon
- April 26 - Bus trip to Reading, Pa.
- May 2 - Panorama - T.V. coverage - Major network
- May 3 & 4 - Spring Food Festival
- May 15 - Membership meeting and luncheon
- May 31 - Celebration of Hampartzoon - Vijag (Ascension Day)
- June 17 - Parish Council Picnic - assisted with preparation
- June 19 - Membership meeting and luncheon at Alfio's
- September 13- Tour of Hillwood - Estate of Marjorie Merriweather Post

- September 18 - Membership meeting
- September 28 - Flea market
- October - Bazaar workshops
- November 7, 8, 9, 10 - Annual Bazaar
- December 4 - Membership meeting, elections and luncheon

1979 has been a very active and productive year for the Women's Guild of St. Mary's. We attribute our success to the hard work and dedication of our membership, as well as the assistance of parishioners who helped when called upon.

We realize the increasing financial needs of our church, and have initiated new activities and major money-making projects, such as the two-day Spring Food Festival in May. We hope to make this an annual event to meet with the growing needs of St. Mary's.

The Women's Guild has become aware of the importance of publicity in achieving a successful undertaking. Through the media, we have gotten the necessary exposure we need for such functions as the Bazaar and Food Festival.

The Women's Guild is always ready to give a helping hand to other organizations of our church. All proceeds of our Annual Christmas Dinner of January 1979 were donated to the Armenian School in order to give them a financial start. We were able to assist in sending 10 A.C.Y.O.A. members to St. Nersess in August.

We look forward to another good year with the newly-elected executive body.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Peltekian, Chairlady

## 1979 ACYOA ANNUAL REPORT

In 1979, the St. Mary's ACYOA had a very enriching program of activities, which were financially and socially successful. We had a total of 11 membership meetings and 5 executive meetings. Our membership increased to nearly 30.

The following is a list of our activities and meetings held during 1979:

**JANUARY:** 5 - First membership meeting of the year  
19 - Meeting and party

**FEBRUARY:** 2-4 - Seven Springs Ski Trip

17 - Attended Richmond Dance

23 - Meeting and Armands

24 - Attended AYF Dance

25 - First Executive Meeting of the year

**MARCH:** 4 - Oath of Installation

6 - Montgomery Mall Cake Contest

16, 23 & 30 - Red Cross CPR

30 - Meeting

**APRIL:** 4 - Executives attended dinner with Archbishop

4 - Brief Executive Meeting

8 - Palm Sunday Bake Table

15 - Easter Sunday Games for Sunday School

20 - Meetings: Mother's Day Committee, Anniversary Dance Committee,  
Executive Meeting, Membership Meeting

27 - Attended Beatlemania Concert

**MAY:** (Play rehearsals for the past few months)

5 - Weeded our front lawn

13 - Mother's Day Dinner and Play

25-28 - Attended Sports Weekend in Mass.

**JUNE:** 9 - Carwash

15 - Meeting

24-25 - Ocean City Trip

29 - JULY 8 - St. Nersess Conference-1

**JULY:** 13-21 - St. Nersess Conference-2

25 - Pool Party at Theresa Berberian's home

27 - AUGUST 5 - St. Nersess Conference-3

**SEPTEMBER:** 7 - Meeting

9 - Executive Meeting

16 - Weeded out lawn

**OCTOBER:** 5 - Meeting

14 - Attended Renaissance Festival

21 - Meeting with Nancy Basmajian, ACYOA Chapter Director

26 - Halloween Party for Sunday School

- NOVEMBER:** 3 - Anniversary Dance at Bethesda Country Club  
9 - ACYOA Night with Bazaar  
16 - Meeting: Executive; Membership  
17 - Clean Church - Organ Concert

- DECEMBER:** 7 - Meeting and Elections for 1980  
14 - ACYOA Bake Table at Montgomery Mall  
22 - Christmas Caroling and Progressive Dinner

In closing, we wish to acknowledge Der Hayr's close supervision and guidance throughout the year. We also wish to express our appreciation to Mrs. Tashjian and Simon Kumkumian for their help.

We realize that without the support of St. Mary's parishioners and their friends, our affairs would not be as successful. We ask for your continual support, and we thank you.

