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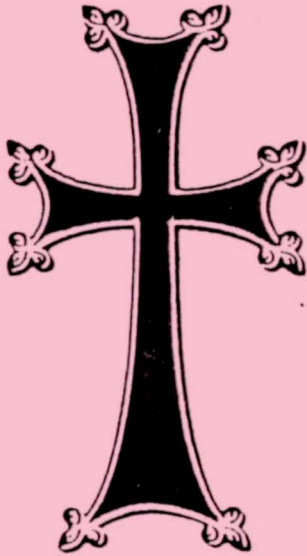
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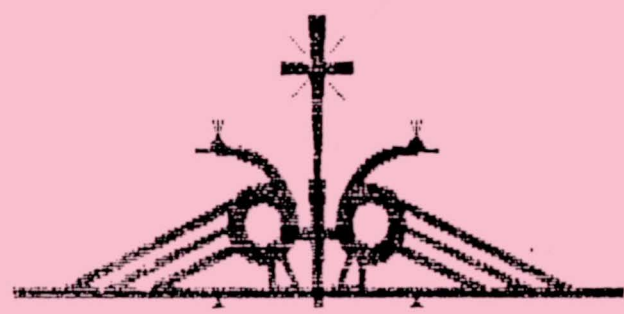
Guardian of all mankind, O Christ, let Thy right hand overshadow me by day and by night, while sitting at home and while going on my way, in sleep and in waking, that I may never be dismayed; have mercy upon thy creatures and upon me a great sinner.

Իմաստութիւն Հօր՝ Յիսուս, տուր ինձ իմաստութիւն զբարիս խորհել եւ խօսել եւ գործել առաջի քո յամենայն ժամ. ի չար խորհրդոց, ի բանից եւ ի գործոց փրկեա զիս. եւ ողորմեա քո արարածոց եւ ինձ՝ բազմամեղիս:

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Wisdom of the Father, O Jesus, give me wisdom always to think, speak and do that which is good in Thy sight; save me from evil thoughts, words and deeds; have mercy upon Thy creatures and upon me a great sinner.

NERSES SHNORHALI

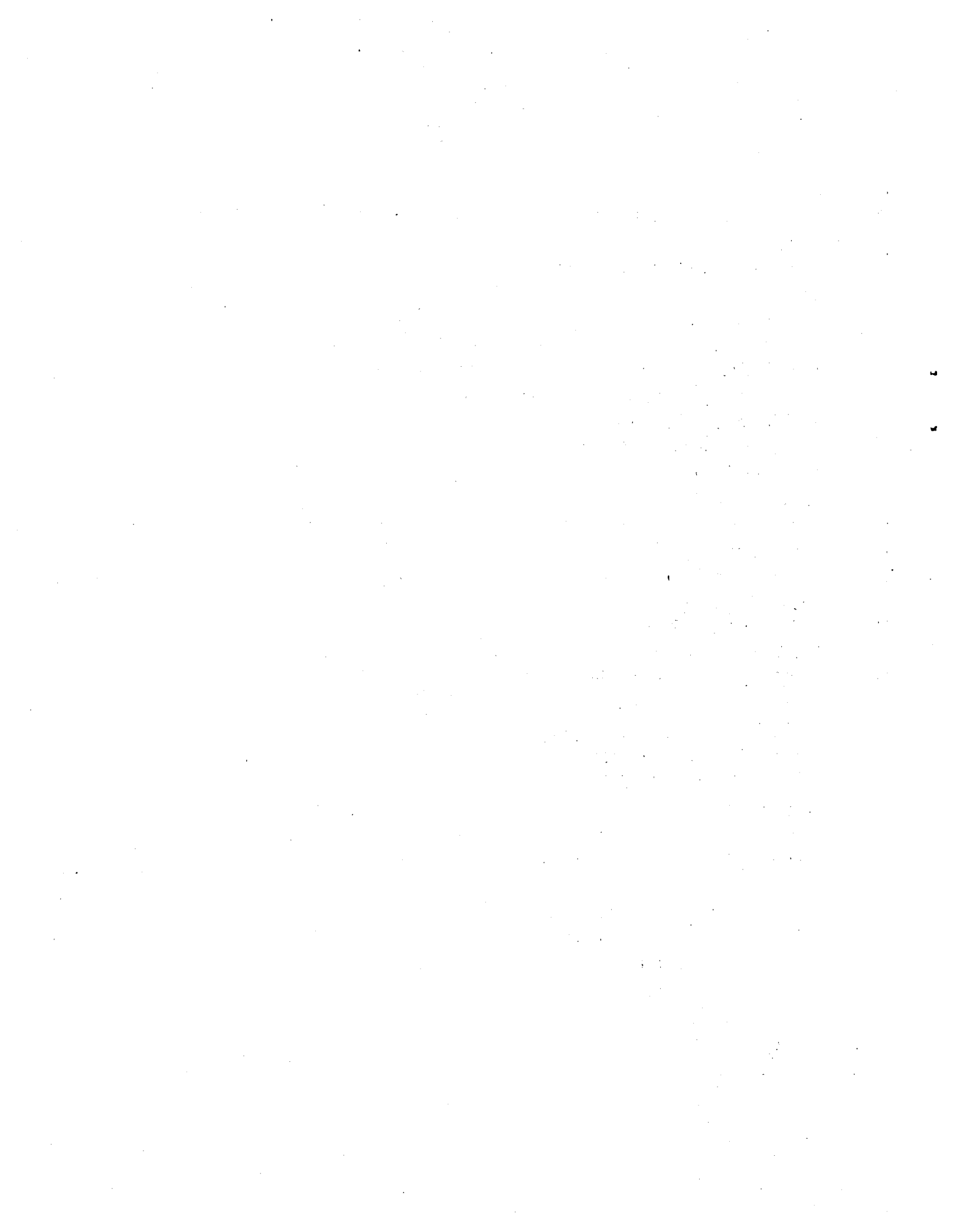


“With faith I confess”



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Rev. Father Archpriest Vertanes Kalayjian, Pastor

Տ. Վրթանէս Աւագ Քահանայ Գալայճեան, Հովիտ

January 13, 1999

## INVITATION TO THE PARISH ASSEMBLY - 1999

Dear Parishioners,

You are invited to attend the Annual Parish Assembly to be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, January 24, 1999, beginning at 12 noon.

We shall consider the items set forth in the Agenda as appears below. Other items of business or proposals must be submitted to the Parish Council Chairman, Mr. Harry Derderian, in writing and prior to the meeting..

Church services will begin at 10:00 AM on January 24th and will terminate at approximately 11:30 AM.

A combination of light luncheon and refreshments will be served and the meeting will begin at 12 Noon sharp. **Please be prompt.**

We will be grateful if you call the church office at (202) 363.1923 for luncheon reservations. RSVP

It is a privilege to be part of the decision-making process. This is your church. If you do not participate, who will? And, if not on January 24th....when?

