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ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 1988

A N N U A L R E P O R T

1987

St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church

4125 FESSENDEN STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20016

A Prayer Before Meetings

Hanoon Hor yev Vortvo yev Hokvooyn Srpo.

Eemasdootyoon Hor Heesoos/ door eendz eemasdootyoon/ uzparees Khorhel yev khosel yev kordzel arrachee ko hamenayn jham/ ee char khorhurtotz/ ee paneetz yev ee kordzotz prgya zees/ yev voghormya ko araradzotz yev eendz pazmameghees.

Park Hor yev Vortvo yev Hokvooyn Srpo/ Ay-jhum yev meeshd yev haveed-yans haveedeneetz/ amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus, Wisdom of the Father/ give me wisdom to always think and speak and do what is good in Your sight/ Save me from evil thoughts/ words and deeds./ Have mercy on all Your creatures/ and on me, a sinner.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit/ now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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Իմաստութիւն Հօր Յիսուս, առբ ինձ իմաստութիւն զբարիս խորհել եւ խօսել եւ զարծել
առաջի քո յամենայն ժամ. ի շար խորհրդոց, ի բանից եւ ի զարծոց վրէժա զիս. եւ ողորմես
քո արարածոց եւ ինձ բազմամեղիս:
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A Prayer After Meetings

Hanoon Hor yev Vortvo yev Hokvooyn Srpo.

Bahaban Amenaynee Kreesdos adj ko hovanee leetzee ee verah eem/ ee dveh yev ee keesheree/ ee nsdeel ee dahn/ ee knal ee djanabahr/ ee nundjel yev ee harnel/ zee mee yerpek sasanzaytz/ yev voghormya ko araradzotz yev eendz pazmameghees.

Park Hor yev Vortvo yev Hokvooyn Srpo/ Ay-jhum yev meeshd yev haveed-yans haveedeneetz/ amen.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

O Christ, Guardian of all/ may Your hand shelter me/ during the day and at night/ at home and while traveling/ while asleep and awake/ that I may never fall./ Have mercy on all Your creatures/ and on me, a sinner.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit/ now and always and unto the ages of ages/ amen.

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ի նախի ի առն, ի գնալ ի հանապարհ, ի ննջել եւ ի յառնել, զի մի երբեք սասանեցայց. եւ
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S A M P L E B A L L O T

PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

PARISH ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN (elect one)

COL. GEORGE JUSKALIAN

PARISH ASSEMBLY SECRETARY (elect one)

MISS. MAGGIE BOYAJIAN

MRS. OGDAN O'GULIAN

PARISH COUNCIL (elect 5)

MR. NISHAN DULGERIAN
MR. LEVON GARABEDIAN
MR. TOM MAGARIAN, JR.
MR. ROBERT MOOMJIAN
MRS. LUCY MURAD
DR. EDWARD ONANIAN
MR. VAROUJAN VAROUJANIAN

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (elect 3)

MRS. ROSEMARY ARKOIAN
MR. ABRAHAM BODURIAN
MR. GEORGE DERDERIAN
DR. CHARLES KUMKUMIAN
MR. VAUGHN SAYIAN
MR. DEAN SHAHINIAN
MISS ALENOUSH VAROUJANIAN

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MR. SAHAG DEDEYAN
MR. JERRY HEKIMIAN
MR. RAFFI KARAHISAR
DR. ALBERT MANIAN
DR. HRATCH SEMERJIAN

PRESENTED BY THE 1987 NOMINATING COMM.

DR. CHARLES KUMKUMIAN, CHAIRMAN
DR. HRATCH SEMERJIAN
MR. PAUL MURAD

1987 AUDITING COMMITTEE

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Յունուար 25, 1988

Սիրելի ծխականներ,

Այսու կը հրաւիրենք ձեզ մասնակցելու Տարեկան ծխական Անդամական ժողովի որ տեղի պիտի ունենայ կիրակի, Փետր. 7, 1988, կէսօրին ժիշտ 12 -ին:

Հարցերը նկատի պիտի առնուին ետեւի էջին վրայ տպուած օրակարգի համաձայն: Նոր հարցեր եւ առաջարկներ պէտք է ժողովէն առաջ եւ զրաւոր կերպով յանձնուին ծխական Խորհուրդի Ատենապետ Տիկ. Լուսի Մուրատին:

Փետր. 7-ին, Ս. Պատարագը պիտի սկսի ժամը 10-ին եւ պիտի աւարտի մօտ 11:30ին:

Քանի որ Ս. Հաղորդութեան կիրակի է, կը թելադրենք որ Հայ եւ կիրակնօրեայ Դպրոցի աշակերտներուն հետ դուրս ալ ներկայ ըլլաք պաշտամունքին: Թեթեւ ճաշ եւ հիւրասիրութիւն տեղի պիտի ունենայ բայց ձեր հեռաձայն ընելը անհրաժեշտ է որպէսզի աւելորդ կերակուր չպատրաստուի: Եկեղեցիին թիւն է 363-1923:

Ժողովին եւ որոշումներ առնելու մասնակցիլը պարտք է եւ պարտականութիւն: Ասիկա մեր բոլորին եկեղեցին է. եթէ ոչ մենք հապա ո՞վ, եւ եթէ ոչ Փետր. 7-ին հապա Յոր մեր ձայնը եւ կարծիքները լսելի պիտի ընենք

Ուրեմն, կը սպասենք ձեզ Փետր. 7-ի ժողովին ներկայ տեսնել:

Հոգեւոր Հովիւ եւ ծխական Խորհուրդ

Invitation to the Parish Assembly

Jan. 25, 1988

Dear Parishioners,

You are invited to attend the Annual Parish Assembly to be held in the sanctuary on Sunday February 7, 1988, beginning at 12 noon.

We shall consider the items set forth in the Agenda printed on the back of this invitation. Other items of business or proposals must be submitted to the Parish Council Chairman, Mrs. Lucy Murad in writing prior to the meeting.

Church services will begin at 10:00 A.M. on February 7, and terminate at approximately 11:30 A.M.

Since it is Communion Sunday we urge you to attend services and worship with our Church and Armenian School students. A combination of light luncheon and refreshments will be served and the meeting will begin at 12 noon.

We will be grateful if you call the church office 363-1923 for reservation so that we may not end up with unnecessary leftovers. Would you please?

It is a privilege to be part of the decision making process. This is your church, if you do not who will, and if not on February 7, when?

So, we look forward to seeing you on February 7.

Pastor and Parish Council

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MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

REV. VERTANES KALAYJIAN, PASTOR
TELEPHONE: (202) 363-1923

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Spouses Name: _____

Business Address: _____

_____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____



Members of Household	Relationship	Occupation	*Date of Marriage	Date of Birth (Optional)	*Date and Place of Bapt. & Confirmation
1. Yourself					
2. Spouse					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					

*IF OFFSPRING IS MARRIED GIVE THE RELEVANT INFORMATION.

1. My former parish and/or church affiliation _____

2. I prefer to remain a communicant member and continue my support as such.

3. As a communicant member I would like also to be a Voting Member.

OFFICE USE ONLY:	DATE OF APPLICATION REC'D: _____
REMARKS: _____	

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2. Անդամներու Ստուգում
3. Դիւանի Ընտրութիւն
4. 1987-ի Ժողովի Ատենադրութեան Վաւերացում
5. Ընտրողական Յանձնախումբի Տեղեկագիր
6. Տ Ե Ղ Ե Կ Ա Գ Ի Ր Ն Ե Ր.-
 - ա. Հոգեւոր Հովիւ
 - բ. Ժխական Խորհուրդ
 - գ. Թեմական Պատգամաւոր
 - դ. Շինութեան ֆոնտի Յանձնախումբ
7. Ը Ն Տ Ր Ո Ւ Թ Ի Ն Ն - Ժխական Խորհուրդի, Ընտրողական եւ Հաշուեքննիչ Յանձնախումբերու
8. ՀԱՇՈՒԵՏՈՒՈՒԹԻՒՆ Ժխական Խորհուրդի եւ 1988-ի Պիւտճէ
9. Տ Ե Ղ Ե Կ Ա Գ Ի Ր Ն Ե Ր.- շար.
 - ե. Տիկնանց Միութիւն
 - զ. Կիրականօրեայ Դպրոց
 - է. Հայ Դպրոց
 - ը. Դպրաց Դաս
 - թ. Կրտսեր եւ Աւագ Երիտասարդաց Միութիւն
 - ժ. Հայ-Գլապ
 - ժա. Արարատ Աւագներու Ընկերակցութիւն
 - ժբ. Գրավաճառատուն
 - ժգ. Հայ Եկեղեցւոյ Հիմնադրամի Ժխական Յանձնախումբ
10. Հաշուեքննիչ Յանձնախումբի Տեղեկագիր
11. Ընտրութեանց Արդիւնքներու Ծանուցում
12. Հին Հարցեր
13. Նոր Հարցեր եւ Առաջարկներ
14. Փակման Աղօթք եւ Արցակում

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ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1988

Agenda for Annual Parish Assembly

1. Opening and Memorial Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Election of Assembly Tivan
4. Minutes of 198 Assembly
5. Nominating Committee Report
6. Reports:
 - a. Pastor
 - b. Parish Council
 - c. Diocesan Delegates
 - d. Building Fund Committee
7. Election of Parish Council, Auditing and Nominating Committee members
8. Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget - 1988
9. Reports (Continued)
 - e. Women's Guild
 - f. Church School
 - g. Armenian School
 - h. Choir
 - i. ACYOA Srs. and Jrs.
 - j. Armenian Assoc. of St. Mary
 - k. Ararat Avak Society & " My Kinsmen " Program
 - l. Bookstore
 - m. Armenian Church Endowment Fund Parish Committee
10. Auditing Committee Report
11. Announcement of Election Result
12. Old Business
13. New Business - Proposals and Amendments
14. Benediction - Adjournment

St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church
of Washington, D.C.
Minutes of the Parish Assembly
Sunday, February 1, 1987

The Annual Parish Assembly of St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church of Washington, D.C. was called to order at 12:50p.m., in the Sanctuary, by Dr. Hratch Semerjian, the Parish Council Chairman.

Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian offered the opening prayer and a special prayer in the memory of Mr. Ghevont Aghajanian, Mr. Neshan Hintlian and Mrs. Esther Kavookian, who passed away in 1986. This was immediately followed by roll call of voting members. Out of 166 members eligible to vote 54 were present, thereby constituting a quorum. Two more joined in later bringing the total to 56. At the invitation of Dr. Hratch Semerjian, the Nominating Committee chairman, Mr. George Derderian, submitted the name of Dr. Charles Kumkumian for Assembly Tivan chairman; Mrs. Ayda Semerjian was nominated from the floor as Secretary. The nominations were closed and the Tivan was elected through a secret ballot.

- Chairman: Dr. Charles Kumkumian - 51 votes
- Mr. Philip O'Gulian - 1 vote (write-in)
- Secretary: Mrs. Ayda Semerjian - 49 votes
- Mrs. Valentine Stahl - 1 vote (write-in)

Dr. Kumkumian thanked the Assembly on behalf of the Tivan for the honor and privilege of serving the Assembly and proceeded with the agenda.

Agenda:

The comment was made from the floor that placing nominations at the end of the agenda resulted in fewer members voting and it was suggested that it should be done before most people leave. Dr. Hratch Semerjian explained that for this reason the nominations would take place before the reports.

Dr. Kumkumian commented that the Parish Assembly should have started on time and that the duration be limited to reasonable time.

Minutes of the 1986 Assembly.

The minutes of the 1986 Assembly were approved.

Nominating Committee Report.

Mr. Derderian, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented a list of Nominees for the Parish Council, Nominating and Auditing Committees. There were a few withdrawals such as Mrs. Blanche Manian and Miss Sirarpi Ohannessian from the Nominating Committee, and Dr. Vartkes Broussalian from the Auditing Committee. Mr. Levon Andonian was nominated for the Parish Council. Mr. Robert George, Jr. declined the nomination for Parish Council. For the Auditing Committee Dr. Edick Pezeshkian and Mr. Robert George, Jr. were nominated. The full list of the nominees for the election is attached.

Reports.

Since most of the printed reports had been mailed to the members prior to the Assembly, the reading of the reports was dispensed with by all.

Pastor's Report.

Der Hayr added a note of thanks for the past year's successful conduct of church affairs and called for increased participation and response. He acknowledged especially the presence of two of the younger voting members, Mr. Levon Andonian and Mr. Robert George, Jr., who had responded to his (Der Hayr's) letter of invitation to attend their first Parish Assembly. He also acknowledged the presence of Mrs. Knar Janigian, one of the founding members of the Parish, and the only one attending. He called upon the other young parishioners present to join actively to pick up the torch. Der Hayr's report was accepted as presented.

Parish Council's Report.

Dr. Hratch Semerjian, Chairman of the Parish Council, highlighted his report with the following remarks:

- Parish Council members attended the regularly scheduled meetings faithfully and with a much higher percentage of participation than in past years.
- Thanked Mr. Berj Koukeyan, who has left the community to settle in Los Angeles, California, for all the supervision and care he provided for the building maintenance.
- Welcomed Mr. Vartkes Keshishian, who replaced Mr. Joseph Vartebedian who had resigned.
- Welcomed Dr. Socrates Boyajian, who had assumed the responsibilities of Choir Master earlier during the year.
- Plans for the final phase of the kitchen renovation were completed. Acknowledged the \$10,000. donation made by the brothers Armen and Aris Mardirossian.
- Noting that the 1986 Bazaar was the most successful (with 10% increased profit over the previous year) he thanked the Co-Chairpersons:
Mrs. Helen Fried and Mr. Berj Koukeyan for a job well done.
Also to Mrs. Mary Perkins for the excellent promotion-publicity she had done in the local media.
- Thanked Mr. Mike Tashjian who assumed several responsibilities:
Rug Sale, Picnic, New Year's Eve affair and was instrumental in their huge success.
- Introduced an amended version of the "Memorandum of Understanding" between the Parish Council and Fr. V. Kalayjian. It is attached.
- Informed that the project Reach Out is under study by Mr. Carl Bazarian, Lucy Murad and Rosemary Arkoian, who, as a committee, are to coordinate activities to enlarge our church membership and member participation in church life.