**Alison Terzian**

**Chairperson**

PARISH COUNCIL TREASURER'S REPORT

CALENDAR YEAR 1979

Receipts

Pledges	\$16,933.50
Candles	1,336.63
Plate	2,005.60
Yughakin	3,067.00
Sacraments	570.00
Hokehankist	1,950.00
Flowers	311.00
Shnorhall	150.00
General Donations	1,320.84
Parish Council Affairs (net)	1,411.26
Bazaar	7,000.00
Hall and Parking	2,545.00
Book Store (net)	998.59
Church Organizations	1,100.00
Lieu of Xmas Cards	145.00
Lectures (net)	85.50
Bank Interest	847.54
Sub-Total	\$41,777.46
Earmarked Donations	161.57
Auto Loan Payments	1,500.00
Total	\$43,439.03

Expenses

Pastor: Stipend	\$13,689.84
Auto Allowance	2,550.00
House Utilities	2,066.57
Insurance and IRA	2,071.60
Secretary	1,760.75
Janitor	2,050.00
Telephone	668.13
Heat (gas)	2,411.68
Electricity	1,270.80
Postage	987.59
Office Supplies	2,462.56
Church Supplies	655.63
Flowers	318.78
Property Insurance	1,320.00
Youth Program	250.00
Building & Equipment Maintenance	1,507.50
Diocesan Dues	6,158.68
Diocesan Meetings	160.86
Miscellaneous	61.52
Sub-Total	\$42,422.49
Earmarked Items	1,461.57
Table Tops	795.50
Diocesan Assembly Advance	200.00
Total	\$44,879.56

CASH POSITION

Balance, 1/1/79	\$16,137.14
Receipts	43,439.03
	\$59,576.17
Expenses	44,879.56
Balance, 12/31/79	\$14,696.61

ASSETS

Cash

Checking Account (Riggs)	\$ 4,018.87
Savings Account (Equitable)	138.46
Savings Account (National Permanent)	10,539.28
Sub-Total	\$14,696.61
Auto Note Receivable	1,575.00
Total	\$16,271.61

**BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT**

**CALENDAR YEAR 1979**

**Income**

Pledges  
Lieu of Flowers  
Donations  
Bazaar (1979)  
Commemorative Com.  
Interest

\$41,803.00  
4,753.40  
3,705.00  
7,000.00  
2,122.67  
5,819.68

**Total \$65,203.75**

**Expenses**

Parish House:  
Tree Removal  
Oven  
Mortgage  
Educational Building  
Currency conversion and  
service charges  
Printing and Postage

\$ 250.00  
420.00  
4,684.20  
2,347.55  
24.72  
235.00

**Total \$ 7,961.47**

**CASH POSITION**

**RECEIPTS**

Balance, 1/1/79	\$ 41,088.79
Income	65,203.75
	<u>\$106,292.54</u>
Expenses	7,961.47
Balance, 12/31/79	<u>\$ 98,331.07</u>

**CASH ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**ASSETS**

First Federal, certificate (3/17/80)	\$13,000.00
First Federal, certificate (4/22/80)	18,000.00
First Federal, certificate (6/12/80)	20,985.24
Home Federal, certificate (2/21/80)	14,697.59
Home Federal, certificate (4/25/80)	12,500.00
Home Federal, certificate (6/25/80)	10,000.00
First Federal, savings	3,948.41
Home Federal, savings	4,743.54
Perpetual, savings	456.29
Pledges Receivable	<u>52,557.00</u>
	<b>\$150,888.07</b>

**LIABILITIES**

First Federal Mortgage	\$ 48,685.42
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PROPOSED BUDGET

CALENDAR YEAR 1980

Income

Expenses

Pledges	\$24,800
Candles	1,500
Plate	2,000
Yughakin	3,300
Sacraments	600
Hokehankist	2,000
Flowers	350
Shnorhali	350
General Donations	1,500
Parish Council Affairs	1,400
Lieu of Xmas Cards	300
Donations for use of Hall and Parking Lot	2,600
Church Organizations Bazaar	7,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$49,200</b>