**We look forward to seeing you on January 24, 1999.**

*Pastor and Parish Council*

### Agenda for Annual Parish Assembly

1. Opening and Memorial Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Election of Assembly Tivan-Officers
4. Minutes of 1998 Assemblies
5. Nominating Committee Report and nominations
6. Reports:
  - a. Pastor's
  - b. Parish Council's
  - c. Diocesan Delegates'
  - d. Finance Committee / Endowment Fund,  
St. Mary's W. E. Docter Educational Fund
7. Election of Parish Council, Auditing and Nominating Committee, Trustees and scholarship / Academic Committee for St. Mary's William E. Docter Educational Fund.
8. Treasurer's Report and proposed Budget for 1999
9. Auditing Committee Report
  - e. Women's Guild
  - f. Choir
  - g. Shnorhali School
  - h. ACYOA Jrs., Srs., and Three "M" of St. Mary
  - i. Ararat Avak Society / Board of Stewards
  - j. Bookstore / Library / and Shnorhali Newsletter
10. Announcement of Election Results
11. Old Business
12. New Business - Proposals and Amendments
13. Benediction - Adjournment

Միրելի թխականներ,

Այսու կը հրաւիրենք ձեզ մասնակցելու եկեղեցւոյ Տարեկան Ծխական Անդամական Ժողովին որ տեղի պիտի ունենայ Կիրակի, ՅուՆուար 24-ին, կէսօրուայ ժամը 12:00-ին:

Հարցերը նկատի պիտի առնուին այս էջի վրայ տպուած օրակարգի համաձայն: Որեւէ նոր հարցեր կամ առաջարկութիւններ պէտք է ժողովէն առաջ գրաւոր կերպով յանձնուին Ծխական Խորհուրդի Ատենապետ՝ Տիար Յարութիւն Տէրտէրեանին:

ՅուՆուար 24-ին Սուրբ Պատարագը պիտի սկսի ժամը 10-ին եւ պիտի աւարտի մօտ ժամը 11:30-ին: Թեթեւ չաշ եւ հիւրասիրութիւն տեղի պիտի ունենայ, բայց ձեր նախապէս հեռաձայն ընելը անհրաժեշտ է որպէսզի ըստ այնմ պատրաստուիք: Հաճեցէք հեռաձայնել (202) 363-1923:

Անդամական Ժողովին մասնակցիլը եւ որոշում առնելը բոլորիս պարտքն է եւ պարտականութիւնը: Ուրեմն կը սպասենք ձեզ տեսնել ՅուՆուար 24-ին:

Հոգեւոր Հովիւ եւ թխական Խորհուրդ

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1. Բացման եւ Հոգևոց Աղօթք
2. Անդամներու ներկայութեան ստուգում
3. Դիւանի ընտրութիւն
4. 1998-ի տարեկան ժողովի ատենագրութեան վաւերացում
5. Եկեղեցւոյ նորոգութեան ճրագիր
6. Ընտրողական Յանձնախումբի Տեղեկագրութիւն
7. Տեղեկագրութիւններ
 

ա) Հոգեւոր Հովիւի	գ) Թեմական Պատգամաւորներու
բ) Ծխական Խորհուրդի	դ) Ֆինանսական Յանձնախումբի
	Ուիլիլմ Տոթթըր Կրթական ֆոնտի
8. Ընտրութիւն
 

ա) Ծխական Խորհուրդի	գ) Հաշուեցնիչ Յանձնախումբի
բ) Ընտրողական Յանձնախումբի	դ) Ֆինանսական Յանձնախումբի
	Երկու Կրթական ֆոնտի Տնօրէններ եւ
	Հինգ Կրթաթոշակի Յանձնախումբի անդամներ
9. Հաշուետուութիւն
 

ա) Ծխական Խորհուրդի 1998-ի պիւտաձէի հաշուետուութիւն
բ) 1999-ի պիւտաձէի վաւերացում
10. Տեղեկագրութիւններ (շարունակութիւն)
 

Տիկնաց Միութեան / Ծնորհալի Դպրոցի / Գրադարանի / Գրախանութի  
 Կրտսեր Երիտասարդաց Միութեան / Դպրաց Դասի  
 Երեք-Մ Չափահասներու Ընկերակցութեան Երիտասարդաց Աւագներու Խումբ  
 Արարատ Աւագներու Ընկերակցութեան  
 Հայ Եկեղեցւոյ Հիմնադրամ

Յանձնաժողով Տնտեսութեան
11. Հաշուեցնիչ Յանձնախումբի Տեղեկագրութիւն
12. Ընտրութեան արդիւնքներու ճանուցում
13. Հին հարցեր
14. Նոր հարցեր եւ առաջարկութիւններ
15. Փակման Աղօթք եւ Արձակում



**Minutes of the Parish Assembly  
St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church  
February 22, 1998**

The Parish Assembly was called to order at 1:15 PM on February 22, 1997. Der Hayr opened the meeting with a prayer. 55 dues paid members were in attendance which constituted a quorum. The Stewards Report and Proposal A were added to the agenda which was adopted. The nominating committee presented nominees for the Tivan. By a secret ballot Dean Shahinian, Esq. and Mr. Saro Kalayjian were elected Chairman and Secretary of the Assembly respectively.

**1. Minutes of 1997 Assembly**

The minutes of February 23, 1997 did not need approval since it was already approved at the special Assembly of April 13, 1997. Approval of the minutes of the April 13, 1997 Assembly was tabled. There was an attempt by a parishioner to offer correction to the minutes line-by line. Der Hayr suggested that any person is welcome to examine the original hand written notes of the secretary who took the minutes. No one, he added can be so fast as to add or edit as she is taking the minutes of a meeting in progress. Der Hayr said that if the suggested corrections are submitted in writing they could be attached to the minutes. A parishioner suggested, furthermore, that minutes should be in a more summary and "non-attribution" format.

**2. Nominating Committee Report.**

Mrs. Sylvia Kodjanian on behalf of the nominating Committee submitted the Nominees as presented in the "Sample Ballot". Simon Kumkumian and George Dunyan withdrew their nominations for Parish Council. Nominations made and seconded from the floor were: Dr. Richard Doyan, Mr. Neshan Dulgerian, Mr. Boghos Sivaslian, and Mr. Onnik Sivaslian for Parish Council, and Mr. George Dunyan and Mr. Arto Hovannesian were for the Finance Committee. It was noted that the person who receives the fifth most votes will serve the unexpired term of (one year) Mr. Vartan Vartanian, who resigned. It was noted also that the nominee for Finance Committee who receives the most votes will serve a full term of five years and the person receiving the second highest number of votes will serve on year of the unexpired term of Mrs. Lucy Murad, who resigned.

The election results are attached as Exhibit - A.

The Assembly voted that all nominations from the floor will require the prior consent of the nominee in all future parish elections.

**3. Pastor's Report**

Since the English text was made available in the Annual Report booklet prior to the Assembly Der Hayr spoke in Armenian and highlighted his report. Then he underlined two items:

-The need for our people to respond to the religious and cultural programs.  
-the need for our parishioners to be more welcoming and hospitable to new comers as well as to our "regular" parishioners who come less frequently. He stressed the bonding and the fellowship necessary to evolve as a more cohesive parish. At present, he added, most of the connections are through the Pastor, a very personalized relationship which presents its dangers once the pastor retires. There has to be a viable parishioner to parishioner relationship and fellowship, he concluded.

He commended the parish for the fact that despite some financial difficulties for the operating budget our parish extended itself in fund-raising for charitable and philanthropic purposes and projects with almost ten thousand dollars.



#### 4. Parish Council Report

Dr. Ara Avedisian, Chairman, presented the Parish Council report. He stressed three main points, that parishioners should be:

- More forthcoming for assistance and to offer help to the Parish Council.
- Positive and appreciative when dealing with church members and with church organizations.
- More active in the community life.

A parishioner requested a copy of the minutes of the Parish Council meetings for the past year pursuant to a past Assembly vote. No parishioner present recalled such a resolution and Der Hayr noted that any parishioner can request and inspect the minutes. In response to questions, Dr. Avedisian reported that the 50/50 raffle and the New year's Celebration earned \$6,000 and \$2,000 respectively. Br. Gen. Albert Kaehn, Chairman of the Bazaar, reported the Bazaar earned \$21,000, which was more than last year due to the Saturday dinner, the raffle, and reduced costs.

#### 5. Doctor's Will

The Assembly voted to move the consideration of the report by the PC and the administrators, CTA of the late William E. Docter's will from Old Business to this time as the continuation of the PC Report. (See proposal A) Exhibit B.

The PC Chairman directed the Assembly's attention to paragraph 16 of the PC annual report on page 28 of the 1998 Annual Report booklet:

"Mr. William E. Docter's will has been probated in the Virginia Court and a new Trustee, Dr. Ara Avedisian, was sworn in as the Trustee of the William E. Docter Educational Fund. Two additional trustees will be added as soon as possible."

He said that the Parish Council is also in the process of establishing two Advisory Committees. One Committee will advise the trustees on financial and investment affairs, and the second committee will administer the scholarship and educational assistance program. Both Committees will make their recommendations to the trustees and together in a combined session they will reach their final conclusions and make decisions and take actions.'