His report was accepted as presented.

Diocesan Delegates.

Dr. Edward Onanian stated that the Delegates' report had been presented verbally at the special Parish Assembly held in June, 1986. The copy of that report was distributed.

Building Fund Committee.

Dr. Edward Onanian, Chairman, reported an income of \$52,599.94 against expenses of \$21,327.81. It was noted that there are several items that will require large amounts to be completed. For such items, the restricted and/or reserved funds total \$54,713. They include the kitchen parish house, sanctuary roof and mortgage/loan payments (1987) etc.

He emphasized the need for more consistent and generous individual donations, particularly in establishing an Endowment Fund.

A comment was made by Mrs. Jeannette Torokhanian that parishioners should

increase their individual contributions in the spirit of tithing as is mandated in the Bible.

Elections.

The revised ballots were printed and distributed. The election took place according to the roll call with a secret ballot. The Auditing Committee was called to assist the Nominating Committee in the collection and tabulation of the results. The meeting resumed as the ballots were taken by these committees to be counted.

Parish Council - Treasurer's Report.

Dr. Edward Onanian, Treasurer, presented the report of \$113,953.38 income against \$90,066.50 expenses -- but noted that the gross figures are misleading, as some of the income is earmarked for specified purposes. Further, he stated, if we did not have the income from the Rug Sale, which the Parish Council reluctantly considers necessary, our operating budget would have shown a considerable deficit, and our year-end uncommitted balance would have been less than \$3,000.

Proposed Budget.

On behalf of the Parish Council, Dr. Edward Onanian presented the 1987 Budget. It was a lean budget of \$88,260. in expenditures, compared to the actual \$86,086. expended last year. On the income side, we are anticipating \$88,260., as against \$97,351. in 1986, this takes into account a three-year average of Rug Sale income rather than the exceptionally high income of last year. The budget was approved.

Organizational Reports (Cont'd).

Women's Guild Report.

Yeretzgin Anahid Kalayjian, Chairlady, thanked Mrs. Helen Fried, the Vice Chairlady, and all the other members for working very hard, and wished to see more people participating in the Guild Activities and projects. The report was accepted as presented.

Church School Report.

Mrs. Anna Derderian, Superintendent, expressed her appreciation of the staff and commended the students for doing their job voluntarily. The report was accepted as presented.

Armenian School Report.

Mr. Raffi Karahisar, mentioned the change in day and schedule of the Armenian School. It is now being held on Sundays. He stated that they have made several book orders, and that they have \$3,000. loaned to the Parish Council. Mr. Jerry Hekimian later added that the switch to Sundays resulted in an increase of seven students and that more are expected. The report was accepted as presented.

Choir Report.

Mrs. Queenie Avedikian expressed her wish to see more young blood volunteering to sing in the choir. The report was accepted as presented.

Old Business.

Dr. Charles Kumkumian brought up the subject of a "Youth Director" which was discussed at the 1986 Parish Assembly, when the Parish Council was given the responsibility of looking into the feasibility of having one. It was acknowledged that at the June, 1986 Special Parish Assembly an interim report had been given.

Dr. Hratch Semerjian related Der Hayr's, Parish Council's and representatives of the ACYOA Srs.--Mr. M. Sahakian and Mr. G. Kumkumian--meeting with James magarian, Exec. Director of the ACYOA (since then he has resigned the post).

The outcome, he stressed, was not encouraging. We learned about the experience of other parishes, larger than ours, that were not helpful as role models. He also pointed out the difficulties that arise from our church being at the center of a geographically dispersed metropolitan area; the parents' cooperation, or lack of it, in bringing their youth to the organized activities.

A discussion followed about the feasibility of what can or must be done. After a few clarifications, there emerged a consensus that we need to move on this subject to secure a good solution. The suggestion that the committee for PRO (Project Reach Out) pick up the matter and come up with a solution was received with reservation. A motion was offered by Dr. E. Onanian that: "That this Assembly establish a committee composed of Dr. C. Kumkumian, Mr. G. Derderian and Mr. P. Murad, and any other members the committee wishes to appoint, to explore the feasibility of securing the services of a Parish Youth Director. This committee shall report to the Parish Council by May 1, 1987, and the Council, if it deems it appropriate, shall call a special Parish Assembly on the matter by June 1, 1987". The motion passed.

New Business.

Dr. Onanian noted that there were no proposals or amendments brought to the Parish Council's attention prior to the assembly. Dr. Kumkumian presented two proposals:

- a. That the minutes of the Parish Assembly be sent to the members as soon as we receive the Primate's approval.
- b. That every parishioner who desires to become a voting member should fill a form that provides for information on the individual and makes him/her aware of the responsibilities of membership.

Both proposals were received for discussion. It was agreed to distribute the minutes as proposed. With regard to the forms, it was pointed out that such forms were sent to over 300 families in December, 1986. Out of 166 voting members only about forty forms have been returned, some covering more than one member. If we had strictly applied our intentions, only the members noted on those forms would have been eligible to vote. The need to respond to such appeals and instructions was stressed over and over. The assembly recommended that this matter be sent to the Parish Council for further consideration. A brief was presented by Mr. Carl Bazarian on the status of a proposed membership drive. He stated that the committee --Mrs. Murad, Mrs. Arkoian, and himself-- are studying the PRO material and will attempt to come up with a less ambitious plan to revive the interest of the membership and their participation. He commended the background work done by George and Anna Derderian almost ten years ago.

The lack of a detailed Bazaar financial report was pointed out. The Parish Council will either publish it in the next Shmorhali or distribute it with the minutes of this assembly.

A.C.Y.O.A. Srs.

Mr. Michael Sahakian, Chairman, thanked everyone for the support and encouragement he and the Committee received. He then presented the Parish Council with a contribution for the church in the amount of \$750.

Dr. Semerjian added that on the first weekend of May the Seniors are sponsoring the "Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Trophy-Basketball Tournament"; and that the whole community is encouraged to attend the Friday and Saturday, May first and second, dance and banquet, respectively. These affairs are for the whole community, he stressed. The report was accepted as presented.

A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs.

On behalf of the Chairman, Levon Broussalian, Mrs. Lucy Murad highlighted the report. It was accepted as presented.

Hye Club.

The report was given orally by Mr. Mike Tashjian. The only activity they were involved in was the New Year's Eve celebration which they presented on behalf of the Parish Council. It brought in a net income of \$4,200. which they turned over to the Building Fund. The Hye Club's up-to-date contribution to the Building Fund now totals \$18,000. The report was accepted as presented.

Ararat Avak Society.

In the absence of any report or representative, Der Hayr informed that the group meets on the last Thursday of each month. Der Hayr already had thanked in his report, Mrs. Arousiag Kumkumian, Coordinator, and Mrs. Elizabeth Kevorkian, Treasurer, who with a few volunteers keep the group active. The report was accepted as presented.

Bookstore.

Mr. Gary Avedikian, Manager, informed that \$2,000. profit was given the Parish Council. Dr. Edward Onanian acknowledged the tremendous amount of work that goes into keeping a bookstore which, he added, is probably "The best in the Diocese. Yeretzgin joined in acknowledging the indispensable role Mrs. Queenie Avedikian plays in doing the secretarial-correspondence work. The report was accepted as presented.

Armenian Church Endowment Fund -- Parish Committee.

On behalf of Mrs. Mary Perkins and himself, Col. George Juskalian, co-Coordinator, expressed thanks for the past and current contributions made to St. Mary through the ACEF. He encouraged all to establish such funds through the Committee or Col. Victor Arzoumanian the Executive Director of the Fund, or through Der Hayr. He urged keeping the income of the Funds unrestricted so that the Parish may use the proceeds as needed. The report was accepted as presented.

Auditing Committee Report.

Mr. Jerry Hekimian, on behalf of the Auditing Committee, gave out a report card on all organizational financial statements and their bookkeeping. The adoption of a uniform year-end financial statement was stressed. The Committee had found all the treasurers' reports reviewed in order; a few reports had yet to be reviewed. The report was accepted as presented.

Announcement of Election Results.

Mr. George Derderian announced the results. (See the attached sheet).

Der Hayr expressed his and the parishioners' thanks to the Tivan, the outgoing Parish Council members: Dr. Hratch Semerjian, Mrs. Jeannette Torokhanian, Mr. Berj Koukeyan, Mr. Joseph Vartabedian, and welcomed the newly elected members. A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. With Der Hayr's prayer and benediction the meeting was adjourned at 3:50p.m.

Fr. V. Kalayjian
President

Mrs. Ayda Semerjian
Secretary

Dr. Charles Kumkumian
Chairman

PASTOR'S REPORT - 1987

At the conclusion of the year 1987, I completed the eleventh year of my service as the Pastor of St. Mary's Parish. The following is a summary of my activities of the past year as your Parish Priest, which I humbly offer to God and to you.

A. Sacraments and Services

a.	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>
Baptisms	7	7	13	20	14
Weddings	9	9	9	10	12
Funerals	6	13	4	10	5
Engagements	-	-	2	3	4
Confirmations	-	-	-	1	3

In addition to the regular Sunday worship, special services were held:

- Georgetown University's Interfaith Service dedicated to the Holocaust and Genocide.
- Dance Interpretation of the Divine Liturgy at the Westmoreland Congregational Church and at the Wesley Theological Seminary, with Mrs. Seda Gelenian as Choreographer and Director.
- Baltimore Community. This is the ninth year that we have been conducting Christmas Services with our own choir participating. I continue to be in touch with the community and administer to their spiritual and social welfare. We commend Mrs. Armineh Shahverdian who has initiated an Armenian School for the children of the community. She attended the Diocesan Language Lab. Resource Center's teachers' training program. We wish her and her colleagues continuous success.
- Atlanta, Ga. Mission Church. In May with Deacon Vartkes Keshishian I visited Atlanta and assisted the Primate to celebrate Badarak and do baptism and pastoral visits on May 1. I was appointed by the Primate as the visiting Pastor of the community.
- His Holiness' Visit. It was a joyous occasion when His Holiness Vasken I, our beloved Catholicos of All Armenians, visited our community on October 25-26, 1987. This third visit was highlighted by His Holiness' meeting with the President of the United States. The visit was historic since this was the first time that a President of the U. S. met with a Catholicos of All Armenians.
- Visiting Clergy. Other visiting clergy who had the opportunity of celebrating Holy Badarak and delivering the sermon were:
 - His Eminence Archbishop Nersess Bozabaljian, The Chancellor of the Holy See of Etchmiadzin, who was in town as a member of the delegation of Clergy from the U.S.S.R. to take part in "A Prayer Vigil for the U.S.-Soviet Summit" sponsored by the National Council of Churches and Washington Cathedral. I participated also and hosted him.
 - His Grace Bishop Papken Varjabedian, Diocesan Legate and our former Pastor.
 - Rev. Fr. Zaven Arzoomanian, Pompano Beach, Fla.
 - Very Rev. Fr. Mesrob Semerjian, Hartford, Conn.

The Primate paid several official and pastoral visits to the Nation's Capitol and I was privileged to accompany him on those occasions.

- b. Counselling and Social Services. The areas covered were hospitals and nursing homes, personal and family counselling, job placement, housing, immigration and naturalization, Armenian heritage research guidance, personal recommendations, scholarship applications, court appear-

ances and translations, mediation marriage counselling, lectures, etc. Including home visitations and Home Blessings, the above cases called for substantial personal attention and involvement.

c. Office Activities

1. Church Office. During the year our secretary, Mrs. N. Gibson, resigned. Briefly we had Mrs. Janna Pearce who also resigned in December. The office hours were 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. The afternoons and most evenings, I personally use to carry on my responsibilities.
2. Publications. The parish newsletter, Shnorhali, and full size special issues were published five times, totaling 150 pages (8.5 x 11) of information concerning our parish activities, acknowledgements to our financial supporters, religious, cultural and historical articles, etc. In addition, numerous special fliers, letters, reminders, questionnaires, etc., were mailed for more direct and effective communication with the parishioners. Our general mailing list is over 1,150 and the Shnorhali was mailed to 700 addresses.

B. Organizational

I carried on a direct effort to solicit ideas and suggestions through private and group consultations on a variety of subjects.

- a. Parish Council. As the Pastor-President, I presided over and participated in the deliberations of the Parish Council at the regular and special meetings. Special thanks to all of the Parish Council members and the Chairman, Mrs. Lucy Murad, who with concern and dedication carried on their duties.
- b. Auxilliary Organizations. I continued to work closely with the church organizations and presided over their regular and special meetings except when they were held on Sunday after church services.. Women's Guild, Choir, Church School, Armenian School, ACYOA Jr. and Sr. groups, Ararat Avak Society and the Armenian Association of St. Mary continued to function. My special thanks to all the Executive Committees and their respective Chairmen, Principals, teachers and advisors for their diligence and dedication.