Pastor:	
Stipend	\$15,300
Car Allowance	3,060
Insurance and IRA	2,450
House Utilities	2,300
Janitor	2,250
Secretary	3,660
Telephone	650
Heat (gas)	2,650
Electricity	1,400
Postage	1,000
Office Supplies	2,000
Kitchen Supplies	600
Church Supplies	700
Flowers	350
Diocesan Dues	6,000
Diocesan Meetings	150
Property Insurance	1,380
Maintenance	1,500
Youth Program	300
Charitable Activities	500
Depreciation Reserve	1,000

Sub-Total \$49,200

Office Duplicating Equipment 5,000

**Total \$54,200**

## CHOIR REPORT 1979

The Choir has participated in all Sunday Services, Lenten Services, and other special services as coordinated by Father Kalayjian and the Choir Directors. These special services have included:

a) A Sunday Service to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our Church where His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian celebrated Divine Liturgy,

b) A Sunday Service for the Solemn Blessing of our new organ, with Mr. Berj Zamkochian as the organist,

c) A special Christmas Service in Baltimore for the Armenian Community of that city.

The Annual Choir Meeting was held in November and a new Executive Committee was elected. The new members are: Dr. Hratch Semerjian, Chairman; Mrs. Takouhy Avedikian, Secretary; and Mr. Ashod Krikorian, Treasurer.

We thank past committee members Mr. Jack Andonian, Mrs. Clara Andonian, and Mrs. Dorothy Small for their dedicated work.

The Choir members were deeply saddened by the sudden death of our beloved Choir Director Mr. Edward Sourian in September. He had been a dedicated member of our Church and the Choir for many years. His death has left a great void in our hearts. The Parish Council and Father Kalayjian are continuing their search for a new Choir Director. In the mean time, Mrs. Clara Andonian and Dr. Hratch Semerjian have been conducting the Choir on alternate Sundays.

The Choir was represented by Mrs. Takouhy Avedikian at the Annual Choir Convention held in Hartford, CT. She has prepared an excellent report on the Convention's activities and the report is available for those interested.

The Choir has received a new organ as a special gift from Mrs. Julie Oskoian in memory of her late husband, Gregory. We are all grateful to Mrs. Oskoian for this very generous and gracious gift.

The Choir has started holding regular rehearsals both to improve the performance of the Choir as well as to prepare for the very special Sunday Service to be held on June 1, 1980, when His Holiness Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians, will be celebrating Mass in Washington.

John Krikorian has been playing the organ every Sunday throughout 1979. As usual, he has been very conscientious and dependable. He has also been a major factor in the organization and implementation of the rehearsals. We should, however, realize that we can not expect John to be at the Church every single Sunday, and therefore we are looking for

another organist who could alternate with him. Free organ lessons can also be arranged. Those interested should contact Der Hayr or the Choir Chairman.

We are happy to report that we have new members regularly participating in the Choir. But we need more members to strengthen our Choir and to allow for the proper singing of our beautiful Church music. We encourage all Church members, who have interest in singing, to come and join the Choir, or at least participate in some of the rehearsals before making a decision.

We thank all the Choir members who have diligently attended the Church Services throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted by

Hratch Smerjian.

## THE HYE CLUB'S 1979 ANNUAL REPORT

In 1979 the Hye Club continued its achievements and activities as planned. We participated in all church activities and everyone felt our presence. We celebrated our 2nd anniversary and we are looking forward to years ahead. Our soccer team became the champions of the Northern Virginia Soccer League 3rd division. In the spring we will be playing in the 2nd division and we are looking forward to the challenges. Dari Miricanyan was our trainer-coach for this last season. Zareh Tahmazian was our captain.

Our basketball team was more active this year than in 1978. We managed to continue practices and games throughout the year, with the hard work of Dr. Harry Baker and Khajag Tahmazian.

Our popular duo Zareh and Edik continued to tape and program all our musical needs. Also on few occasions helped members of our community to add music to their parties.

Our treasurer this year was Simon Kumkumian having Raffi Sahakyan as assistant treasurer. Our social activities directors were Anita Zenopian and Riva Sahhar.

We have kept a close working relationship with the ACYO. We thank the Parish Council and Der Hyer for their advice and guidance throughout the year.