He introduced Martin Mooradian, Esq, who the Parish Council hired to handle the legal affairs of the will. Mr. Mooradian discussed the procedure for administering the Fund. He noted the funds at Merrill Lynch at the time of Mr. W. E. Docter's death totaled approx. \$800,000 and have appreciated to \$1,260,000. Br. Gen. Kaehn recapped the last few months of activities of the Administrators, CTA up to the moment of the transfer. He stressed that the courts will hold the trustees legally responsible for their decisions.

There were additional inquiries concerning the term of the Trustees, the appointments of the Advisory Committees.

As to the mandate of the last year's Assembly to form a committee to determine with the PC how to proceed with the "Docter's Will", Dr. Avedisian reported that a committee was composed of Haig Ellian, Esq., Mr. Vaughn Sayian, Mr. Joseph Vartabedian in addition to the P.C. Members, and the decision was to keep the administration of the will within the parish with the understanding of the above mentioned paragraph 16 of the PC Annual Report. A parishioner discussed the need for Parish Assembly involvement in final decisions regarding the Fund.

Dr. Charles Kumkumian moved and the Assembly passed the following motion:

"It is proposed that based upon the recommendation of the P.C. the Parish Assembly assume the responsibility and authority to:

- select the Trustees [for the William E. Docter's Educational Fund"] for a specific period of time.
- to define the guidelines utilized for investment decisions consistent with the terms of the Trust [the Will].
- to define the academic selection guidelines consistent with the trust [the will].
- to delegate to the Trustees the administration of the guidelines.
- to annually review the administration of the trust [the will] consistent to these guidelines.



## **6. Diocesan Delegates Report**

On behalf of the Delegates, Dean Shahinian, Esq., in addition to the printed report, noted that:  
-During the year the Dept. of Youth Ministry was merged with the Dept. of Religious Education and the Dept. of Social Services abolished. This resulted in a reduction of the number of persons engaged in Department ministry from 6 to 3. At the same time the Diocesan Administration budget and staff has not been reduced. He also pointed out that the Diocesan budget increased from \$3.5 million to \$3.8 million, for less than 9,000 Diocesan dues paid members. He reported the Diocesan Assembly passed St. Mary's proposal to have the Diocese publish a booklet disclosing information on restricted funds, but that the Diocese has not yet prepared the report and appears unwilling to do so.

## **7. Finance Committee Report**

There was no oral presentation to supplement the written Finance Committee report. Parishioners discussed: the need to review the mission statement. Der Hayr noted the need to review how P.C. and the Finance Committee conduct short and long-term, financing and fund raising, recruiting members, investing assets, and development.

A motion was made to make the Finance Committee directly accountable to the P.C. rather than to the Parish Assembly which convenes only once a year. The motion carried.

## **8. Auditing Committee Report**

See exhibit (C). The report was accepted

## **9. Parish Council Financial Report**

Mr. Steve Evereklian, PC Treasurer reported on the capital improvements and maintenance expenses. He responded to questions concerning the charitable funds, the need to repair the church carpeting and the final phase of the renovation of the sanctuary. It was noted that there was a lack of detailed accounting of funds under "restricted Fund," and an accounting was promised to be given soon.

The proposed 1998 Budget was approved at \$170,000.

## **10. Election Results**

Election results were reported to the Assembly earlier than prescribed by the adopted agenda. The results are attached.

## **11. Reports from the Church Organizations**

a. Mrs. Rosemary Arkoian, on behalf of the **Women's Guild Executive Committee** presented the report as the Co-Chairlady. The report was accepted.

B. Mrs. Clara Andonian presented the **Choir Report** and thanked the chairman Arto Hovanessian for his leadership, described the successful Annual Assembly of the Diocesan Choirs, and noted the choir's donation of robes to the mission parish in Ocala, Fl.

C. Dr. Charles Kumkumian spoke on behalf of the **Board of Stewards**. He added the missing name of Mr. Saro Kalayjian on the Board. He highlighted the activities in the following areas:

- Organization of Ushers to assist the PC
- Continuing Bible Study and the need for more participation
- Organizing visitation teams for VA, MD, and DC.

### **d. Three "M" Fellowship, ACYOA Jrs and Shnorhali School**

Yeretzgin A. Kalayjian provided information as the co-ordinator and the Superintendent respectively. She stressed again that parishioners and especially parents should be more forthcoming with support and direct involvement with the youth (**ACYOA Jrs.**) With the **Three "M"** which needs re-organization and with the **Shnorhali School** and requested that a large screen TV be installed as soon as possible.

E. Mr. Saro Kalayjian, Chairman presented the **ACYOA Srs report**.

He made the following points:

- The group has increased in membership.
- Needs the support of the parishioners.
- Programs have been developed to have meaningful spiritual, social, and cultural activities.

F. **Ararat Avak Society** was reported to be alive and well thanks to the effort of Miss Ann Kavookian, Mrs. Arousiag Kumkumian and Mrs. Alice Baker.

G. There was no oral reports on the **Bookstore**, **The Library**, or the **Shnorhali Newsletter** to supplement the written report in the Annual Report Booklet. The Assembly thanked Mr. Armik Khachaturians, Bookstore Manager; Ms. Elizabeth Kayaian Garabedian, Librarian; and Mrs. Grace Shahinian, Shnorhali Editor, for their good work.

The organizational reports were accepted as presented.

## 12. Old Business.

There was no Old Business

## 13. New Business

**Proposal A.** The Assembly determined to discuss proposal A, by Gen. Kaehn, during the PC Report.

**Proposal B.** See the text. (Exhibit D)

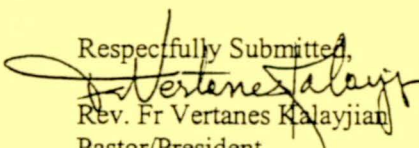
The Assembly passed a proposal by Zaven Kalayjian that St. Mary's teach tithing and have a line item in the budget for tithing. During discussion, it was noted that tithing is not to be confused with dues. It was requested that the clarification and/or the definition be made through the pages of Shnorhali.


The proposal was put to a vote and was approved.


## 14. Adjournment

The Chairman thanked all for their cooperation in the course of the deliberations. Der Hayr expressed appreciation to the Tivan (Chairman and Secretary), to the outgoing Executive members and welcomed and congratulated those elected and wished them well. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian  
Pastor/President

  
Saro Kalayjian  
Secretary

  
Dean Shahinian, Esq.  
Chairman



PASTOR'S REPORT  
1998

At the conclusion of the year 1998, I completed the 22nd 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

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
Baptisms	29	21	12
Weddings	7	10	8
Funerals	13	12	7
Engagements	3	5	4

B. PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

1. Baltimore Community This is the 20<sup>th</sup> year we have been conducting Christmas Services with our choir participating. I continue to be in touch with the community and administer to its spiritual and social welfare.
2. Counseling and Social Services The areas covered were hospitals, nursing homes, personal, premarital and family counseling, job placement, housing, immigration and naturalization, Armenian heritage research guidance, personal recommendations, scholarship applications, court appearances and translation, educational testing and document translations, mediation and / or marriage counseling, lectures, social service, etc.
3. In addition to the regular Sunday worship, special services were held such as; Christmas Candlelight Service, Anniversary Candle Lighting & Requiem Service, Antasdan (blessing of the fields), Renewal of Baptismal vows (Godparents' Day) Thanksgiving Service for Holy Etchmiadzin and Republic of Armenia, Installation and Initiation Services for the Jr. and Sr. ACYOA , Grape Blessing and a special service at the picnic.
4. Office Activities During the year we had the services of **Mrs. June Kavookian**, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year, as a part-time secretary. She has worked almost like a full time and we appreciate that very much. Office hours were 10:30 am to 3:30pm. The afternoon and almost all evening hours I personally use to carry on my responsibilities.
5. Publications. The parish newsletter, the SHNORHALI, full-size special issues were published twice, totaling over 130 pages (8.5 x 7) of information concerning our parish activities. Special thanks and gratitude I extend to **Mrs. Grace Shahinian**, the Editor of the Shnorhali. Our general mailing list is over 1300 and Shnorhali was mailed to 750 addresses. The Bazaar list is close to 3000. Periodically Sunday Bulletins were published. Special Bulletins Program booklets were published for Vartanantz, Easter, Young Talents' Concert, Grape Blessing, 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Candle Lighting and Christmas. Armenian American news media covered most of our notable activities which I reported and photos were provided mostly by Saro Kalayjian.