C. Educational-Charitable Activities.

- a. Our youth continued to benefit from the educational experiences provided by the St. Nersess Summer Study Conference. Six of our youth participated. Funds to encourage the participation of our youth were available from Hovaness and Marie Simonian Fund, Valentine Bostonian Stahl Fund and the Fr. V. Kalayjian Fund, administered by the Armenian Church Endowment Fund.
- b. Retreats. We actively encouraged, subsidized and participated in the Youth Rally for the ACYOA Jrs. held in Philadelphia, Pa. Again our thanks go to Paul and Lucy Murad for their guidance and help.
- c. Lectures, meditations, Lenten Evening Services were held not only for worship but also for an opportunity to learn and mature in our Christian heritage. The Friday Night Lenten talks were offered having the Sacraments as the subject. Sunday guest speakers included:

Dr. Vigen Guroian, Dean Shahinian, Esq., Dr. Charles Kumkumian, Mr. Gregory Kumkumian.

YOUNG ADULTS' SUNDAY. In October, 1987, I started a special program having third Sundays of each month designated for the Young Adults. The objective is twofold:

First, to provide a predictable schedule wherein the young adults may worship and experience fellowship together on Sundays;

Second, invite guest speakers to provide diverse and timely subjects for spiritual growth and/or have the regular sermons prepared having that specific group in mind. This is an ongoing program. It is expected that it will become part of our regular schedule of worship.

- d. The Charitable Fund. I am happy that we have established a good tradition of extending a helping hand. The Fund is alive and well and it's functioning. The Sunday and Armenian School students also regularly bring non-perishable food for the homeless of the metropolitan area.
- e. Bookstore. We thank Mr. Gary Avedikian who continues to maintain an exemplary bookstore which not only provides cultural-historic and religious literature for those who wish to build their home libraries but also generates revenues for the church. Our gratitude to Gary who with secretarial help from Queenie keeps managing it.
- f. St. Mary's Balian Library. We now finally have our Library in place and we hope to inaugurate it when the Primate visits us on the May 1 weekend. Elsewhere you will read the full report. I would like to thank both Mrs. L. Murad and Miss Elizabeth (Buffy) Kayaian who were instrumental in making it all happen. I take this opportunity to thank Vartkess and Rita Balian for taking the initiative and making substantial committment for the establishment of the Library.
- g. We gratefully acknowledge that our totally anonymous benefactor has again sent us \$1,000 for the Building Fund. May God bless and reward him/her/them manifold in health and happiness.

D. Miscellaneous

- a. PRIMATE'S VISIT - The Archbishop's Basketball Tournament was held in May by the Sr. A.C.Y.O.A. The Primate visited and presided over the banquet at which time Dr. Edward Onanian was honored for his many years of service to the church on the Parish and the Diocesan level. His Holiness rewarded his dedication by bestowing on him the MEDAL OF ST. SHNORHALI. We, as much as he, feel honored for this recognition.
- b. Diocesan level activities.

By the Primate's appointment I am serving on the following committees:

- Spiritual Renewal Program.
- Continuous Education for the Clergy.
- A.C.Y.O.A. Blue Ribbon Committee.
- St. Vartan Camp.

For the above activities I needed to travel out of town periodically.

- c. Cultural Activities. We had the good fortune to have a group of highly

acclaimed artists from Armenia perform on two occasions: Artist of Armenia in May and Lisitzian Sisters in October. On both occasions an ad-hoc committee was organized and the events took place at the Westmoreland Congregational Church and at the National Presbyterian Center respectively. We also took a bus trip to Philadelphia, Pa. for the Chekijian Choral Concert. All were enjoyable and memorable occasions. On these and on the occasion of the Bolshoi Ballet's visit I escorted and with Yeretzgin hosted a few of the Artists.

- d. Annual Observances. Both Vartanantz Day and April 24 Memorial Day were observed with appropriate programs and with the Choir and the Knights of Vartan participating. On the April 24 occasion, both the Montgomery County Executive, the Hon. S. Kramer, and Maryland Governor, the Hon. D. Shaefer, issued proclamations. With representatives from the Washington Community and Organizations, I was present at the ceremonies.
- e. Folgers Theater-Library had sponsored a lecture on "Shakespear in Armenia" with Dr. Vartan Gregorian, Chief Librarian of the New York City Library, as the lecturer. With the Cultural Committee of the Women's Guild I was happy to assist the organizers as requested.
- f. During the Summer Picnic we had the opportunity again to co-host with the Knights of Vartan the Young Armenian Interns who were serving in the various governmental and business offices in their chosen fields. Around 40 young adults attended. The program celebrated its 10th Anniversary and I was invited to offer the Invocation and the Benediction at the banquet.
- g. Annual Assemblies. In May and in September I attneded the Diocesan and the A.C.Y.O.A. Annual Assemblies respectively.
- h. Altar Care and MAS. With the help of Mrs. R. Alexander, Mrs. O. O'Gulian, Miss A. Manigian, Mrs. M. Garabedian, Mrs. S. Moumjian, Mrs. A. Kumkumian, Mrs. A. Tashjian and Miss A. Kavookian, the altar received the best of care. I thank also the ladies who lovingly have prepared the MAS: Mrs. Shake Dilanian, Mrs. Voski Akdemir, Mrs. Noorhan Kaya, Mrs. Anna Bolek and Mrs. Elmas Oskanyan.
- i. Special Acknowledgements. The names of those parishioners to whom I feel particularly indebted both as a person and as the pastor are numerous, but I hope I am forgiven for mentioning a few. My thanks to:
 - Miss Ann Kavookian, we owe special gratitude for the thousand and one ways she helps: "In Lieu of Xmas Cards" project, the Altar Flower care the Hall Use Schedule, just to name a few major ones.
 - Mr, George Derderian for his continuous advice and counsel and Christian committment to the mission of the church in general and charitable activities in particular.
 - Mrs. Anna Derderian who not only shares with George the same concerns and committment, but as the Superintendent of the Sunday School is doing a superb job with meticulous attention to both program and students.

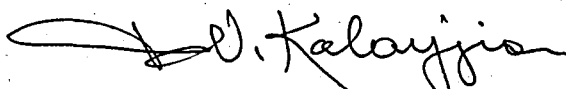
- Mr. Jerry Hekimian who patiently, steadily and with a sense of humor continues to serve as the Superintendent of the Armenian School.
- Mrs. Queenie Avedikian, who constantly remained alert and continuously informed others and me on some important details that normally escape our attention, in addition to the secretarial and typing work which she undertook whenever I called upon her.
- Mrs. A. Kumkumian, who provided the coordination for the Ararat Avak Society. Miss Mary Vartabedian has assumed the responsibility and as we thank Mrs. Kumkumian for her many years' services, we welcome Miss Vartabedian and wish her success.
- Mr. Varoujan Varoujanian who as the chairman of the Sr. ACYOA and advisor to the Jrs. continued to work with dedication. I welcome Arto Satian as the chairman and Mr. Albert Kapikian, advisor for the Sr. and Jr. ACYOA respectively, and wish them success.
- We welcome the renewed activism of the Executive Committee of the Choir. It is refreshing and encouraging to see their involvement in the social-educational-cultural life of the parish. You will hear more from them and about them.
- To Mr. Arthur Omartian for his total dedication as the Treasurer and the person in charge of the church maintenance. He went beyond the call of duty to see the completion of the kitchen renovation through.
- To brothers Aris and Armen Mardirossian of "Flaming Pit" and "6-Twelve" who not only contributed generously for the kitchen renovation but helped us out during our picnic and bazaar.
- To Mrs. Lucy Murad who as the Chairman of the Parish Council served our church with exceptional diligence. I feel particularly grateful because she made my task easier by her sensitivity and eagerness to see things through.

To the members of the Choir and the Deacons, one and all, I express my deep gratitude for their regular attendance and participation in the services. On many occasions they have served lovingly and faithfully beyond the call of their normal duties, under the direction of Dr. Socrates Boyajian as our Choir Director.

Last but not least my thanks to Yeretzgin not only for her loving patience and endurance which enabled me to cope with the frequent absences from home, but for her willingness to step in wherever and whenever she was needed. These past two years she has also done a remarkable job as the chairman of the Women's Guild.

As the new year begins, along with some of the visible accomplishments for which we are proud and thankful to our Lord and grateful to all participating parishioners, we face new challenges. With God's blessing and your cooperation we hope to meet those new challenges during the months ahead.

Prayerfully yours,



Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, Pastor

1987-ի վերջաւորութեան լրացած կ'ըլլայ հովուական աշխատանքիս Տասնմէկերորդ տարին: Այս տեղեկագիրը անցնող տարուան գործունէութեանս ամփոփումն է գոր կը ներկայացնեմ Տիրոջ եւ ձեզի:

1. ԽՈՐՀՈՒՐԴՆԵՐՈՒ ԿԱՏԱՐՈՒՄ

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ա. ՄԿՐՏՈՒԹԻՒՆ	7	7	13	20	14
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Ս. Պատարագի կանոնաւոր մատակարարումէն զատ տեղի ունեցան նաեւ մասնաւոր արարողութիւններ եւ պաշտամունք.-

- Ճորճթաւուն շամալսարանի մէջ Ցեղասպանութեան նուիրուած միջ-կրօնական արարողութիւն:
- Գեղարուեստական-պարային մեկնաբանութիւն Ս. Պատարագի՝ երկու տարբեր առիթներով եւ վայրերու մէջ, ղեկավարութեամբ Տիկ. Սեդա Կէլէնեանի:
- ՊՈԼԹԻՄՈՐԻ ԳԱՂՈՒԹ. Իններորդ տարին է որ Ս. Ճննդեան Տօնին առթիւ Ս. Պատարագ մատուցինք մասնակցութեամբ եկեղեցւոյս Դպրաց Դասին: Անձնապէս միշտ կապ կը պահեմ եւ տրամադրելի եմ իրենց հոգեւոր եւ այլ ընկերային ծառայութեանց: Կը գնահատեմք Տիկ. Արմինէ Շահվերտեանը որ երախաներուն համար սկսաւ Հայ Դպրոց: Ան մասնակցեցաւ Առաջնորդարանի կողմէ կազմակերպուած ուսուցիչներու պատրաստութեան ամառնային յայտագրին: Իրեն եւ իր գործակիցներուն կը մաղթենք յարատեւութիւն եւ յաջողութիւն:
- ԱԹԼԱՆԹԱ, ՃՈՐՃԻԱ. Այս զաղութիւնը այցելեցինք Վարդգէս Սրկ. Քէշիշեանի հետ մասնակցելու համար Ս. Պատարագին եւ հովուական այցելութեան գոր Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հայրը տուաւ Մայիսի 1-ին: Սրբազան Հայրը զիս Այցելու Հովիւ նշանակեց Աթլանթայի զաղութին:

ՎԵՀԻՆ ԱՅՑԸ

Հրճուանքով դիմաւորեցինք Ամենայն Հայոց Հայրապետը որ իր օրհնաբեր այցելութիւնը տուաւ Հոկտ. 25-26-ին: Այս երրորդ այցելութիւնը նշանակալից էր նաեւ անով որ Վեհափառ Հայրապետը հանդիպում ունեցաւ նախագահին հետ: Պատմական էր այս այցելութիւնը նաեւ անոր համար որ առաջին անգամ ըլլալով Ամենայն Հայոց Հայրապետ մը տեսակցութիւն կ'ունենար Միացեալ Նահանգաց նախագահին հետ:

ԱՅՑԵԼՈՒ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԱԿԱՆՆԵՐ. Տարուան ընթացքին ունեցանք հետեւեալ եկեղեցականները որոնք պատարագեցին եւ քարոզեցին մեր հրաւերով.-

- Գերշ. Տ. Ներսէս Արք. Պոզապալեան, Դիւանապետը Մայր Աթոռոյ որ Սովէտ Միութենէն եկած եկեղեցականներու պատգամաւորութեան մը հետ մասնակցեցաւ Աղօթք-Հսկումի՝ Միացեալ Նահանգաց եւ Սովէտ Միութեան միջեւ Գազաթի ժողովին համար՝ որ հովանաւորուած էր եկեղեցիներու Ազգային Համագումարի եւ նէշընըլ Գաթետրալի կողմէ: Ես ալ իմ մասնակցութիւնս բերի եւ ընկերակցեցայ Սրբազան Հօր եւ զինք հիւրասիրեցի:
- Գերշ. Տ. Բարգէն Եպս. Վարժապետեան, Թեմական Պատուիրակ եւ մեր նախկին Հոգեւոր Հովիւը:
- Հոգշ. Տ. Մեսրոպ Ժ. Վրդ. Սէմէրճեան եւ Արժ. Տ. Ջաւէն Քինյ. Արզումանեան:
- Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հայրը պաշտօնական եւ հովուական այցելութիւններ տուաւ Մայրաքաղաքիս եւ ես հրաւիրուեցայ իրեն ընկերակցելու:

բ. ԽՈՐՀՐԴԱՏՈՒՈՒԹԻՒՆ ԵՒ ԸՆԿԵՐԱՅԻՆ ԾԱՌԱՅՈՒԹԻՒՆ Այս մարզին մէջ կ'իյնան հիւանդանոցներու եւ հանգստեան տուններու այցելութիւն, խրատ եւ խորհրդատուութիւն՝ անձնական, ընտանեկան, գործի, բնակարանի, գաղթի եւ քաղաքացիական հարցերու կապակցութեամբ: Անձնական եւ կրթաթոշակի յանձնարարութիւններ, դատարանի մէջ թարգմանութիւն եւ վկայութիւն, ընտանեկան հարցերու միջնորդութիւն եւ դասախօսութիւն: Հովուական այցելութիւններու եւ տնօրինէքի կողքին վերոյիշեալ հարցերով զբաղեցայ բազում առիթներով:

գ. ԳՐԱՍԵՆԵԱԿԻ ԱՇԽԱՏԱՆՔ 1. Գրասենեակի ժամերն էին 9-2 որուն ընթացքին մասնակի ժամերով քարտուղարուհիի մը օգնութիւնը ունեցանք: Կէսօրէ ետքի ժամերը եւ երեկոյները եւս օգտագործեցի աշխատանքներուս համար:

2. ՀՐԱՏԱՐԱԿՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐ Շնորհալին եւ նոյն չափով պրակներ տպուեցան եւ ցրուեցան 5 անգամ եւ ընդհանուր զումար 150 էջերէ աւելի պարունակութեամբ: Անոնց միջոցաւ ըրինք մեր տեղեկատուութիւնը եւ յայտնեցինք մեր շնորհակալութիւնը բոլոր նուիրատուներուն: Տպեցինք կրօնական, մրշակութային եւ պատմական յօդուածներ: Մեր ծխականներէն շատեր օգնեցին այս թերթիկները եւ յայտարարութիւնները կազմելու եւ փոստին յանձնելու: Ասոնցմէ զատ բազմաթիւ թողուցիկներ եւ նամակներ դրկուեցան ուղղակի կապ հաստատելու համար ծխականներու հետ: Մեր հրատարակութիւնները կը դրկուին աւելի քան 1150 հասցէի, ՇՆՈՐՀԱԼԻՆ՝ 700 հասցէի:

դ. ԿԱԶՄԱԿԵՐՊՉԱԿԱՆ Ժխական աշխատանքներու առնչութեամբ շարունակեցի անհատներու հետ եւ ժողովական խորհրդակցութիւններս:

1. ԾԽԱԿԱՆ ԽՈՐՀՈՒՐԴ Իբրեւ Հովիւ-նախագահ, նախագահեցի եւ մասնակցեցայ ծխական խորհուրդի որոշումներուն եւ աշխատանքներուն: Մասնաւոր շնորհակալութիւն բոլորին եւ Ատենապետ Տիկ. Լուսի Մուրատին որոնք նուիրուածով կատարեցին իրենց պաշտօնը:

2. Օժանդակ Մարմիններու հետ շարունակեցի մօտէն գործակցիլ, նախագահելով անոնց ընթացիկ եւ մասնաւոր ժողովներուն:

Մասնաւոր շնորհակալութիւն՝ Տիկնանց Միութեան, Դպրաց Դասի, Կիրակնօրեայ եւ Հայ Դպրոցներու, Կրտսեր եւ Երէջ Երիտասարդաց, Արարատ Աւագներու եւ նոր կազմակերպուող Հայկական Ընկերակցութեան Ատենապետներուն Տնօրէններուն, Ուսուցիչներուն եւ բոլոր անխոնջ եւ հոգածու անհատ նուիրեալներու եւ կամաւոր աշխատողներու:

ե. ՊԱՏԻԱՐԱԿՉԱԿԱՆ ԵՒ ԲԱՐԵՍԻՐԱԿԱՆ

1. Մեր երիտասարդները դարձեալ մասնակցեցան եւ օգտուեցան Ս. Ներսէսի ամառնային ձեռնարկէն: Երիտասարդաց մասնակցութիւնը քաջալերելու համար կրնանք օգտուիլ Յովհ. եւ Մարի Սիմոնեան, Վալէնթին Պոսթոնեան-Սթոլ եւ Տ. Վրթանէս Քհնյ. Գալայճեան ֆոնտերէն որոնք կը մատակարարուին Առաջնորդարանի Հայ Եկեղեցւոյ Հիմնադրամին միջոցաւ:

2. ԱՌԱՆՉՆԱՑՈՒՄ Երիտասարդաց կազմակերպած հոգեւոր առանձնացումին մասնակցեցան նաեւ մերիները՝ ֆիլատելֆիոյ մէջ: Դարձեալ շնորհակալութիւն Տէր եւ Տիկ. Փոլ Մուրատին իրենց օգնութեան համար:

3. ՊԱՍԱԽՕՍՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐ, խորհրդածութիւններ եւ Մեծ Պահոց Հսկումներ տեղի ունեցան թէ պաշտամունքի եւ թէ հոգեւոր դաստիարակութեան համար: Հսկումի խորհրդածութիւնները նուիրուած էին Եօթը խորհուրդներու: Կիրակի օրերն ալ ունեցանք հիւր խօսողներ: Շնորհակալութիւն բոլոր մասնակցողներուն: Անունները կարգալ Անգլերէն բաժնին մէջ:

- ԵՐԻՏԱՍԱՐԴԱՑ ԿԻՐԱԿԻ Հոկտեմբերին սկսայ նոր յայտագիր մը մասնաւոր երիտասարդներու համար եւ տեղի կ' ունենայ ամսուան ԵՐՐՈՐԴ ԿԻՐԱԿԻՆԵՐՈՒՆ նպատակը կրկնակի է. - նախ՝ առիթ տալ որ երիտասարդները նախատեսուած կանոնաւորութեամբ միասինմասնակցին պաշտամունքներուն եւ իրարու ներկայութիւնը վայելեն. եւ երկրորդ՝ հրաւիրել հիւր խօսողներ որոնք ժամանա-

կակից եւ հետաքրքիր նիւթերով նպաստեն երիտասարդներու հոգեւոր աճումին, եւ քարոզները պատրաստել մասնաւորաբար այս սերունդը նկատի ունենալով: Ասիկա շարունակուող յայտագիր մըն է եւ կը յուսանք որ մեր յայտագրին մնայուն մասը կը կազմէ:

4. **ԲԱՐԵՍԻՐԱԿԱՆ ՖՈՆՏ.** Աւելորդ է կրկնել որ պէտք է զգայուն ըլլալ եւ ընդառաջել եկեղեցւոյ այս շատ կարեւոր առաքելութեան: Տարուան ընթացքին փորձեցինք նպաստել Ուաշինկթընի անպատասպարեալներուն եւ Հայ ընտանիքներու: Գոհունակութիւն կը յայտնեմ որ այս գետնի վրայ սկսած ենք մեր դերը եւ կոչումը իրականացնել որոշ չափով եւ կիրականօրեայ եւ Հայ Դպրոցներու աշակերտներու ալ մասնակցութեամբ:

5. **ԳՐԱՏՈՒՆ.** Ենթակալութիւն Տիար Կարապետ-Կէրի-Աւետիքեանին որ կը շարունակէ կառավարել գրատունը, իրեն օգնական ունենալով Տիկինը Թագուհի-Քուինի-Աւետիքեանը: Ասիկա առիթ կու տայ որ հայ ընտանիքներ կազմեն իրենց անձնական հայկական գրադարանը եւ միեւնոյն ատեն հասոյթ մը կը գոյացնէ եկեղեցիին համար:

6. **Ս.ԱՍՏՈՒԱԾԱԾԻՆ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՈՅ ՊԱԼԵԱՆ ԳՐԱԴԱՐԱՆ.** Վերջապէս մեր Գրադարանը պատրաստ է բացուելու երբ Առաջնորդ Սրբազանը Մայիսի 1-ին այցելէ մեր գաղութը: Անզկերէն բաժնի մէջ լման տեղեկագիրը կը գտնէք բայց կ'ուզեմ այստեղ մտորակալութիւն յայտնել Տիկ. Լուսի Մուրատին եւ Օր. Էլիզապէթ Գայանին որոնք զխաւորաբար յաջողուցին գործին յառաջացումը: Այս առիթով դարձեալ շնորհակալութիւն կը յայտնեմ Վարդգէս եւ Ռիթա Պալեաններուն որոնք նախածեռնեցին եւ կարեւոր նուիրատուութեամբ հաստատեցին եւ շարունակութիւնը ապահովեցին:

7. Երախտագիտութեամբ կը նշեմ դարձեալ, թէ մեր ԱնԱնՈՒՆ-ԱնԾԱՆՕԹ բարերարը այս տարի եւս մեզի դրկած է Հազար-1000-տուարի նուէրը ի նպաստ մեր Շինութեան ֆոնտին:

գ. ԶԱՆԱԶԱՆՔ

1. **ԱՌԱՋՆՈՐԴԻ ԱՅՅԸ.** Առաջնորդի անունով Պասքէթպոլի Մրցաշարքը տեղի ունեցաւ Երիտասարդաց կազմակերպութեան հովանաւորութեամբ: Սրբազան Հայրը այս առիթով այցելեց եւ նախագահեց հանդիսութեանց եւ ճաշկերոյթին: Այս առիթով պատուեցինք նաեւ Դոկտ. Եղուարդ Օնանեանը որուն երկարատեւ ծխական եւ թեմական մակարդակի վրայ, եկեղեցիին ըրած ծառայութեանց համար Վեհափառ Հայրապետը շնորհեց Սուրբ Ներսէս Ենորհալիի Մետալը որ Սրբազան Հայրը ճաշկերոյթի ընթացքին յանձնեց անձնապէս: Մենք ալ այս առիթի իրեն շափ պատուուած կը զգանք:

2. **ԹԵՄԱԿԱՆ ԱՇԽԱՏԱՆՔՆԵՐ.** Սրբազան Հօր նշանակումով հետեւեալ Յանձնախումբերու վրայ կը ծառայեմ.-
- Հոգեւոր Վերանորոգութեան ծրագիր:
 - Եկեղեցականաց Ուսման Ընթացիկ Ծրագիր:
 - Հայ Եկեղեցւոյ Երիտասարդաց կազմակերպութեան-Պլու Ռիպըն-Յանձնախումբ:
 - Սուրբ Վարդան Ամառնային ժամբար:

Վերոյիշեալ Յանձնախումբերու աշխատանքներուն մասնակցելու համար պարբերաբար ծամբորդեցի:

3. **ՄՇԱԿՈՒԹԱՅԻՆ ՁԵՌՆԱՐԿՆԵՐ.** Բախտաւոր էինք որ խումբ մը վաստակաւոր արուեստագէտներ Մայր Հայրենիքէն երկու առիթներով ելոյթ ունեցան.- խումբ մը Մայիսին եւ Հոկտ.ին ալ Լիսիցեան քոյրերը: Օթոպիւսով ալ մեր ժողովուրդը տարինք ֆիլ. Զէքիճեանի համերգին: Առաջին երկու առիթներով մասնաւոր յանձնախումբ կազմուեցաւ: Բոլոր ձեռնարկներն ալ յաջողութեամբ պսակուեցան: Այս եւ այլազան առիթներով արուեստագէտներուն ընկերացայ եւ երէցկիսին հետ հիւրասիրեցինք զանոնք:

4. **ՏԱՐԵԿԱՆ ՅՈՒՇԱՏՕՆԵՐ.** Վարդանանց Տօնը եւ Ապրիլեան Սգատօնը պատշաճօրէն կատարեցինք Դպրաց Դասի եւ Վարդանանց Ասպետներու մասնակցութեամբ:

5. Եէքսբիրեան Գրադարանը-Ֆոլճըր-հովանաւորած էր դասախօսութիւն մը, յէքսբիրը Հայտանի մէջ՝ նիւթին շուրջ եւ դասախօսն էր նիւ Եորքի Գրադարանի Գլխաւոր Գրադարանապետ Դոկտ. Վարդան Գրիգորեան: Տիկնանց Միու-

թեան Մշակութային Յանձնախումբի հետ մեր նպաստն ալ բերինք այս ձեռնարկին:

6. Ամառնային Բիքնիքի առիթով դարձեալ՝ Վարդանանց Ասպետներու հետ, հիւրասիրեցինք Ամառնային Աշխատանքով քաղաքս գտնուող երիտասարդները: Հայկական Համագումարի կողմէ հովանաւորուած այս յայտագրին կը մասնակցին 40-ի մօտ երիտասարդներ: Այս յայտագիրը տօնեց իր Տասնամեակը որուն առթիւ բացման եւ փակման աղօթքը ընելու հրաւիրուած էի:

7. ՏԱՐԵԿԱՆ ՀԱՄԱԳՈՒՄԱՐՆԵՐ. Մայիսին եւ Սեպտ.ին մասնակցեցայ թեմական եւ Հայ Եկեղեցւոյ երիտասարդաց կազմակերպութեան տարեկան համագումարներուն:

8. Ս.ԽՈՐԱՆԻ ՀՈԳԱՏԱՐՈՒԹԻՒՆ ԵՒ ՄԱՍ. Տիկիններ՝ Ռ.Ալէքզանտր, Օ.Օկիլլեան, Օր.Ա.Մանիկեան, Մ.Կարապետեան, Ս.Մոմճեան, Ա.Գումգումբեան, Ա.Թաշճեան եւ Օր.Ա.Գալուքեան տուին լաւագոյն խնամքը խորանին համար: Ենորհակալութիւն նաեւ այն տիկիններուն որոնք սիրայօժար պատրաստեցին Ս.Պատարագի ՄԱՍը.՝ Տիկիններ Շաքէ Տիլանեան, Ոսկի Աքոէմիր, Նուրիան Գայա, Աննա Պոլէք եւ Էլմաս Օսբանեան: Բոլորին կը մաղթենք քաջաողջ եւ երջանիկ տարի մը:

Է. ՄԱՍՆԱԽՈՐ ԵՆՈՐՀԱԿԱԼՈՒԹԻՒՆ

Անոնք որոնց մասնաւորաբար պարտական եմ անձնապէս եւ իբրեւ հովիւ բազմաթիւ են բայց կը յուսամ կը ներէք եթէ յիշեմ անոնցմէ ոմանք: Ուրեմն մասնաւոր շնորհակալութիւն.՝