I look forward to another successful year as the Hye Club Chairman and I wish to thank the whole Washington Armenian Community for their support.

Mike Tashjian  
Chairman

## Armenian School 1979.

We concluded the 1978-79 school year with great success. The students enjoyed the school, the parents were highly satisfied, the teachers were pleased with their accomplishments.

Entering 1979-80 school year, we find ourselves with greater self-assurance and with more ambitious ideas. This year we added a teen-age class and a preparatory class. As of now we have: a kindergarten, a preparatory class, a second, a third, a fourth, a fifth and a teen conversation class (with some reading and writing:). The total number of students is 39, an increase of five over last year.

There were three fund raising events; a raffle, a spring dance and a luncheon all three were very successful.

In addition, several donations were made by the community, for which we are very grateful.

The school invited Ms. Sylvia DerStepanaan, Director of the Diocesan Language Lab. to give a two day workshop to the teachers which was very highly appreciated.

A teacher, Ms. Maggie Prodromidis, was also sent for a one week summer teacher training session conducted by the Diocese.

Two new members joined the School Committee this last summer, which now consists of:

President: Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, Pastor.

Chairman: Mrs. Marie Broussalinn.

Vice-Chairman: Dr. Adrian Parsegian.

Treasurer: Dr. Hratch Semerjian.

Assistant Treasurer: Mrs. Vlanche Manian.

Members: Mesdames Verjin Sahakian, Margie Satian, Siran Levonian.

Parish Council Liaison: Miss Sirarpi Ohanessian.

The staff consist of the following:

Yeretzgin A. Kalaysian: School Principal and teen conversation class instructor.

Dr. John Guerigian: fifth grade instructor.

Dr. Seta Vartanian: fourth grade instructor.

Mrs. Takouhi Ozben: second grade instructor.

Miss Sylvia Basdajian: preparatory class.

Miss Maggie Prodromidis: kindergarten.

Also Mrs. Seta Gelenian as the dance instructor and Mrs. Jean Jamgochian as the Arts and Crafts instructor volunteered their services.

We thank all individuals and organizations (Women's Guild, A.C.Y.O.A.G.B.U. HYE Club) for the support and interest they have shown to the School.

Our activities included also: Christmas Pageant, Vartanantz Celebration jointly with the Knights of Vartan and the Closing Hantess.

The Principal and the instructors are doing a superb job. Our sincere thanks to all of them.

Marie Broussalian, Chairman.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1979

Balance from 12/31/1978 1,278.48

EXPENDITURES

Teachers' Salaries 3,145.00

School Supplies 508.90

School Functions 544.21

Food/Refreshments 120.92

Misc. 225.61

4,544.61

RECEIPTS

Tuition 1,235.00

Books 234.00

Donations 1,691.00

School Functions 3,302.99

A.G.B.U. 500.00

Misc. 102.24

8,313.71

4,544.61

Balance @ 12/31/79 3,799.07

Available Funds:

Checking Account (First Nat'l Bank of MD.) 198.83

Savings Account (Chevy Chase S & L ) 3,600.24 (Reserved for Capital Expenses)

3,799.07

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ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT 1979

The Church school functions regularly from 10:30 - 12:30 each Sunday.  
The teachers and staff are as follows:

Kindergarten and First Grade	- Miss Laurie Ohanian
Second Grade	- Miss Ann Kavookian
Third Grade	- Mrs. Evelyn Vartabedian
Fourth Grade	- Mrs. Anna Derderian
Fifth Grade	- Mrs. Janel Hoosakhanian
(resigned)	- Mrs. Sylva Kodjanian
(presently teaching) —	
Sixth Grade	- Miss Malvina Brown
Seventh Grade	- Mrs. Ani Kazanjian-Law
(resigned)	- Mrs. Doris George
(presently teaching)	- Mr. Zachary Ballian
Eight Grade	- Mr. Georget. Derderian
Ninth Grade	- Yeretzgin A. Kalayjian
Superintendent	
Assistants to Supt:	- Mrs. <del>Vartabedian</del> R. Arkoian
	- Mr. J. Vartabedian
	- Miss A. Kavookian
Audio-Visual	- Mr. J. Vartabedian
Reporter to Snorhali	--- Miss M. Vartabedian
Subst. Teachers:	Mrs. R. Arkoian, Mrs. R. Charbajian, Mr. R. Hagopian-George.