### C. DIOCESAN AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

6. **Annual Diocesan Assembly.** In May, I attended The Diocesan Annual Assembly held in New York, NY. Please read the details in the Diocesan Delegates' report. Prior to the General Assembly the Clergy Annual Conference was held in a retreat center with His Holiness present.
7. Alexandria-Gumri Sister City Committee held the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Armenian Festival. Our Community gave its full support and participation.
8. The 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Church, Candle Lighting and Awards presentations took place on December 20, 1998. **Dr. Hratch Semerjian, Mrs. Grace Shahinian and Mr. Armik Khatchaturians** were the recipients of "The Pastor's Recognition Award" for distinguished services rendered for the Choir, for the Shnorhali Newsletter and for the Bookstore respectively. They were commended also for their many faceted services for St. Mary's Church and the community. Special Award for the spirit of volunteerism was given to **Zohrab Nalbandian**.
9. Diocesan Clergy as well as guest clergy from Armenia were hosted on several occasions by Yeretzgin and I.

### D. ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ARMENIA AND OTHERS

14. We continue to host a regular stream of official delegations from Armenia, with receptions and by providing transportation and escort assistance.
  - A number of visitors as well as those who have settled in this area have received medical, dental and other necessary care. We thank our medical and dental doctors in the area for their gracious and generous help.
11. **WE CONTINUE TO:**
  - Support the mission of HAVAD even though it has been suspended temporarily. The project continues by a few die-hard volunteers with Der Hayr as advisor.
  - Support the Diocesan Fund for Armenia's Recovery (FAR).
  - Support the Orphan's Fund through the Women's Guild Central Council "CASP".
  - Support the "ARMENIA FUND"
  - Support WGCC sponsored "School Bag" program.
  - Act as conduit to help those who have relatives in Armenia, and help those who desire to adopt children from Armenia.
  - Support the Washington based Armenian-American Health Association.
  - Support the Armenian Embassy here in Washington with volunteers.
12. **St. Mary's Charitable Fund** The Fund continued to be an avenue through which parishioners made contributions to help individuals and families in need of assistance. Also, the SHNORHALI School students regularly bring non-perishable food for the homeless of the Metropolitan Area. In addition to the funds raised for Armenia, other charitable activities included helping to re-locate Armenians from Armenia. Additionally, our charitable fund-raising included helping:
  - The Disaster Relief for South America.
  - Assistance for the "Writers' Union of Armenia".
  - The Special Appeal for the Bulgarian Armenian Community.
13. **Prayer Luncheon at the Embassy.** I am happy to report that as the coordinator I have taken the initiative to organize monthly Prayer-Luncheons at the Embassy of Armenia. This is the third year that on the average 30 of our parishioners and area's young professionals now have the opportunity to enjoy Christian fellowship and develop closer understanding of the affairs of the Embassy. Guest clergy and lay persons deliver the spiritual message and the Ambassador does the briefing with Question and Answer that follows.



14. We should also be politically active in support of Armenia and Artzakh. I assure you I am not asking anything that you already are not doing...except we should do it consistently and vigorously by letters, phone calls, telegrams, faxes, etc. - to our Senators, Representatives and to the President of the United States to bring peace to the region. We should be responsive also to the news coverage by the area newspapers, Television and Radio.

We are indeed happy that section 907 of The Freedom Support Act of Congress was maintained through the support and letter-writing of many.

#### E. ORGANIZATIONAL AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

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

15. **Parish Council.** As the Pastor/President, I presided over and participated in the deliberations of the Parish Council at the regular and special meetings, except when I was ill or out of town.
16. **Auxiliary 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 or when I had to be away for an emergency. **Women's Guild, Choir, Shnorhali School, ACYOA Jr's and Sr's, Three "M" Adult Fellowship, The Bookstore, Ararat Avak Society, The Board of Stewards and The Finance Committee** continued to function effectively. My special thanks to all the Executive committees and their respective chairmen, principals, teachers and advisors for their diligence and dedication. We are happy to note that both the Women's Guild and the Ararat Avak Society have continued to maintain a cordial relationship and joint activities with their counterparts of Soorp Khatch.
17. **Bookstore.** We thank **Mr. Rostam (Armik) Khatchaturians** who continues his responsibility regularly. We thank him for his dedication.
18. **St. Mary's Balian Library.** Our thanks to **Ms. Elizabeth Kayaian Garabedian** who continues her task with concern and dedication.
19. **Board of Stewards.** The outreach initiated and guided by **Dr. Charles Kumkumian** is already recognized as an essential service for the proper conduct of the Sunday morning worship. We thank him and a group of dedicated volunteers for assuming the task. We thank him and **Dr. Gregory Kumkumian** for leading the efforts to maintain a regular program of **Bible Studies.**
20. **Armenian Memorial Weekend (April 24).** We have been observing this important anniversary with a variety of creative ways: **Multi-Media Art Exhibition, Young Artist's Talent Show, Madagh and Wreath laying** ceremony with the young adults participating in the program.
21. **Cultural Events.** There were a variety of ways one could get enriched culturally: **The Vartanantz Celebration; Three "M" sponsored Lectures and Seminars; Alexandria-Gumri Sister City Festival, Young Artist's Talent Show** and a host of one time cultural treats. The challenge, I have always underlined, is just being there.
22. **Young Adult's Sunday.** The first Sunday of the month is **Shnorhali School's Family Worship / Communion Sunday.** To complement these Sunday programs a series of lectures were organized by **Dean Shahinian** under the title "**Armenian Life**". I have observed that these lectures are received as very informative, educational and inspirational. We thank Dean who as the President of the Ararat Foundation continues his contributions to the spiritual enrichment of our community and elsewhere. These Sundays were also used by the Three "M" and the ACYOA SRs to present their own informative lectures on a variety of subjects.
23. **ACYOA SRs.** Our church has reason to rejoice in the fact that we now have the ACYOA SRs on active track. We are indebted to **Mr. Saro Kalayjian** who took up the challenge of putting a list of 50 Young Adults, sending them letters, cards, E-mail and making phone calls to motivate them to gather around the organization. As of now over 25 such young adults are affiliated with the group. They need our support and we should feel obligated to give it to them by attending their public activities. Please read their report elsewhere in this Annual Report.
  - We do commend their interest in the Jr. ACYOA as big brothers and sisters. We also greatly appreciate their initiative to memorialize and celebrate the lives of notable figures of Armenian culture and literature.



24. **Church Choir.** It should be noted with pride that our choir is doing a first rate job by enhancing our Sunday worship and Badarak. Both the number of membership and the quality of singing have increased appreciably. Our thanks to **Dr. H. Semerjian**, and occasional substitutes, **Dr. S. Boyajian** and **Yn. Anahid Kalayjian** as Choir Directors respectively, our Organists **Mr. B. Zulikian**, **Miss Vardanian** and the deacons, altar servers and the choir members, one and all.
25. **Spiritual, Religious Educational programs** were developed and implemented to a great satisfaction to many who attended: Under the title of **"In Search of our Christian - Spiritual - Cultural Armenian Heritage"** the following was accomplished:
- The Books of the Old Testament. Clergy from New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut were invited to lecture on five consecutive Mondays during Lent.
  - Parishioners were invited to lecture/share their meditations on the "Seven Deadly Sins", on Lenten Fridays and Sundays.
  - The Fall Lecture Series were dedicated to enriching our cultural history. The lecturer was **Dr. Levon Avdoyan**. Very special thanks to him.
- NOTE:** Both the **Spring Lecture Series** (Spiritual/Religious) and the **Fall Lecture Series** (Cultural/historical) were sponsored and subsidized by **The Caspar Kasparian Memorial Fund**.
- Weekly Bible Studies continued regularly on Thursdays from 7:30 - 8:30. The attendance ranges from 8-10. The sessions are lead by some of the participants taking turns; **Dr. Gregory Kumkumian**, the coordinator; **Dr. Charles Kumkumian**; **Mrs. Clara Andonian**; **Mr. Simon Kumkumian** and others. We thank **Dr. Greg Kumkumian** for his continuous dedication for this program.