-- Օր.Ա.Գալուքեանին որ հազար ու մի կերպերով օգտակար կ'ըլլայ: Յիշելու համար միայն մի քանին՝ փոխան ծննդեան քարտի ձեռնարկը, Խորանի ծաղիկներու կարգադրութիւնը, Սրահին գործածութեաց կարգադրութիւնը եւայլն:

-- Պրն.Ճորճ Տէրտէրեանին որ իբր խորհրդատու եւ եկեղեցւոյ առաքելութեան եւ բարեսիրական գործունէութեանց նուիրուած անձ մը օգտակար եղաւ ինծի զանազան առիթներով՝ անձնապէս եւ իբրեւ հովիւ:

-- Տիկ.Աննա Տէրտէրեանին որ իր ամուսնոյն մտահոգութիւնները բաժնելով միատեղ, իբրեւ Տեսուչ Կիրակնօրեայ Վարժարանի, լաւագոյնը ըրաւ խղճամիտ մտահոգութեամբ եւ ժրջանութեամբ:

-- Տիար Ժիրայր Հէքիմեանին որ համբերութեամբ եւ հիւմըրով կը շարունակէ ծառայել իբրեւ Հայ Դպրոցի Տեսուչ եւ այլ առիթներով:

-- Տիկ.Թագուհի Աւետիքեանին որ շարունակաբար մտահոգուեցաւ եւ յուշեց եւ հոգաց կարեւոր մանրամասնութիւններու մասին որոնք ընդհանրապէս մեր ուշադրութենէն կը վրիպին: Մեքենագրելու գործերը եւս սիրայօժար յանձն առաւ երբոր պէտք ունեցանք:

-- Մինչեւ տարւոյն կէսերը Տիկ.Ա.Գումգումբեան հոգաց Արարատ Աւազներու Ընկերակցութիւնը: Օր.Մ.Վարդապետեան այժմ յանձն առած է նոյն աշխատանքը եւ Տիկ.Գումգումբեանին մեր շնորհակալութիւնը յայտնելով մեր լաւագոյն մաղթանքը կ'ընենք Օր.Վարդապետեանին յաջողութեանը համար:

-- Պրն.Վարուժան Վարուժանեանին որ իբրեւ երիտասարդացի Ատենապետ եւ Կրտսերներու խորհրդատու նուիրումով գործեց: Մեր բարի մաղթանքը կը յայտնենք Պրն.Արթօ Սաթեանին որ Ատենապետն է եւ Պրն.Ալպէրթ Գա իկեանին որ խորհրդատու է երէց եւ Կրտսեր երիտասարդաց կազմակերպութեանց յաջողութեանը:

-- ԴՊՐԱՑ ԵՒ ՍԱՐԿԱԽԱԳԱՑ ԴԱՍԻՆ, անհատապէս եւ հաւաքաբար, կը յայտնեմ իմ խորունկ երխտագիտութիւնս իրենց կանոնաւոր ներկայութեան եւ արարողութեանց մասնակցութեան համար: Ետ առիթներով՝ սիրով եւ հաւատքով, անոնք ծառայեցին իրենց պարտականութեան սովորական սահմանէն անդին: Ուրախութեամբ կ'ողջունենք Վարչական նոր կազմը որ նորոգուած ոգեւորութեամբ կը մասնակցի զաղութի ընկերային-մշակութային կեանքին: Պիտի լսենք իրենցմէ աւելի յաճախ:

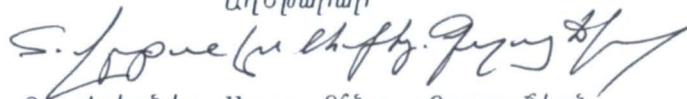
-- Տիկ.Լուսի Մուրատին որ իբրեւ ծխական Խորհուրդի Ատենապետ եկեղեցիին ծառայեց բացառիկ ժրջանութեամբ: Մասնաւորաբար երախտապարտ կը զգամ որովհետեւ զգայուն եւ հոգածու կերպով գործս դիւրացուց ծրագիրները յաջողցնելու ջանքով:

-- Եւ վերջապէս շնորհակալութիւն երէցկիներն որ ոչ միայն համբերատար եւ յարատեւ սիրով մեղմացուց յաճախակի երեկոյեան քացակայութիւնս տունէն, այլեւ պատրաստակամօրէն օգնութեան հասաւ ուր եւ երբոր ալ իրեն պէտք ունեցանք: Անցնող երկու տարիներու ընթացքին յաջողութեամբ վարեց նաեւ Տիկնանց Միութեան Ատենապետութիւնը:

Նոր Տարիին հետ, տեսանելի իրազործումներու համար հպարտ ենք եւ գոհութիւն կու տանք Աստուծոյ եւ երախտագէտ ենք բոլոր մասնակից ծխականներուն: Անոնց կողքին մեր դիմաց տակաւին կան նոր նուաճումներու ասպարէզ:

Աստուծոյ օրհնութեամբ եւ ձեր գործակցութեամբ մենք յոյս ունինք որ մեր աշխատանքները նոր նուաճումներով պիտի պսակուին:

Աղօթարար


S. Վրէանէս Աւագ Բնյ. Գալայծեան

Հոգեւոր Հովիւ

ARMENIAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

A telephone call on December 30 from Col. Victor Arzoomanian, Executive Director of the ACEF, to Col. Juskalian advised him that the ACEF had received a check for \$100,000 from Mrs. Arthur Dadian as part of the will of the late Arthur Dadian of the Armenian Community of Washington. Of that amount, \$95,000 was designated for St. Nersess Theological Seminary and \$5,000 to the Diocesan Legate's Discretionary Fund. Mr. Dadian's total contributions to the ACEF to date approximate a quarter of a million dollars. Other than this most generous contribution, there have been no contributions during the past year from the Washington/Baltimore area to the Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF).

While local participation was disappointing, the year-end report from the Executive Director of the Fund, Col. Victor Arzoomanian, was not. In a memorandum of November 23, 1987 addressed to all donors, Col. Arzoomanian points out the spectacular progress made during the past few years. Excerpts from his memorandum follow:

"We are pleased to inform you that the Armenian Church Endowment Fund has increased its assets to over \$6,400,000 compared to \$1,500,000 in 1980.....

"Another achievement that deserves your attention is that the number of donors in the ACEF has increased from 51 in 1980 to over 380 at the present date."

The ACEF has earned the confidence, respect and admiration of our donors-benefactors for the competent manner the ACEF Staff manages the operation, administration and finances of the Endowment Fund.

The ACEF is a permanent fund. The principle is not touched; only the annual interest may be used. A wide range of activities are available to the donor from which to select, including one's own parish. PLEASE KEEP ST. MARY'S IN MIND WHEN ESTABLISHING SUCH A FUND.

To make a donation to the ACEF, or to learn more about it, please contact Mrs. Mary Simonian Perkins or Col. George Juskalian.

SANCTUARY RENOVATION COMMITTEE

In the fall of 1986 the Parish Council appointed a Sanctuary Renovation Committee to look into the feasibility and desirability of renovating the sanctuary. The members appointed to the Committee were: George Juskalian, chairman; Jerry Hekimian, Cathryn Kapikian, Berj Koukeyan (since moved to California), Robert Moomjian and Sirarpi Ohannessian. The Committee was to report its findings, when finalized, to the Parish Council.

In order to give parishioners an opportunity to voice their opinions personally, a notice was placed in the SHNORHALI that a meeting would be held in the sanctuary after the coffee hour on Sunday, December 7, 1986. Other than Committee members, only two parishioners attended. After a brief discussion, the meeting was adjourned with inconclusive results. Thereafter, a questionnaire was mailed to the 160 dues-paying members of whom 53 (or 33%) responded. Results of the questionnaire were:

I THE ALTAR

<u>No change needed</u>	<u>Some improvement</u>	<u>Complete change</u>
14	22	22

II THE LARGE WINDOWS

<u>Leave as is</u>	<u>Less translucent glass</u>	<u>Stained glass</u>
16	12	33

III MAIN ENTRANCE

<u>No change needed</u>	<u>Single wide straight stairway</u>	<u>Retain present with side ramp</u>	<u>Retain present; install elevator</u>
1	28	16	9

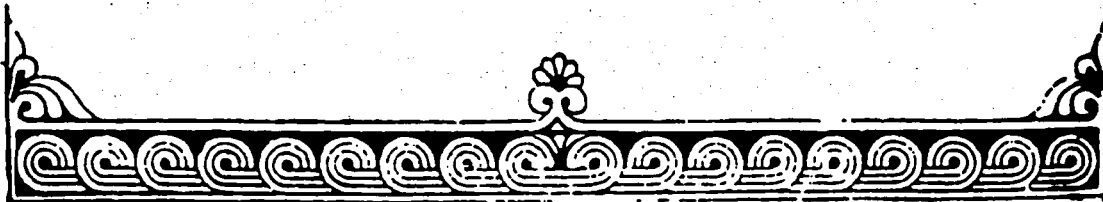
IV BELL TOWER

<u>Make no change</u>	<u>Make whatever changes are needed</u>
14	32

Some additional suggestions:

Refurbish rooms adjacent to altar
Choir loft over front entrance
Chandeliers in sanctuary
Add cross on top of facade or bell tower

In view of the large number of votes in favor of some changes to the sanctuary, the Committee proceeded with its assigned task.



PARISH COUNCIL 1987 ANNUAL REPORT

Your Parish Council has had a very successful year filled with a lot of aspirations and we have accomplished a great number of our plans.

This year has been inspiring and I am thankful for having the opportunity of serving this Parish. The work has been very consuming at times but the gratification has been plentiful; the experience was personally highlighted by being the chairperson during the year that the Vehapar visited Washington.

No one can succeed with out having the dedication, support and hard work of a great staff and at this time I would like to thank the Parish Council members and Der Hayr for their devotion to St. Mary's.

The Parish Council Members include:

Mrs. Lucy Murad	Chairperson
Dr. Edward Onanian	Vice Chairperson
Mr. Arthur Omartian	Treasurer
Mr. Levon Andonian	Asst. Treasurer
Mr. Stephen Mermer	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Rosemary Arkoian	Corresponding Secretary
Mr. Carl Bazarian	Advisor
Mr. Jack Dilanian	Advisor
Mr. Vartkes Keshishian	Advisor

The Parish Council met at least 2 times per month.

1- On March 3, 1987 the Parish Council approved the charter for the "St Mary's Armenian Church Balian Library". There are seven members on this committee, Ms. Buffy Kayaian has been the catalyst in organizing this project. This Library should be dedicated May 1, 1988.

2- Our Senior ACYOA hosted the Archbishop Basket Ball Tournament weekend May 3, 1987 at the Crown Plaza. A Gala Banquet was held on that Saturday to host the Team Players. Dr..Edward Onanian was presented the St. Nerses Shnorhali Award, from His Holiness Vazken I, by his Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. Thanks to all the Parish members who supported this function.

3- The Annual Church Picnic held at White Oak on June 14,1987 chaired by Stephen Mermer and Jack Dilanian who added a different touch this year. Twenty one people participated in a Tavlou Tournament and Onnik Janjikian ran a raffle which gave away more than 10 prizes to include a donated rug. The Armenian Assembly Interns were invited to the picnic as the guests of our community and we are happy to say that at least 50 attended. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this affair very successful. This year the Parish Council decided to hold only one picnic.

4- Rug Sale, Sept 18-20, 1987: this was again a successful event where the net proceeds were \$6,206.75. Mr. Mike Tashjian

chaired this sale, and I would like to thank him along with Mr Arthur Omartian, Dr. Ed Onanian, and all the volunteers who came and gave of their time. The Parish Council decided to hold this sale early in September in order to have a head start on the Buying Season.

5- Annual Bazaar: again this year it was a Financial Success, the net income was about \$23,000.00. Through the efforts of Mrs. Mary Perkins we had a feature article in the Washington Post Food Section. Mrs. Clara Andonian and Mrs Jean Sayian did an outstanding job Co-Chairing the food committee. A special Thanks to Ed Onanian and to all the volunteers who never said no to me for their help throughout that week.

6- Kitchen Renovation: Mr. Arthur Omartian was in charge of all the work on this project. The cabinets and appliances were designed and ordered. A \$15,000.00 bid came in on electrical and panelling work. Arthur volunteered to do this part of the job, and the renovation is 95% completed to date. We thank him for saving the church a substantial sum of money and to Mrs. Jeannette Torokhanian plus all the volunteers who helped Arthur complete this project.

7- Parish House: New siding has been installed and the total cost of this work was \$7,400.00.

8- Maintenance: Mr. Arthur Omartian is in charge of Church Maintenance, for the Vahapar's visit we had the large hall painted and the pictures painted and hung. The Bird drippings were also cleaned off the front of the church. Mrs. Jeannette Torokhanian and a few young adults from the ACYOA worked on the landscaping. We continue to hire a part time caretaker to take care of this facility. A contract has been signed to replace the flat roof in the back of the Sanctuary, the estimated cost of this job is \$2,579.00. The furnace has also malfunctioned in December during the cold snap, as a result a few pipes ruptured and our furnace room was under 6 feet of water. Arthur came to the rescue again and pumped out the room, repaired the pipes and we are now in the process of repairing the furnace. Our Printing machine has also decided not to operate any longer, if this machine cannot be repaired a new one is going to cost us about \$4,000.00.