The Pastor and the Parish Council this year appointed a Religious Education Committee. The members are:

Mr. Joseph Vartabedian, Chairman.  
Mrs. Louise Jamgochian, Secretary  
Miss Ann Kavookian, Treasurer  
Miss Sirarpi Channessian, Advisor.  
Dr. Charles Kumkumian, Parish Council Liaison.

The nursery class has been taken care of by Mrs. Rosemary Arkoian, Mrs. Rita Bush and Mrs. Denise Manuelian.

The Church school uses the curriculum as recommended by the Council for Religious Education of the Diocese, New York, N.Y.

Students and teachers continued to receive communion on the first Sunday of each month.

The enrollment is 66 and the average attendance 50.

On March 2, Six of our students having completed an accelerated course taught by Mr. George Derderian, will graduate. Mr. Casey Kazanjian conducted two review sessions with the graduating class. The activities of the year, included a Halloween Party, Christmas Pageant, Easter Egg Hunt, and Closing Exercises (June 1979). The Lenten "Dime" Program was dedicated to the Armenians in Lebanon Fund.

Special dinner was held to honor Dr. Charles Kumkumian and Miss Ann Kavookian for their services as Superintendent and teacher respectively.

We want to thank the Women's Guild and the A.C.Y.O.A. for their help and support during the year.

Yeretzgin A. Kalayjian  
Superintendent

DATE: 10/10/50

TO: SAC, NEW YORK

RE: [Illegible text]

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance on hand 1/1/79 281.46

Receipts

Sunday collection	233.70	
Gifts	170.00	
Lenten collection	82.00	
Collected for Bibles	360.00	
Collected from dinners	<u>720.50</u>	<u>1,566.20</u>
		1,847.66

Disbursements

Envelopes	35.31	
Film	27.07	
Attendance Pins	15.00	
Lenten Collection sent to Diocese	100.00	
Purchase of Bibles	364.42	
Plaques	51.96	
Food for dinners	571.91	
Misc. Supplies	<u>125.45</u>	<u>1,291.12</u>

Balance on hand 12/31/79 556.54

**Ann Kavookian  
Treasurer**

WOMEN'S GUILD 1979 FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts

Dues	\$ 210.00	
Sunday coffee	807.13	
Christmas Dinner	871.00	
Brunch	407.80	
Lenten Luncheon	636.50	
Easter Sunday	184.50	
Bake Sale	340.70	
Food Festival	1,433.66	
Veejag Luncheon	345.49	
Luncheon Mtg.	130.00	
Flea Market	205.95	
Lehmajoun Sales	2,590.50	
Other Activities	657.25	
Donations	196.00	
Misc.	27.85	
Savings Acct. Interest	476.54	9,520.87

Disbursements

Kitchen Supplies & Equip.	1,024.20	
Christmas Dinner	330.06	
Brunch	183.51	
Bake Sale	151.86	
Food Festival	800.69	
Luncheon Mtg.	145.74	
Veejag Luncheon	11.74	
Lehmajoun	1,762.75	
Halloween Party-Sun Sch.	34.41	
Other Activities	423.86	
St.Nerses Seminary	250.00	
St.Mary's Armenian School	640.94	
St.Mary's Assessment	500.00	
St.Mary's Bldg. Fund.	2,000.00	
St.Mary's Bldg. Fund.	6,000.00	
Misc.1	305.80	11,565.56
Net loss		(5,044.69)

Bal.Savings Acct.	1/1/79	9,774.49	
Bal.Checking Acc.	1/1/79	94.23	
Cash on Hand	1/1/79	64.10	9,932.82

Bal.Savings Acct.	12/31/79	4,251.03	4,888.13
Bal.Checking Acct.	12/31/79	574.10	
Cash on Hand	12/31/79	63.00	4,888.13