#### F. Miscellaneous Activities

26. **Centennial of The Diocese.** Earlier in the year the committee deliberations, to mark the Diocesan 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, were halted because of the change of plans by His Holiness. On October 25<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the Centennial of the Armenian Church in the United States. The program was both well attended and well received. We feel particularly indebted to **Yeretzgin** for planning and coordination. The Centennial Committee included representation from all church organizations. Our thanks to all participants.
27. **Godparents' Day.** On March 20<sup>th</sup> we had a unique celebration dedicated to the Godparents. Children, specially those baptized at St. Mary's, participated in the renewal of the baptismal vows along with the Godparents. We intend to make this an annual occasion for spiritual renewal.
28. **Memorial for Patriarch Karekin.** We sadly note the passing of our first pastor the late Patriarch of Istanbul, **His Beatitude Abp. Karekin Kazanjian**. A 40<sup>th</sup> day Hokehankist and memorial meal-program was held to honor his memory. We have installed a special plaque in the church in his honor and memory.
29. **Among the notable events** I would like to mention:
- Peter Balakian's** several book signing appearances here in the Washington area including the one on the Hill dedicated to the commemoration of the Genocide.
  - A joint Greek American and Baltimore Armenian participation at the Greek Independence Day parade in Baltimore.
  - The new Executive Director of Armenia Fund **Mr. Raffi Hovhannisian's** visit to Washington, DC
  - United Nation's Human Rights' Washington Chapter honored **Congressman Frank Pallone** and his longtime assistant **Mrs. Rosalie Chorbajian** for their contributions to the human rights, hosted by **Mr. and Mrs. Boghos and Astrid Ohanian**.
  - The Centennial Ellis Island visit of the Shnorhali School Students and Parents. They were present at the special festivities presided by His Holiness
  - A special program for Communications Skills /Carnage Program was held on November 21<sup>st</sup>. The program was made possible by the Diocesan Armenian Language & Lab. Resource Center and **Miss Silva Der Stepanian**, Director and it was coordinated by **Yeretzgin**.



- g. Similarly, and on the same weekend Yeretzgin coordinated the visit of CASP (Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program) Director Ms. Julie Ashekian's visit to our parish. On the same day, March 22, Women's Guild Day was observed with Very Rev. S., Chinchinian celebrating Holy Badarak.
30. **May 17, 1998 Parish Special Assembly** The purpose was to elect two (2) additional Trustees to bring the number to a total of Three (3), to administer **St. Mary's William E. Docter Educational Fund**. Also, to elect Five (5) members to the **Educational / Academic Advisory Committee**. Unfortunately, the attendance was very low and there was no quorum. Nevertheless, the elections took place with the expectation that the decisions reached by Two Third (2/3) majority would be submitted to the Primate and The Diocesan Council for verification and final approval. However, The Parish Council did not receive these minutes and therefore a follow-up verification and approval did not take place.
31. **August 23, 1998 Parish Special Assembly** The events that took place between The Annual Parish Assembly held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Special Parish Assembly held on August 23, 1998 is generally known by our parishioners in varying degrees of accuracy. The sad and often inaccurate echoes are still bouncing back to us from as far away places as Florida, New York, New Jersey and even from overseas let alone occasional ones locally regurgitated by some. Yeretzgin, our children and I are grateful for the overwhelming support and comfort given to us at the August 23 Parish Assembly. The message received by the representative of the Primate and the Diocesan Council, The Hon. Judge Vincent Gurahian could not be misinterpreted. And we know that he reported accordingly.
- Attached you will find the peace keeping document formulated by the Judge and signed by the Pastor and the Parish Council. (Addendum #1)
- I call upon all parishioners of good-will to get on with the task of rebuilding our parish's good reputation and set our actions on a positive and constructive path. We have a lot to accomplish yet together.

## G. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

32. **Mas and Altar Care.** The list of the ladies helping to give the altar area the necessary care has remained strong. I thank all who made and donated MAS, repaired and made altar covers and vestments. Special thanks to **Miss Ann Kavookian** who continues to take care of the altar flowers and Christmas Greetings in addition to numerous other tasks she performs so lovingly and **Mrs. Anna Bolek, Mrs. Gulbahar Tufeckgian, Mrs. Voski Akdemir** and **Mrs. Shake Dilanian** for making MAS, and **Mrs. Roseanne Alexander, Mrs. Arousiag Kumkumian, and Mr. Simon Kumkumian** for Altar care.
33. The names of the parishioners to whom I feel particularly indebted, both as a person and as the Pastor, are too numerous to list. I am indebted to all the Executive members of the church organizations, particularly the Women's Guild, who, one and all, helped to make 1998 a rewarding year. I take the risk of sounding repetitious and routine by expressing my profound appreciation and gratitude to someone who happens to be, also, my life partner / colleague / irreplaceable advisor in my pastoral duties and activities. She has been serving on the Women's Guild Central Council in New York for the 6<sup>th</sup> year. She also serves on the Executive committee of the **Armenian Medical Association of Metropolitan Washington**. I should add an obvious fact, that many of the cultural and fund raising activities simply would not have been possible without her. So, on your behalf and mine, I thank **Yeretzgin Anahid Kalayjian**.
- Lest we take it for granted, we thank again our Deacons and Stolebearers: **Mr. Vartkes Keshishian, Mr. Tavit Dekirmendjian, Dr. Hratch Semerjian, Mr. Simon Kumkumian, Mr. Zaven Kalayjian, Mr. Berj and Saro Kalayjian** who continue their services along with the choir members, a majority of which have almost perfect attendance.
- Last, but not the least, to our Parish Council members, specially to our **Parish Council Secretary Mrs. Anahid Ayrandjian** I express my deep appreciation. Despite the turbulence and her own personal tragic loss of her husband Mr. Nubar Ayrandjian, a valuable and dedicated servant of this parish, she continued her steady and unwavering dedication.

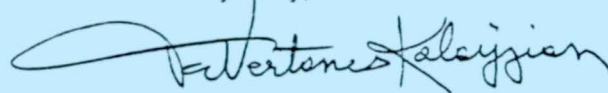
As the new year begins, along with some of the visible accomplishments, for which we are proud and thankful to our Lord and grateful to all participating parishioners, we face new challenges. With God's blessing and your cooperation we hope to meet these new challenges during the months ahead.

**F. Notices and Miscellenous Reminders.**

- a. Attached you will also have addendum #2 and #3 which deal with our efforts to have an "Armenian Community Database and Telephone Directory Information Form".  
They will soon be mailed to over 1500 households. If you have any thoughts, suggestions for improvements or ideas please communicate to us.
- b. For several years now, the need for a regular services, especially geared for the young Adults, has been expressed, discussed, suggested and occasionally demanded. A survey soon will be mailed to formulate a general consensus on this matter.  
Your cooperation and input is expressly needed in at least the following areas.
  1. When should we have this service? (The Day).
  2. What hours shall this service be held and how long? (AM, PM, etc.).
  3. Assuming the language will primarily be English, in what proportion shall it be? Totally English, primarily English or half and half English/Armenian.
- c. The Annual Pledge cards have been mailed to you with your financial statements and soon Year End Contribution Receipts, for Tax purposes, will also be mailed with another pledge card. Please take time and make your 1999 pledge.

Please do respond to the survey and send in your pledge cards.

Prayerfully,



Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, Pastor

A D D E N D U M # 2

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Our last Telephone Directory for the Greater Washington-Baltimore Armenian Community was published in 1989.

We are now ready to publish another one since there has been many requests for it.

We ask that you fill out the attached "Information Form" both for our church records and for the purpose of an updated Telephone Directory with a Yellow Pages section.

If more space is needed for additional information and/or comments, please use the back of the FORM. And, please do make copies available to those who may not have received it.