9- His Holiness Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians: A large delegation greeted Vehapar at Dulles Airport the night of his arrival. A Hrashapar Service was held at St. Mary's. Bibles donated by Mr. Dean Shahinian were given out after the service, while our Parishioners had the very special opportunity to Greet Vahapar. An elegant brunch prepared by Mrs. Shirley DuChessi, Mrs. Clara Andonian, and Mrs Jean Sayian, was served to Vahapar and his party. The Parish Council would like to Thank every one for their cooperation, it was very difficult for those involved in coordinating this special event considering all the last minute changes that had to be made.

10- PROJECT REACH OUT: Since Project Reach Out's formal announcement at the last Parish Assembly the Coordinators (Fr. Kalayjian, Carl Bazarian, Rosemary Arkoian, and Lucy Murad) met 8 times and accomplished the following:

- 1- Establishing immediately an on going Parish Council recruitment program by requesting worshippers to fill-out identification cards and by demonstrating friendship and warmth to new or infrequent worshippers.
- 2- Mailing on March 10, 1987 a letter to the general membership which requested suggestions and volunteers. Eleven responses were received and several ideas were incorporated. (e.g. Open House, Membership Forms, Courtesy Program, etc.) Volunteers will be called upon during the 1988 effort.
- 3- Focusing our effort on a young adult population and newcomers by inviting 60 households to an Open House of which 42 people attended. Approximately, 22 were either new to the community or infrequent worshippers. The response was enthusiastic.
- 4- Recommending to the Parish Council the start-up of a Young Adults Club (recommended age 25-40) in which the proposed (inactive) Armenian Association of St. Mary's will be incorporated.
- 5- Creating a Membership Form which existing and prospective members will be required to fill-out. With respect to perspective members, a "welcome " letter will be sent out to 98 households identified by Project Reach Out through the "card system" and referrals by Der Hayr and /or fellow parishioners.
- 6- Planning a second Open House in early March 1988.
- 7- Recommending that Project Reach Out be an independent Committee with a Parish Council liaison. The Committee would have an overall coordinator and would consider the following sub-committees or areas of responsibility:
 - 1- YOUNG ADULTS CLUBS
 - 2- MY KINSMEN PROGRAM (COLLEGE REACH-OUT)
 - 3- RECRUITMENT TEAM
 - 4- SPIRITUAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE
 - 5- YOUTH ADVISOR
 - 6- SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITY OR SHUT-IN PROGRAM

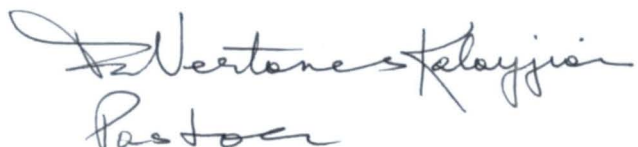
As mentioned earlier, this has been a very eventful year for most of us at St, Mary's. I had set a few goals for my self and the Parish Council, and I do believe we have accomplished a majority of these. At this time I would like to Thank You for always saying yes to me. I also would like to thank all the church organizations, all the volunteers, Der Hayr and Yeretzgin for their help and devotion.

I would also like to thank my husband Paul and children Gregory and Andrea for their understanding and patience.

Respectfully submitted,



Lucy O. Murad
Chairperson, Parish Council



Pastor

Stephen Mermer, Secretary

Saint Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church
Youth Advisor Feasibility Committee Report

This committee was appointed by the 1987 Parish Assembly to investigate the feasibility of having a youth advisor position established in our church. To address this objective the committee did (1) assess the role responsibility and span of authority of the position, (2) considered a likely profile of a youth advisor, and (3) surveyed the historical experience in the Armenian church and the availability of a suitable youth advisor.

The Role of a Youth Advisor

A youth advisor represents an extension of the church regarding spiritual, cultural, social, and sports activities for the younger segments of the church population.

These activities encompass the following elements in the community:

- o Ages 13-17 involving the junior ACYOA,
- o Ages 17-30 involving the senior ACYOA and the college campus Armenian segments,
- o Young professionals,
- o Other youth including recent immigrants.

Depending upon qualifications and interests, the individual could take on additional responsibilities to include assisting senior groups as well as other segments of the church family.

Youth Advisor Profile

The profile for a youth advisor is usually a single man in his early twenties who enjoys children. Unfortunately, from our brief encounter, these men are "burnt-out" after five years and other personal activities, possibly marriage or a career, start to take a higher priority in their own lives. The other profile most successful as a youth advisor includes grandparents that appreciate children and get personally involved with their activities.

In the event that such a candidate is selected, it would be wise to stipulate in any employment contract that the individual has to attend courses or programs at the Diocese or other acceptable places that are designed specifically for such individuals.

The possibility of using seminarians was discussed. At this point in time, it appears that there are no suitable candidates considering rigorous class workloads and summer schedules. We did suggest that seminarians should get involved with individual parishes from several weeks to months for credit. This involvement would include youth advisor and other church activities that would make them more cognizant of the personal needs within the church and Armenian community that are presently unfilled. It would also provide them with a closer exposure to the types of people they will be involved with later in life and impress upon the seminarians where they should focus attention to improve personal strengths and weakness and how to reduce deficiencies.

Parents do not appear to be suitable candidates for youth advisors because of the immediate effect their presence has upon their own children. In this situation, their children feel inhibited and the youth group should be viewed as a support system to openly share values providing a comfortable environment that puts all individuals at ease.

Historical Experiences and Availability of a Youth Advisor

Several important facts were relayed to committee members at a recent meeting with Nancy Basmajian who works for the Diocese. These facts support the above objectives with respect to answering the questions: What has previously been done in the Armenian community with regards to implementing a youth advisor program?

At present there are four parishes within the Diocese in addition to ours that are contemplating implementing a youth advisor program. These parishes have reached a particular evolution where they are looking for a particular prototype. One church in the Boston area has already had a youth advisor but personality clashes between the priest and the individual has caused this individual to leave. This individual was being paid \$15,000.00 and was previously associated with other youth oriented programs within the Armenian community; He is very friendly, amiable and has also been of service to our church for running an ACYOA retreat. The same church hired a second individual and, although paid \$22,000.00, also left the position.

There are two successful solutions that were uncovered in these investigations; one was on the East coast while the other was on the West coast.

The church in Philadelphia has been extremely successful in forming a committee of ten individuals, mostly parents, that sponsors sports-related activities. These individuals have banded together to financially sponsor and lobby for worthwhile ACYOA causes, sports weekends and youth rallies. They have attracted many of the younger set into these programs and have found an area of mutual compatibility with their own needs and the needs of the children; especially since Philadelphia is such a sports-minded city.

In addition, as part of the committee's deliberations, a trip was made to St. Sahag and Mesrob Church specifically to discuss these issues with both committee and parish council members. It appears that the youth committee did not come about as an offshoot of any one specific organization. As in any church, there are different factions that tend to group together and it was presumed that the group was an offshoot of the Men's Club. To our surprise, the group had spent approximately two years discussing these issues and with the potential of employing a youth advisor.

Members consisted of parents, both fathers and mothers, who did not have any previous affiliation with any particular group in the church - these individuals were more driven by the need of finding a means for holding their children together in a church-sponsored activity. Initially, they provided the funding to assist the youth for a weekend in the form of a loan which was quickly paid back. Although these sports weekends are expensive, the group has over \$8,000.00 in its bank account. In addition to sponsoring such activities, the group has laid out a plan that involves either one or more of the members every Wednesday night during the summer for functions that range from volleyball to basketball competitions. These activities coupled with a strong Sunday School, a parish priest interested in such functions, and the ACYOA is helping the church retain this important segment of its future members.

We have also learned of further developments worthy of mention. In these investigations, it was learned that there were specific problems with an advisor and the parish priest which was already mentioned. The St. Sahag and Mesrob Church in Philadelphia is not only keeping its committee active but is also hiring the individual that left that position in the Boston area for \$25,000 per year.

A different solution was found by several churches on the West coast. Realizing the importance of a youth advisor, these churches in the Los Angeles area felt that the need was such that they asked their Diocese to find such an individual. This person was a youth advisor to all three churches as well as an advisor concerning senior citizen activities. These three churches paid for the individual's services through the Diocese which passed on the cost to each church by increasing dues. The environment and the general attitude of the community has made this program a success and has lead to other activities that include day camp and day care centers during the summer; costs of the latter are very competitive and reasonable.

RECOMMENDATIONS

On the basis of our deliberations, there are several basic approaches that are available. These approaches offer long-term and short-term solutions which should be considered on the basis of the unique requirements of our particular parish.

It is recommended that the following choices be presented to a parish assembly:

- o Hire a youth advisor either full-time or part-time,
- o Form a youth committee, or
- o Do nothing.

The first choice should consider the different age groups and the particular problem associated with the needs of each of these groups. Here, the committee also recognizes the realities of such a choice because of the burdens of an additional salary; however, this is beyond the scope of the committee's responsibilities although the choice of part time or full time will have to be considered. The second choice would be patterned after the success of the Philadelphia group while the third choice, in our opinion, is an unacceptable alternative. If we become apathetic in regard to the youth, outside groups will fill the needs of our youth in terms of social, cultural and educational requirements and the desire to become members of the church will be diminished.

Since it was motioned that a special assembly will be convened for the purpose of discussing the need for a youth advisor, we also recommend that this report be sent to the active members by first-class mail at least two weeks before such a meeting. The agenda items for this assembly should address issues, efforts, and the planning needed to attract and keep the youth in our community within the church as well as resolve what other pressing needs are required to attract and hold even older individuals to our church.

In our best judgement, we feel that a youth committee be formed immediately with the objective of planning events to attract the youth and at the same time gather statistics on the number, ages, names and addresses of the youth in our community. Once enough data have been developed, then a report should be provided to the Parish Council. As an addendum, the following comments, suggestions and considerations should be taken into account regarding a youth advisor and other objectives that should be considered in the very near future:

For the moment, let us consider the question of developing a "support system" within the church which could be the foundation for Project Reach-Out. Many people have had problems that they could not deal with or, if anything, needed only a sympathetic person to talk to. Such problems can range from a death of a loved one in the immediate family, a divorce, or loss of a job. We have no formal mechanisms other than the parish priest to handle these problems.

In the sixties we talked about the nuclear family. In the eighties, there is a new type of family involving a single parent, either the mother or father, and several children that may need assistance. These individuals could use some help from the community.

There are several persons in our parish who are presently in between jobs. These people need a support system as well as the encouragement to continue. In the examples that we researched, the parish priest as well as the parish council have to cooperate and become part of the problem. Charity is also a plausible solution. Although none of us would desire it, in a time of need one should accept charity in order to get the help to stand on one's feet. It goes without saying that charity can always be repaid. This goes back to the original comment concerning leadership.

The very nature of our community in an international environment has to be given careful consideration. Emigrants from the middle east are bombarded with cultural shock, immigration laws, housing, employment, and learning english. They need help from the community. Although the parish priest is doing an excellent job in this area, he needs additional help. Similarly, other individuals are, on their own, helping others find jobs. We need to organize and formalize such efforts as part of a church-like umbrella of responsibilities.

On a positive note, we need new and vital organizations that attract young adult age groups to our church. A more active women's guild as well as a men's club and/or a singles group may provide such an avenue, however, this age group requires its own specialized support system. Do we have individuals knowledgeable enough concerning college scholarships or fellowships that could help a needy college student?

Thus, we have come full circle. It is the Parish Council that can make this work possible with the assistance of ad hoc committees. We as members of the parish look forward to your guidance and wisdom regarding this problem.

Addendum

Additional Findings Concerning Project Reach-Out

Originally, members volunteering for this committee wanted the activity to be independent of Project Reach-Out that is presently being defined and implemented by the Parish Council. However, after considerable research on the subject, this issue appears to be part of a larger more encompassing subject. We would hope that the following conclusions we have reached be considered as positive and non-judgmental recommendations to some of the problems we uncovered related to our church and, although not a part of our original responsibilities, would like to share these views.

There are many problems that plague our church and, to a large extent, these problems exist for most Armenian Churches. However, a majority of these are unique to our parish by virtue of the occupation of most of the fast, big-city pace of the Washington area. Some of these problems, unfortunately, are self-induced and can easily be resolved whereas others have no immediate solution.

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Leadership is always a problem that needs to be addressed. The parish priest needs assistance such that would make him more effective in his role as the spiritual leader of our community. He has to handle some difficult challenges that, to a degree, require a team of dedicated church members to be resolved in a Project Reach-Out type of activity.

YOUTH ADVISOR FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE

DR. CHARLES KUMKUMIAN

MR. PAUL MURAD

MR. GEORGE DERDERIAN

ST. MARY'S CHURCH BOOKSTORE

The Church Bookstore continues to stock a wide variety of Armenian books, tapes, records, posters, novelties, coins and stamps.

The store has books in both Armenian and English on history, religion, art and architecture as well as poetry books and novels. Come in and see our recent additions.

"KISS ME - I'M ARMENIAN" mugs, "I LOVE ARMENIANS" bumper stickers and no-message greeting cards with beautiful pictures of dolls in Armenian costumes are some of the great gift items. Drinking mugs with personalized names in the Armenian alphabet are available by order.

We are adding new books to the Church Library as they become available.

We would like to thank Mrs. Grace Shahinian and Mr. George Derderian for their numerous contributions to the bookstore during the year.

The Bookstore was able to turn over \$2,000.00 to the Parish Council this year.

We are open every Sunday after church services. Stop and shop!

Gary Avedikian
Bookstore Manager

ARARAT AVAK SOCIETY - ANNUAL REPORT - 1987

The Avak Society has 42 members. This includes 2 new members that joined in 1987. There are no annual dues.