THE HYE CLUB'S 1979 FINANCIAL REPORT

	GROSS	EXPENSES	NET
Open houses(bingo night, pot luck dinners, cultural activities etc.)	978.70	625.03	353.67
Armenian Food Festival and Blessing of the Grapes	771.26	292.80	478.46
Anniversary Dance	506.50	175.28	331.22
Church Assesment and Building Fund Donation		645.00	
Equipment for Church Hall			
Record Player-Tape Player (Records)		315.00	
Mis. Expenses (postage, printing etc)		434.84	
Sports Expenses (Soccer)		709.21	
(Basketball)		250.00	
New Years Eve Dinner Dance	5,298.00	3,527.11	1,770.89
	<u>7,554.46</u>	<u>6,974.27</u>	<u>2,934.24</u>

1979 Starting Balance	\$2,192.61
Gross Income for 1979	<u>\$7,554.46</u>
	\$9,747.07
Expenses for 1979	<u>\$6,974.27</u>
Balance	\$2,772.80

Simon Kumkumian  
Raffi Sahakyan

1979 Bazaar Financial Report.

INCOME

	Candle lighting	Grand raffle	Ladies gift booth	Bake table	Luncheons	Dinners	Total
Pre Bazaar	685.00	1,640.00	55.00				2,380.00
Wednesday			644.75	1,260.12	1,627.16		3,532.03
Thursday	50.00		434.55	1,053.85	1,427.12		2,965.52
Friday (day)	70.00	120.00	279.50	650.00	1,754.05		2,873.55
Friday (eve)	555.00	85.00	557.75	1,372.05		2,763.62	5,333.42
Saturday (day)	180.00	264.00		750.00	1,368.24		2,562.24
Saturday (eve)	260.00	221.00	555.50	1,177.05		2,795.75	5,009.30
Post Bazaar	810.00	30.00	1,148.40	956.93			2,945.33
Grand Total	2,610.00	2,360.00	3,675.45	7,220.00	6,176.57	5,559.37	27,601.39
Total expenses							10,436.38
NET PROFIT							17,165.01
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Checking account B/F	235.18
Total deposits	27,428.57
	27,663.75
Total checks	27,441.81
Checking account C/F	221.94
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Total income breakdown:	
Bank deposits	27,428.57
Coupons	20.00
Cash expenses	152.82
	27,601.39
Total expenses breakdown:	
Checks drawn	10,263.56
Coupons used	20.00
paid in cash	152.82
	10,436.38
	xxxxxxxx

Total checks drawn:	
Bazaar expenses	10,263.56
Capital expendit'	978.25
To bldg. fund	8,100.00
To Church	8,100.00
	27,441.81
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A.C.Y.O. Financial Report  
1979

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>
Armenian School Donation	-	200.00
Cake Contest	15.00	10.00
Palm Sunday	56.42	4.05
Easter	6.50	86.77
Mother's Day	600.21	323.26
Beatlemania	210.00	295.00
Car Wash	88.65	15.00
Anniversary Ball	921.50	624.14
Carolling	30.00	30.00
Bake Sale	627.00	97.60
Building Fund	-	500.00
Church	-	500.00
Landscaping	11.80	82.00
Ski Trip	-	125.00
Haloween	-	9.12
Dues	62.00	-
Miscellaneous	-	35.10
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	\$2629.08	\$2941.91
Opening Balance		
Checking	\$312.83	
Savings	\$2791.72	
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	\$2478.89	
Closing Balance		
Checking	\$1696.91	
Savings	\$ 781.98	
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	\$2478.89	

Respectfully Submitted -

*John A. Grikorian*  
Treasurer

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN CHURCH - CHOIR REPORT

BALANCE AS OF 9/5/79	\$700.64	
CASH ON HAND	3.00	
INTEREST AS OF 9/27/79	9.27	
DONATION ON 10/3/79	<u>10.00</u>	
BALANCE		\$722.91

EXPENSES

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS - ST. MARY'S 10/3/79	\$100.00	
ASSOC. ARMENIAN CHURCH CHOIR (ROBES AND STOLES) 10/6/79	230.00	
CHOIR CONVENTION EXPENSE FOR 2 DELEGATES 11/12/79	<u>140.00</u>	
TOTAL		<u>\$470.00</u>

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF 12/31/79		\$252.91
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