**Please be assured that all personal data shall remain strictly confidential.**

Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelopes and mail the "Information Form" as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Pastor and Parish Council



# ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. Father Archpriest Vertanes Kalayjian, Pastor

Տ. Վրթանէս Աւագ Քահանայ Գալաթեան, Հովիւ

## ARMENIAN COMMUNITY DATABASE AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORY INFORMATION FORM

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt.# \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pager: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mobil: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Education and Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Spouse's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse's Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates:**  
 Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthday (Spouse): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wedding Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Joined St. Mary's on: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN**  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we presently am/are Voting Members of St. Mary's Armenian Church. \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no  
 I/we wish to be Voting Members of St. Mary's Armenian Church. \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no  
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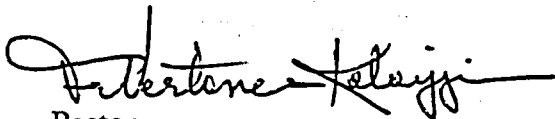
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

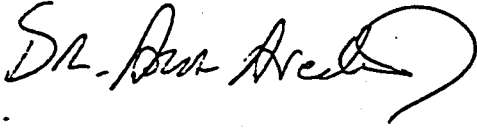
Pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding, the Pastor and Parish Council of St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church, Washington, DC, agree to implement the following actions:

1. The Pastor shall present a report on his pastoral activities to the Parish Council monthly.
2. The Pastor and Parish Council shall annually organize an orientation for new Parish Council members to be held shortly after parish elections.
3. The Pastor, Parish Council Chairman and Parish Council Secretary shall closely cooperate in preparing the agendas for Parish Council meetings, as provided by Article 31 of the Diocesan By-laws.
4. The Pastor and Parish Council pledge to cooperate more closely with each other and keep each other more fully informed regarding parish policies and issues.
5. The Pastor and Parish Council pledge to work more closely and harmoniously for the benefit of the parish.
6. When the Pastor or any Parish Council member is informed of a will bequest for the benefit of the parish, he or she will communicate that information to the entire Parish Council and to each other as soon as feasible.

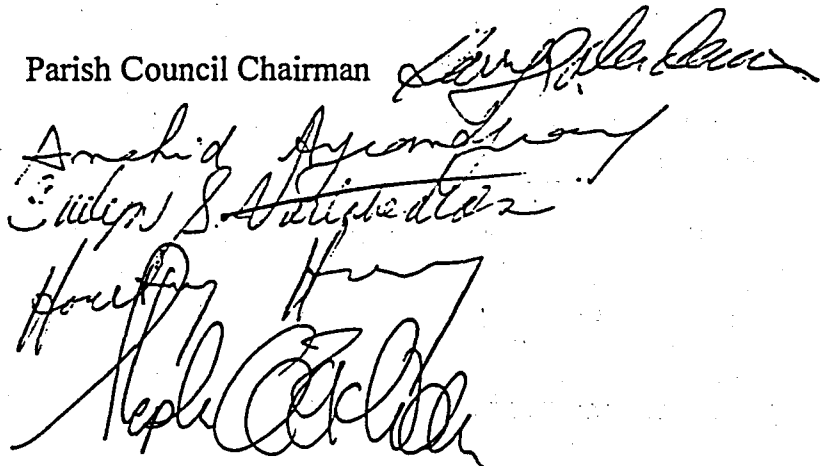
We, the undersigned, agree to this Memorandum of Understanding of August 23, 1998.



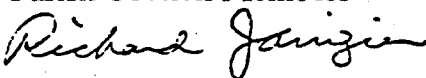
Pastor



Parish Council Chairman



Parish Council Members



In witness of this agreement, The Honorable Vincent Gurahian,

Representative of the Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church and the Diocesan Council

NOTE: The Parish Council signatures belong to: Mr. Harry Derderian, Mrs. Anahid Ayrandjian, Mrs. Evelyn Vartabedian, Mr. Arto Hovannessian, Mr. Steve Evereklian, Mr. Richard Janigian, and Dr. Ara Avedisian. Missing signatures are: Mr. Boghos Sivaslian and Dr. Richard Doyan.



# SAMPLE BALLOT - 1999

## ST. MARY'S ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY - JANUARY 24, 1999

### Parish Assembly Chairman (Elect One)

Col. George Juskalian  
Dean Shahinian, Esq.

### Assembly Secretary (Elect One)

### Parish Council (Elect Five)

Mr. Levon Andonian  
Mr. Jack Bedrosian  
Mr. George Dunyan  
Mrs. Anahid Ghazarian  
Mr. Vartkes Keshishian  
Mr. Souny Kodjanian  
Mr. Simon Kumkumian  
Mrs. Jean Sayian  
Mr. Zakar Shahverdian  
Mrs. Evelyn Vartabedian (2)

### W.E. Docter Scholarship Committee (Elect Five)

Mrs. Clara Andonian  
Mrs. Rosemary Arkoian  
Mrs. Louise Jamgochian  
Mr. Zaven Kalayjian  
Dr. Gregory Kumkumian  
Mrs. June Kavookian  
Mrs. Lucia Magarian  
Mr. Stephen Ohanian  
Mrs. Jean Sayian  
Mrs. Leda Zenian

### Nominating Committee (Elect Three)

Mrs. Roseann Alexander  
Mrs. Rosemary Arkoian  
Mrs. Assanet Hachikoglu

### Auditing Committee (Elect One)

Mr. Raffi Karahisar (2)  
Mr. William Maghrablian

### Finance Committee (Elect One)

Mr. Lee Jundanian  
Mr. Varoujan Varoujanian

### William E. Docter Trustee (Elect Two)

Mr. George Dunyan  
Mr. Vaughn Sayian  
Mr. Joseph Vartabedian  
Mr. David Zenian

## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OTHER OFFICERS - 1998

Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian	Pastor - President	Mr. Steve Evereklian (*)	Treasurer
Mr. Harry Derderian (*)	Chairman	Dr. Ara Avedisian (*)	Member
Mr. Arto Hovannesian (*)	Vice Chairman	Mr. Nishan Dulgerian (1)	Member
Mrs. Anahid Ayrandjian	Secretary	Mr. Richard Janigian	Member
Mrs. Evelyn Vartabedian(*)	Second Secretary	Mr. Onnik Sivaslian (*)	Member

### Diocesan Delegated

Dean Shahinian, Esq. (200)  
Yr. Anahid Kalayjian (2001)

### Auding Committee

Mr. Varoujan Varoujanian (2000)  
Mr. Stephen Ohanian (1999)  
Mr. Raffi Karahisar (\*) (1998)

### Finance Committee

Mr. George Dunyan (2002)  
Dr. Ara Avedisian (2001)  
Dr. Edward Onanian (2000)  
Mr. Souny Kodjanian (1999)  
Mr. Armen Garabedian (1998) (\*)