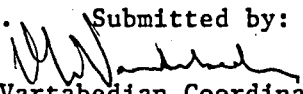
The Avak Society holds luncheon gatherings with an activity of interest. The activities held in 1987 were:

1. General gathering at the first of the year.
2. Lecture by a registered nurse.
3. Slide presentation by Der Hayr
4. Movie.
5. Picnic held jointly with Soorp Khatch Church.
6. Christmas Party

There are no meetings during the Summer months. Four gatherings had to be cancelled.

As of Dec. 31, 1987 the Passbook Account had \$ 523.30.

Submitted by:


Mary Vartabedian, Coordinator

In order to keep in touch with college students away from home, the Diocesan initiated "My Kinsmen" program began its implimentation at St. Mary's as of Nov. 1987.

The students who are away will be contacted by Volunteers of the nearest Armenian Church to their colleges. Our students will be afforded the opportunity to partake in Armenian Cultural and Social events. Most importantly, they will be able to attend church and enjoy the fellowship of the community.

The parishioners are urged to volunteer to provide transportation to attend church and/or community functions. Please call me to register.

In connection with the YOUNG ADULTS' SUNDAY we already have made considerable number of contacts by phone.

Mary Vartabedian

" My Kinsmen " Program Coordinator

ST. MARY'S CHURCH CHOIR
1987 Annual Report

We are pleased to report a very busy and productive year during which we were involved in many significant activities.

We began by participating in the St. Vartanants program in February. In April, the Diocese sponsored a Deacon's Training Seminar which was held here and hosted by us. In September, a new Executive Board for the choir was elected at a special meeting. The new Board members include Karen Omartian, Chairman; Queenie Avedekian, Vice Chairman; Maggie Boyajian, Secretary; and Richard Bournazian, Treasurer. Also in September, we sent Dr. Boyajian to St. Nerses for a one week Choir Director's training course. We were very pleased and proud to prepare and provide a short musical program for the Vehapar's visit to the Washington Metropolitan area in October. The 41st Annual Choir Convention was held this year in Detroit on November 13th to the 15th. Sponsorship to attend the Convention was provided for two delegates and our Choir Director. An annual get together was planned by the executive committee and was graciously hosted in December by our new treasurer and his wife at their home. Food, fellowship, Christmas cheer and instumental as well as vocal music was abundant and enjoyed by all.

We are very happy to have had our ranks swelled by several new members this year. Choir rehearsals have been scheduled for the second and fourth Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and have concentrated on learning the parts to familiar sharagans as well as learning folk songs and new arrangements of old sharagans. We have planned many activities for the coming year and encourage anyone who has an interest in music and singing to speak to Dr. Boyajian and join us as we lift our voices in song.

 Respectfully submitted,
Karen L. Omartian, Chairman

ST. MARY'S CHOIR * TREASURER'S REPORT

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I N C O M E

1- 1-87	BALANCE	\$1,668.47	
1-12-87	CHRISTMAS COLLECTION	297.00	
2- 2-87	DONATIONS	200.00	
4-20-87	EASTER COLLECTION	419.00	
12-10-87	INTERESTS EARNED	<u>126.99</u>	\$2,711.46

E X P E N S E S

3-30-87	DEACONS' TRAINING PROGRAM	41.00	
6- 6-87	ST. NERSES SUMMER PROGRAM	200.00	
7-23-87	SHEET MUSIC	40.00	
9- 9-87	CHOIR MASTERS' TRAINING TRANSP. TO ST. NERSESS	180.00	
9-26-87	ASSOC. OF CHOIRS FROM PLATE COLLECTION	100.00	
9-30-87	3 DELEGATES TO THE CHOIR CONVENTION	474.00	
11-24-87	POSTAGE STAMPS	<u>40.00</u>	\$1,075.00

CLOSING BALANCE AS OF DEC.10, 1987

1,636.46

SUBMITTED BY CLARA ANDONIAN, TREASURER

WOMEN'S GUILD 1987 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS

DUES	\$	290.00	
DONATIONS		1240.00	
SUNDAY COFFEE		938.90	
EASTER SUNDAY		304.00	
CHRISTMAS DINNER		1010.00	
PRRIGINTAN DANCE		1646.00	
LENTEN LUNCHEON		821.00	
FASHION SHOW		1746.00	
VEJAG LUNCHEON		468.00	
ARMENIAN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY		1300.00	
THANK YOU DINNER		115.00	
VEHAPAR'S RECEPTION		195.00	
OTHER ACTIVITIES		127.00	
INTEREST		936.19	
MISCELLANEOUS		129.97	
TOTAL			\$ 11267.06

EXPENSES

EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES	\$	1182.86	
PARISH COUNCIL		10000.00	
ARMENIAN SCHOOL		1000.00	
SUNDAY SCHOOL		1822.00	
CHRISTMAS DINNER		180.00	
PARIGINTAN DANCE		509.00	
ACYO (50% OF ABOVE NET)		568.50	
FASHION SHOW		662.78	
ARMENIAN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY		2100.00	
THANK YOU DINNER		187.40	
VEHAPAR'S RECEPTION		77.57	
WOMEN'S GUILD CENTRAL COMM.		208.00	
OTHER ACTIVITIES		119.00	
MISCELLANEOUS		79.20	
TOTAL			18696.31
NET LOSS			\$ 7429.25

RECONCILIATION

OPENING BAL CHK ACCT 1/1/87	2091.57	CLOS BAL CHK ACCT 12/31/87	718.41
OPENING BAL SAV ACCT 1/1/87	12853.64	CLOS BAL SAV ACCT 12/31/87	6631.55
DEFICIT	7429.25	CASH ON HAND	166.00
TOTAL	<u>7515.96</u>	TOTAL	<u>7515.96</u>

WOMEN'S GUILD 1987 ANNUAL REPORTExecutive Committee

Chairlady	-	Yeretzgin Anahid Kalayjian
Vice Chairlady	-	Helen Fried
Corresponding Secretary	-	Ida Gueriguan
Recording Secretary	-	Sally Moomjian
Treasurer	-	Jean Sayian

Advisors

Queenie Avedikian	Nadia Kose
Takouhi Hallajian	Hermine Sahakian

There are 104 members in the Women's Guild. General membership meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month and Executive Committee meetings are held as needed.

Calendar of Activities for 1987

- January.....Annual Armenian Christmas Dinner. \$1,000 donated to Armenian School.
 February.....Paregentan Costume Dance sponsored jointly with ACYOA Seniors.
 March.....Lenten Luncheon and Women Saint's Day - talk by Dr. Vigen Guroian.
 Talk and Slide Presentation by Mary Louise Perkins, M.S., R.D., on
 Cholesterol and Your Heart.
 April.....Slide Presentation and Narration on "An American's Impression of
 Armenia" by Robert and Erick Witherspoon and Exhibition of Paint-
 ings by Hilda Witherspoon.
 Special Easter Coffee and Sale of Cheoreg Loaves.
 May.....Farewell Reception after Divine Liturgy winding up Archbishop's Basket-
 ball Tournament weekend.
 Sent 3 delegates to Women's Guild Conference in Springfield; Mass.
 Luncheon and Fashion Show by Janette Spark.
 Talk by Dr. John Gueriguan - "Armenian Medicine in the Fifteenth
 Century."
 Hampartzoom-Veejag Program and Luncheon, dancing by Nuvart Mamelian.
 Honored 2 Women of the Year.
 October.....Special Luncheon-Reception for His Holiness Vazken I and his party
 following special visitation and church service.
 Cooking, Baking and Crafts Workshops for Bazaar.
 November.....Bazaar workshops and 4-day annual bazaar.
 December.....Family Christmas Party and Performance by St. John's Liturgical Brass
 Ensemble.

We were happy to see 80% of the kitchen renovation completed in time for our annual bazaar. We will be eternally grateful to Berj Koukeyan and his committee who got the project off the ground a couple of years ago and to Arthur Omartian, the Murad family and Jeannette and Leo Torokhanian who, with persistence, dedication and long hours, performed the physical hammer and nails labor to accomplish the job.

Our Visiting Committee and other members try to phone and/or visit the elderly and ill. Please notify the Women's Guild Chairlady of anyone who would like to be called or visited.

The Women's Guild has been monitoring a fellowship hour after Sunday services. However, we need to hear from more volunteers. We would like to thank Gary Avetikian for brewing a pot of coffee on Sundays (without goodies) when no volunteers are in evidence. Please call Yeretzgin or Der Hayr at least 2 weeks in advance if you wish to host the coffee hour. Let them know NOW if you traditionally host a coffee hour at the same time each year in conjunction with a Hokehan-kist service. Advance notice will help us and avoid having your date conflict with another request.

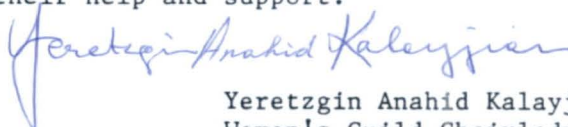
We continue to defray the expenses of the Armenian School and Sunday School. This year we bought some new furniture for the classrooms.

When requested by the family of the deceased we have prepared and served luncheon following funeral services (Hokejash).

We have a wonderful Altar Committee who quietly work behind the scenes, cleaning and polishing brass whenever it is necessary. We know they were at work when we see everything sparkling.

In early December some of our male parishioners cooked and served a delicious "Appreciation Dinner" for the Women's Guild. We wish to thank each of them (the names are too numerous to list). We would like to thank the Flaming Pit Restaurant for donating the lamb shanks and pilav which they cooked. The fish soup and broiled fish prepared by the other gentlemen were very tasty and a nice change in menu.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Executive Committee and other committee chairmen and members for helping me prepare and follow through on all the Women's Guild programs. I am also grateful to Der Hayr, the Parish Council and the ACYOA Seniors and Juniors for their help and support.



Yeretzgin Anahid Kalayjian
Women's Guild Chairlady

ST. MARY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Annual Report 1987

Fifty-five students are enrolled in the Sunday School for the 1987-88 year.

The regular teaching staff is: Miss Ann Kavookian, Mr. Robert George, Jr., Mrs. Evelyn Vartabedian, Miss Susan Armen, Mrs. Rita Bush, Mrs. Anna Derderian, Mr. George Derderian. Substitute teachers are: Mrs. Linda Boornazian, Miss Katharine Derderian, Mrs. Ida Gueriguan, Dr. Charles Kumkumian, Mrs. Ani Law, Mr. Paul Murad, Miss Elise Vartabedian. Teachers' aides and Nursery assistants: Miss Kira Bazarian, Mrs. Linda Boornazian, Miss Katharine Derderian, Mr. Zaven Kalayjian, Miss Suzanne Manoogian, Mr. Gregory Murad, Miss Elise Vartabedian. A Seminar for former students is conducted by Mr. Dean Shahinian. Sunday School Treasurer: Miss Ann Kavookian. Liaison with Parish Council: Mrs. Rosemary Arkoian.

The Cooperative Program with the Armenian Language School began in January. The General Assembly for all students in both Schools is at 10:45 A.M.; designed to complement classes, it opens with prayer, there are announcements and a talk about the Bible, Divine Liturgy, prayers, hymns and feast days. It is conducted by the Sunday School Superintendent, regularly alternating with teachers and other guests. Classes with instruction in Armenian History/Culture and Religious Education follow until 12:30. On "Communion Sunday" — the first Sunday of each month — all students attend Church Services and receive Holy Communion; several students read the Bible and Confession in Armenian and English.

36. The new "We Believe" Sunday School Curriculum, produced by the Diocese's Religious Education Department, was introduced this year. The texts focus on the Bible, Feast Days, prayers, the Sacraments, history, the Divine Liturgy, and the Life of Christ. Samples of these fine books were on display in September. A Summer Curriculum Workshop in Philadelphia, given by the Department offered ideas, materials and training.

The Nursery is open on Sundays at 10:30 A.M. during the school year. Supervising the Nursery throughout this year were: Mrs. Janet Arabian, Mrs. Aleyda Bashalian, Mrs. Linda Boornazian, Miss Katharine Derderian, Mrs. Marie Erdogan, Mrs. Sylvia Kalbian, Mrs. Suzanne Mermer, and Mrs. Eva Safak. The room is stocked with books and toys.

The Sunday School sponsored charitable activities throughout the year: students contributed \$50. to the Diocese's annual national charity drive to help the world's hungry people. About \$300. was received in a special collection in November to benefit St. Mary's Charitable Fund to help the needy in our Church-Community. The drive for canned food for the needy families in the Washington Metropolitan area continued; several deliveries of canned food were made during the year to the distributing organization, Food For All Seasons. The drive will continue to June.

Activities during the second-half of the 1986-87 year included: participation by several students in the Acolytes Training Program, a pilot project of the Association of Armenian Church Choirs in America; the Friday Evening Lenten Supper, April 10 - students and families enjoyed a buffet supper, the film "The Fourth Wise Man" and Church Services; Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide, April 26, with the participation of all students in a procession, placing of flowers in a memorial wreath, and a special requiem service.

On May 31, the Graduation Ceremony was held for 8 Sunday School students. Each student received a diploma from the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, a certificate from St. Mary's Armenian Church, an attendance pin, and the gift of a silver Medieval Armenian coin donated by a parishioner. During the ceremony, each student's Baptismal Vows was renewed and each was anointed with Holy Myron by Rev. Vertanes Kalayjian. Students and congregation were addressed by Der Vertanes, the Sunday School Superintendent and the class' teacher, Mr. Dean Shahinian. A reception held in the Church Hall for the graduates and their families was arranged by Mrs. Marie Broussalian and other parents of the graduating students.