### Nominating Committee

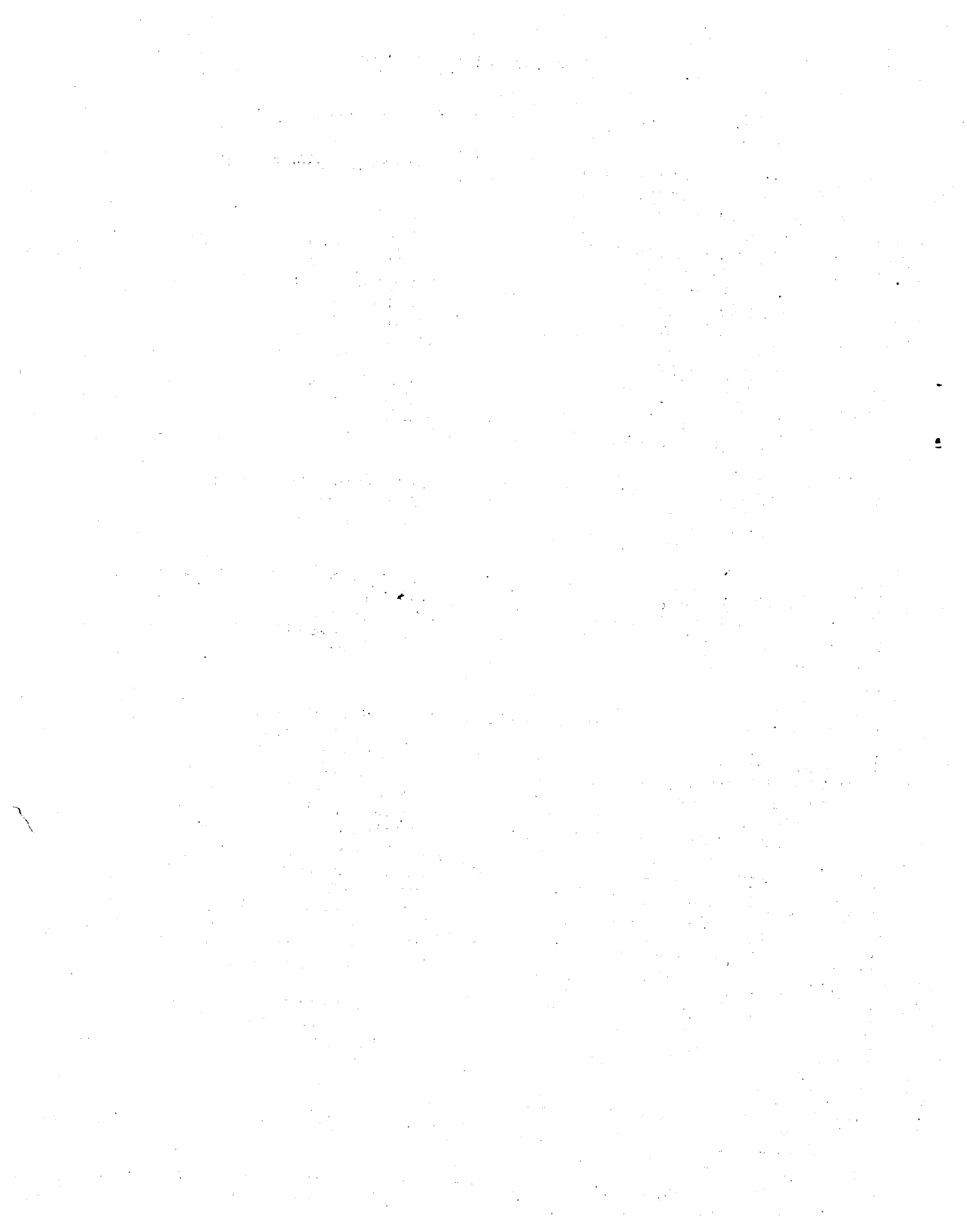
Mrs. Rosalie Chorbajian (\*)  
Mrs. Susan Ohanian (\*)  
Mrs. Margie Satian (\*)

(\*) The terms expire - Eleggible to be candidates for re-election.

(1) These members of the Prish Council replaced Mr. Boghos Sivaslian and Dr. Richard Doyan upon their resignations.

(2) Incumbants

**NOTE: Nominations may be made from the floor. Please secure prior consent of the nominee.**





# SAMPLE BALLOT - 1999

## ST. MARY'S ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY - JANUARY 24, 1999

### St. Mary Parish Assembly Ballot 1998

#### Parish Assembly Chairman

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Mr. David Zenian

#### Assembly Secretary

Mrs. Anahid Ayrandjian  
Mrs. Lucia Magarian

#### Parish Council *(Elect Five)*

Mr. Levon Andonian  
Mr. Jack Bedrosian  
Mr. George Dunyan  
Mrs. Anahid Ghazarian  
Mr. Vartkes Keshishian  
Mr. Souny Kodjanian  
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Mr. Zakar Shahverdian  
Mrs. Evelyn Vartabedian

#### W.E. Docter Scholarship Committee *(Elect Five)*

Mrs. Clara Andonian  
Mr. Edward Alexander  
Mrs. Rosemary Arkoian  
Mr. Raffi Balian  
Mrs. Louise Jamgochian  
Mr. Zaven Kalayjian  
Dr. Gregory Kumkumian  
Mrs. June Kavookian  
Mr. Stephen Ohanian  
Mrs. Jean Sayian  
Mr. Onnik Sivaslian  
Mrs. Leda Zenian

#### Nominating Committee *(Elect Three)*

Mrs. Roseann Alexander  
Mrs. Rosemary Arkoian  
Mrs. Assanet Hachikoglu

#### Auditing Committee *(Elect One)*

Mr. Raffi Karahisar (2)  
Mr. William Maghrablian

#### Finance Committee *(Elect One)*

Mr. Lee Jundanian  
Mr. Varoujan Varoujanian

#### William E. Docter Trustee *(Elect Two)*

Mr. Vartkes Balian  
Mr. George Dunyan  
Mr. Vaughn Sayian  
Mr. Joseph Vartabedian  
Mr. David Zenian

## Parish Council 1998 Annual Report

We held the Annual Assembly on February 22, 1998 to elect the new Parish Council, and at a special meeting, Trustees for the William E. Docter Education Trust Fund, and members for the Advisory Committees for Education, and, Financial and Investment for the William E. Docter Education Trust Fund. The new and reelected members of the Parish Council included:

### New Members Elected

Mr. Boghos Sivaslian  
Dr. Richard Doyan  
Mr. Richard Janigian

### Reelected Members

Mr. Harry A. Derderian (one year)

### Members Serving Their Second Year

Mr. Steve Evereklian  
Mrs. Anahid Ayrandjian  
Mr. Arto Hovannesian  
Dr. Ara Avedisian  
Mrs. Evelyn Vartabedian

### Trustees Elected for Consideration by the Court

Dr. Richard Doyan  
Mr. George Dunyan  
Mr. Harry A. Derderian (next runner up)

Note: These names did not go to the Diocese for approval because not enough parishioners were present to establish a quorum.

The Parish Council has regularly met at an interval of twice a month and more often as necessary to meet special needs. Occasionally, parishioners and members of the other organizations attended the regularly scheduled Parish Council meetings. Once, a very large contingent of parishioners arrived at a regularly scheduled meeting.

1. The Parish Council had the following Liaison assignments:

Women's Guild	Mrs. E. Vartabedian
Finance Committee	Dr. A. Avedisian
3M Fellowship & ACYOA	None
Choir	Mr. Arto Hovannesian
Shnorhali School	Mr. Harry Derderian
Maintenance	Mr. Steve Evereklian
Board of Stewards	None

2. Mr. Harry A. Derderian was elected as the Chair.

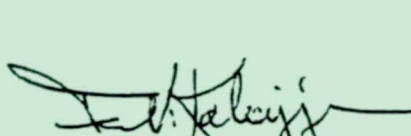


3. The Parish Council regrettably accepted the resignation of two of its newly elected members Dr. Richard Doyan and Mr. Boghos Sivaslian. The next two alternates to the Parish Council, Messrs. Nishan Dulgerian and Onik Sivaslian, were approved by the Diocese and accepted the responsibilities.
4. The Annual Bazaar was very successful, as usual, thanks to the coordination efforts of Brig. Gen. Al Kaehn with the untiring efforts of Mrs. Rosemary Arkoian, Mrs. Asanet Hacikoglu, Mrs. Jean Sayian, Mrs. Clara Andonian and the other Women's Guild members. The Friday night dinner and Saturday night dinner/dance was a great success. We tried something new this year, chicken kabob with great success..
5. The Parish Council developed a survey to pass among the Armenian community at large to better understand its needs. We never distributed this survey, however.
6. The Parish Council approved and completed the painting of the Church sanctuary and adjacent rooms. Mr. Nishan Dulgerian was the lead on this project with the paint donated by Dr. Ara Avedisian.
7. The Parish Council was the host to the Pastor's Appreciation Awards Day. Award recipients were Mrs. Grace Shahinian, Dr. Hratch Semerjian, Mr. Armik Khatchatourian, and Mr. Zohrab Naalbandian. Special thanks to Mrs. Evelyn Vartabedian for coordinating and preparing the wonderful meat loaf dinner.
8. The Parish Council was happy to make the timely replacement of the old refrigerator/freezer with a new refrigerator and freezer for the Annual Bazaar. Special thanks to Mr. Armen Mardirossian for negotiating a great price for the refrigeration units. We are honored to have done this for the Women's Guild.
9. The Choir was the host to a wonderful dinner to raise funds for the re-carpeting of the Church. However, we will give these funds to the Finance Committee and designated for the carpet replacement.
10. The Parish Council approved the purchase of a large screen tv by the ACYOA.
11. The Parish Council and the Pastor signed a contract with Mr. Levon Jamgochian to take on the responsibilities of the Shnorhali School Superintendency.
12. The Parish Council prepared a shish kabob lunch for a two-day event that included the Blessing of the Grapes ceremony. The second day's turnout was excellent.