The Sunday School and Armenian School co-sponsored a luncheon on Sunday, June 7th after Church Services. Sunday School Closing Exercises were held, with the awarding of pins and certificates for excellent attendance, and special gifts for "perfect" attendance. Each teacher described the class he or she taught that year, and also received a gift.

During the Teachers' Dedication Service conducted by Der Hayr on October 18, the staff sought God's blessings in their important work of teaching and guiding the Sunday School students.

A Magic Show and Halloween Costume Party were held on October 23. Our thanks go to the talented Miss Linda Kumkumian, who presented the Magic Show as a gift to St. Mary's children; to Mrs. Ani Law, who organized the event; Mr. Larry Law, who decorated and set-up the hall; Mrs. Suzanne Bolles, who donated \$25. for party needs; and the parents and teachers who generously provided refreshments.

On Sunday, December 20th, a Christmas Program was presented in the Sanctuary after Church Services; students from each Sunday School class took part. Some students read from the Bible in Armenian and English; others sang songs, recited poems and read their own essays on Christmas. The congregation joined students in singing Christmas Carols. Students and teachers later received Christmas gifts.

Our thanks to the Women's Guild for its continued support, especially the \$1,000. advance to the Sunday School to purchase new textbooks for all classes, and the purchase of much needed desks for the classrooms. We also appreciate the following donations: Mr. and Mrs. Devallon Bolles, \$50.; Mr. and Mrs. L. Law, \$30.; Mrs. Rita Bush, \$100.; the Jerrehian Foundation, at the request of Mrs. Rita Bush, \$200.

We also thank Mrs. Rosemary Arkoian for making arrangements, and parents and staff for donating refreshments for the Communion Sunday Table for students; Mrs. Queenie Avedikian for donating tote-bags for the students; Mrs. Karen Omartian for the Christmas tree; Mr. Nishan Dulgerian and Mr. George Derderian for taking and distributing photographs of students in various activities.

The Sunday School teachers met the challenge of an innovative curriculum in the Fall with enthusiasm and creativity. I wish to thank them for their devotion to the Sunday School -- each gives of his/her self to bring our Christian faith alive to the students. We also all thank the substitute teachers, Der Hayr, Sunday School parents and teachers' aides, who contribute their time and effort in so many ways to help the Sunday School fulfill its Christian mission.



Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Anna Derderian
Superintendent, Sunday School

Sunday School Treasurer's Report

Year 1987

Balance brought forward 1-1-87 \$ 982.10

RECEIPTS:

Collection	\$ 299.30	
Lenten Collection	40.30	
Gift - Jerrihian Foundation	200.00	
Women's Guild	1,500.00	
Interest from Bank	63.68	
Gift - Mr. & Mrs. L. Law	30.00	
Bible Sold	18.00	
Donation from Book Table	11.00	
		<u>2,162.28</u>
		\$3,144.38

DISBURSEMENTS:

Gifts, Supplies, Postage	\$ 316.91	
Lenten Collection	50.00	
Film	32.87	
Bibles	179.55	
Books from Diocesan Bookstore	1,070.39	
Day-by-Day Newsletter	45.00	
Supplies - Channing L. Bete Co.	71.60	
Pins - Glad Tidings Christian Supply	21.60	
Envelopes - Postal Church Service	38.41	
		<u>\$1,826.33</u>
		<u>\$1,318.05</u>

Submitted by:

Ann H. Kavookian
Treasurer

**St. Mary's Armenian School
Financial Report for Calendar Year 1987**

Balance at the end of 1986: 2723.74

Receipts for 1987:

Tuition	1430.00
Books	1120.00
Donations	3275.00
School Functions	1342.00
Miscellaneous	258.40

7425.40

Expenditures for 1987:

Teachers' Stipends	3480.00
School Supplies	510.00
Food	140.86
Miscellaneous	32.41

4163.27

Net for 1987 (surplus): 3262.13

Balance at the end of 1987: 5985.87

Available Funds:

Checking Account:	3268.25
Savings Account:	2717.62

5985.87

Loan to Parish Council: 3000.00

Raffi Karahisar
Treasurer

**St. Mary's Armenian School
Financial Report for School Year 1986-1987**

Balance at the end of 1985-86 school year: 3534.00

Receipts for 1986-87:

Tuition	1090.00
Books	805.00
Donations	1800.00
School Functions	1342.00
Miscellaneous	370.70

5407.70

Expenditures for 1986-87:

Teachers' Stipends	3420.00
School Supplies	664.00
Food	218.65
Miscellaneous	9.00

4311.65

Net for 1986-87 (Surplus): 1096.05

Balance at the end of 1986-87: 4630.05

Available Funds:

Checking Account:	2022.00
Savings Account:	2608.05

4630.05

Loan to Parish Council: 3000.00

Raffi Karahisar
Treasurer

Report to Parish Council St. Mary's Armenian Church January 1988

St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church Balian Library

1987 saw the initiation and creation of this new branch of St. Mary's. The first meeting was informally held in July without all present committee members. Subsequently, the committee has met during September, and November, 1987. A policy manual has been formulated and we have become institutional members of the Church and Synagogue Library Association and the Washington Metropolitan Church Library Council.

The present collection, the result of years of collecting by Gary Avedikian, St. Mary's Bookstore Manager, consists of approximately 300 books and 34 journal titles (over 500 individual journals). The work of the Librarian and the Committee has thus far been to establish a classification system and catalog these materials. This has been accomplished as has most technical processing. We have been limited in the pace of progression by sporadic secretarial assistance. One-third to one-half of the book collection and 90% of the journals are in Armenian. Excellent translation/transliteration assistance has been provided by Mrs. Nevart Sourian and catalog entries reflect both titles for these items.

Physical improvements have been made to the room such as a tv-video table for Der Hayr's office and venetian blinds for the room. Matching blinds were purchased for all rooms on the second floor as well.

Institutional membership in the Church and Synagogue Library Association and The Church Library Council will afford us the resources and benefits of a network.

Expenses thus far have been completely assumed by the Librarian, with reimbursement from the Parish Council:

Furniture, Venetian Blinds:	153.96
Library supplies, catalog	183.84
Church and Synagogue Library Assoc, Wash Lib Council- membership and technical supplies	67.30
Printing of bookplates	<u>98.70</u>
	\$503.80

Committee Members: Buffy Kayaian-Librarian and Secretary, Rita Balian, Vartkess Balian, George Derderian, Gary Avedikian, Nishan Dulgerian, Suzanne Bolles-Historian and Treasurer, George Armen

Future plans include continuation of processing and collection development through direct purchase and solicitation of further donations (materials and money) and increased participation in the activities of CSLA and WCLC.

Buffy Kayaian

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Librarian
St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church Balian Library

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

"From St. Mark to Holy Etchmiadzin . . . our devotion continues," was the theme of the 85th Assembly of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, held May 7 - 9, 1987, in St. Mark Armenian Church, Springfield, Massachusetts. Clergymen, parish council chairmen, and delegates from all of our parishes met to discuss issues of common concern and to vote for individuals to serve on Diocese committees. Der Hayr, Mrs. Lucy Murad, Dr. Edward Onanian, and Mr. Dean Shahinian represented St. Mary's.

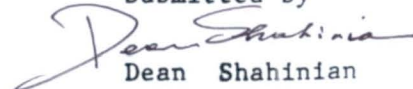
The major issues discussed involved church unity, the future of the ACYOA, and church finances. Negotiations towards church unity had broken off for the past few years and communication has resumed only in the last few months. No prospect for unity is yet in sight. A proposal from St. Mary's that the members of the Unity Committee, who were appointed seven years ago and serve for life, be elected by the Assembly for three year terms was defeated.

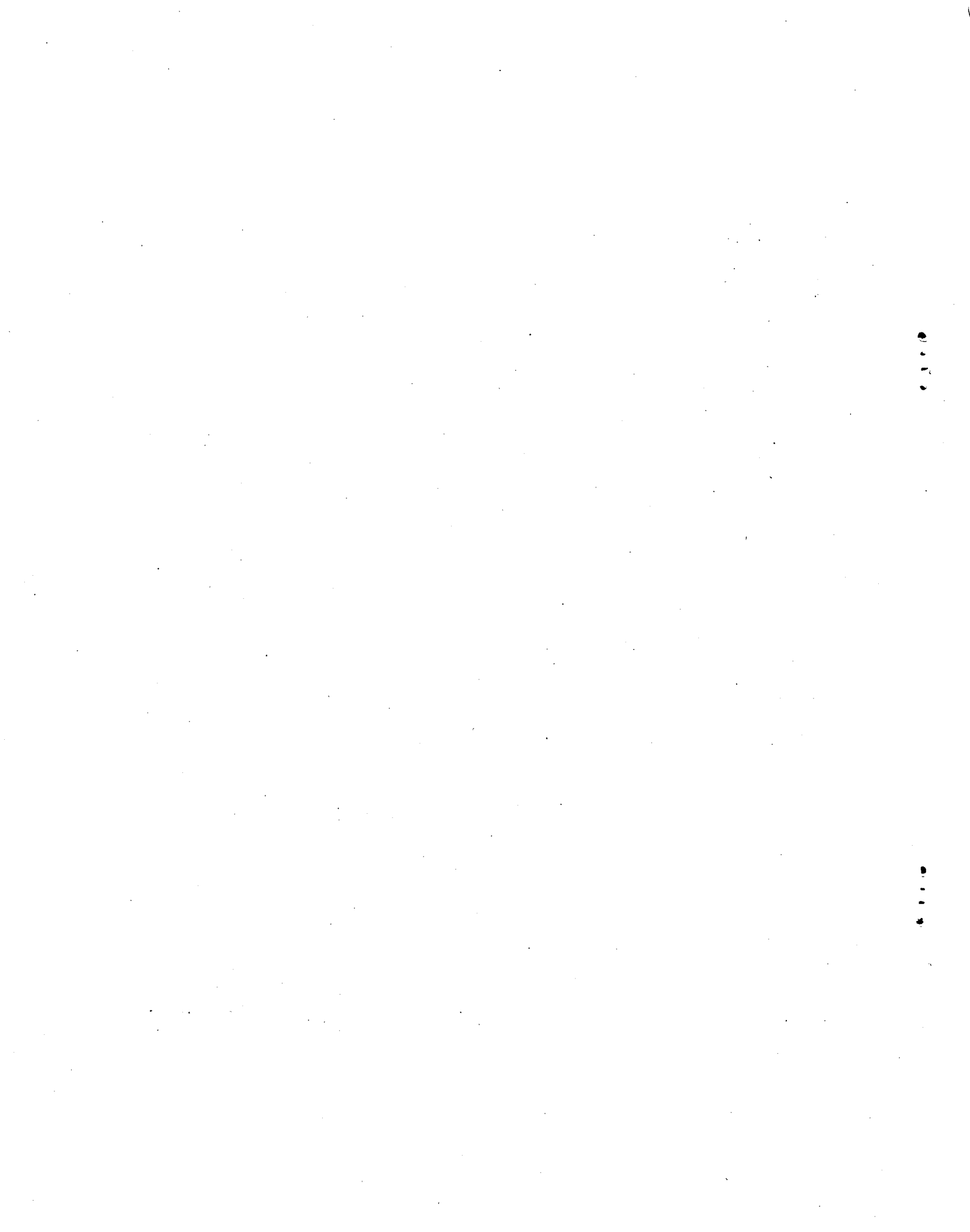
Regarding youth, it was noted that the proportion of the Diocese budget allocated to ACYOA and youth activities has declined sharply over the last thirty years, and that youth participate less actively than in previous years. ACYOA national membership has dropped significantly during the past few years. The Diocese continues to need funds, and many are being attracted through the Armenian Church Endowment Fund. In addition, the plan to sell air space over the Diocese offices in New York for construction is being reactivated.

Additional subjects of discussion included the reasons for the shortage of Armenian clergy, commemoration of the genocide, the desirability of having audited financial reports, the ordination of women deaconesses, scheduling of Assembly activities, limiting the number of terms that a delegate may serve, mission parishes, and young adult participation in the Assembly.

Reports were received from various Diocesan organizations and activities, including the Department of Religious Education, Armenian Language Lab and Resource Center, ACYOA -- Seniors and Juniors, St. Vartan Camp, Hye Camp, Summer Intern Program, Armenian Church Endowment Fund, Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America, St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, St. Vartan Bookstore, and the St. Vartan Cathedral activities and Central Council of the Women's Guilds of the Armenian Church,

Submitted by


Dean Shahinian



ACYOA Jrs. ACTIVITIES for 1987

- January - ACYOA Jrs. and Seniors went on a day ski trip to SKI LIBERTY in Pennsylvania.
- February - Talar Keshishian and Kevork Juskalian attended the ACYOA Jrs. SPORTS WEEKEND in Bayside, New York.
- March - ACYOA Jrs. attended the YOUTH RALLY at STS. SAHAG & MESROB Church in Philadelphia.
- May - ACYOA Jrs. attended and participated in the Archbishop's Basketball Tournament in Washington, hosted by ST. MARY ARMENIAN Church.
- July - Members of ACYOA Jrs. attended ST. NERSESS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY Summer Religious Conference in New Rochelle, NY.
- Oct-Nov. - ACYOA Jrs. have met almost every weekend for a planned activity with the ACYOA Srs. such as bowling, movies and ice-skating.
- November - ACYOA Jrs. assisted at the Annual Church Bazaar.
- December - Led by Der Hayr, the ACYOA Jrs. and Srs. went Christmas caroling, and afterward enjoyed a party at the home of Andrea and Greg Murad.