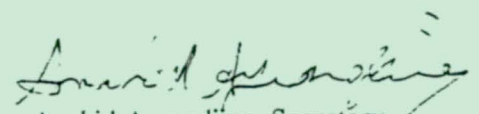
The Parish is financially "in the red" and constantly in need of funds. We need your financial support. Since 1990, we have been depleting the reserve fund.

We would like to thank all organization members and parishioners who have helped and responded to our calls of assistance. Remember this is our Church, and we are all doing God's work, He is always watching us, everyone.

Respectfully,

  
Rev. V. Kalayjian, Pastor

  
Harry A. Derderian, Chairman

  
Anahid Ayrandjian, Secretary



## DIOCESAN DELEGATES REPORT

The 1998 Diocesan Assembly took place on May 7-9, 1998 in New York City. The Assembly was addressed by His Holiness Karekin I, Catholicos of All Armenians; elected a Primate; reviewed Diocesan reports and acted on proposals; and enjoyed gala festivities. The Diocese invited as its guests several bishops from North America and South America. St. Mary's Armenian Church was represented by Rev. Vertanes Kalayjian, Yeretzing Anahid Kalayjian and Dean Shahinian, Esq., who actively discussed many key issues.

The Diocesan Budget is approximately \$3.5 million annually. In addition, St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, FAR, and each parish and mission parish has its own budget. The Armenian Church Endowment Fund exceeded \$40 million in assets as of December 31, 1997. Total dues paid membership in the Diocese is less than 9,000 members. Diocesan parishes had 37 Sunday Schools with 2172 students, and 42 Armenian Schools with 1162 students. St. Vartan Camp was attended by 136 youth during the previous summer.

The Diocesan bylaws require the Diocesan Delegates every four years to elect a Primate from among three nominees presented by the Diocesan Council. Archbishop Khajag Barsamian was reelected to a third term with 99 votes; nominees Bishop Aris Shirvanyan received 20 votes and Archbishop Mesrob Krikorian, who had withdrawn his name, received 5 votes. This was the second consecutive Diocesan election for Primate in which one candidate sent word to the Assembly to withdraw his name just prior to the election.

The Unity Committee reported no progress. The Assembly passed a motion not to proceed until the Prelacy "is prepared to proceed in implementing the 1982 Unity Guidelines."

The Assembly passed the following proposals submitted by various parishes: ☛

*St. George Armenian Church, Waukegan, Illinois* -- The Diocesan Assembly will include seminars on topics of Leadership Training, Youth Development, Empowering the Laity, and activities of the Diocesan Departments.

*Holy Cross Armenian Church, Lawrence, Massachusetts* -- The Diocesan Council will address the responsibility that the Diocesan Assemblies of 1974, 1982 and 1983, directed, to pay pastors' longevity increments and insurance from a central Diocesan fund.

*St. George Armenian Church, Hartford, Connecticut* -- The Diocesan Stipend Committee, which set the amount of remuneration, will be dissolved and a Clergy Relations Committee established. The new committee will have two clergy and three laymen appointed by the Diocesan Council and will recommend clergy compensation and insurance, create schedules for clergy sabbaticals, continuing education, and related matters.

*St. James Armenian Church, Watertown, Mass.* -- Diocesan parishes may choose to adopt a sister parish in Armenia according to a plan that the Diocese is directed to develop.



The Assembly agreed to discuss only two items of new business raised by delegates:

The Assembly passed a motion proposed by Dean Shahinian, Esq. of St. Mary's requiring that the Diocese not make disbursements from Restricted Funds of more than \$1000 without the signature and approval of two persons who are authorized by the Diocesan Assembly or Diocesan Council and who are not under the chain of employment of the person who has made the request.


The Assembly also passed a motion proposed by Mr. Kavork Hagopian of Waukegan, Illinois, to conduct and record an inventory of the property of the Diocese

The Assembly voted not to discuss proposals: to ask the Diocese to develop a plan to provide assistance to unwanted Armenian orphans in Azerbaijan, to present the nominees for Primate to the Diocesan Assembly one year prior to election; and to create a Diocesan clergy endowment fund to assist parishes in paying for clergy stipends.


The Assembly considered two proposed bylaw amendments submitted by Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Church, Palos Heights, Illinois. It defeated a proposal to establish a committee to meet with, and apply sanctions to, parishes that do not pay their dues on a timely basis. The Assembly on technical grounds sent back to the parish, a proposed bylaw amendment that would limit Diocesan Delegates terms.

A significant topic of discussion was the lack of youth and young adult involvement in the Armenian Church. The Assembly during the past few years has expressed strong concern for the Social Services Department and Youth Ministry, and the Diocese eliminated the staff of these two departments. Rev. Kalayjian asked why the Diocese had closed the Youth Ministry Department when parishes still are paying 1% assessment for Youth Ministry. Mr. Shahinian noted that these departments' staffs were removed during a period when the Diocese spent over \$3 million building renovation and beautification, over \$100,000 on public relations, and that Diocesan financial staff outnumber staff involved in the religious education, youth and Armenian language programs.

The Assembly's social program included a concert at Town Hall of Armenians performing traditional Armenian music as well as American jazz, folk, and other forms of music. The delegates visited Ellis Island for a cultural program at which Senator Alfonse D'Amato and other New York politicians spoke. The Assembly banquet was held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel and included presentations to Congressman Frank Pallone as "Friend of the Armenians" and Nazar Nazarian as the "Armenian Church Member of the Year Award."

  
Dean V. Shahinian, Esq.  
Diocesan Delegate

Yeretzgin Anahid Kalayjian  
Diocesan Delegate



## PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT

*Submitted by Dean Shahinian, Esq., Diocesan Delegate*

St. Mary's Armenian Church proposes to amend Bylaw 65N to require the Diocesan Council to notify the Diocesan Delegates 90 days in advance, instead of 30 days in advance, of the nominees for the office of Primate for an upcoming Diocesan election.

Current Bylaw 65(N) states that a duty of the Diocesan Council shall be:

"To prepare a list of three candidates for the office of the Primate, to send the names of such candidates to the members of the Diocesan Assembly not less than 30 days prior to the date of the Assembly and subsequently to submit the names of such candidates to the Diocesan Assembly for election."

Amended Bylaw 65(N) would read:

"To prepare a list of three candidates for the office of the Primate, to send the names of such candidates to the members of the Diocesan Assembly not less than 90 days prior to the date of the Assembly and subsequently to submit the names of such candidates to the Diocesan Assembly for election."

### *Rationale:*

The Office of the Primate is the highest ranking position in our Diocese. The Primate has a tremendous impact on every aspect of the Armenian Church in America, including:

- use of Diocesan budget and restricted funds
- placement of clergy
- assisting clergy to be more effective pastors
- recruitment of men for the clergy
- increasing or decreasing the number of Church members
- motivating second- and third-generation Armenian-Americans to remain in or to leave the Church



- providing effective Armenian cultural education
- promoting Christian morality and faith among members in contemporary life

The delegates need to carefully evaluate the potential candidates for the office of Primate in order to make an informed judgment as to the most suitable candidate for the Diocese at the time of the election. This is particularly important for elections in which none of the candidates is an incumbent.

The current Bylaw requires the names of three candidates to be circulated 30 days in advance of the election. This 30-day period is an inadequate amount of time for Diocesan Delegates to become familiar with nominees. Delegates may not have the opportunity to meet the candidate, hear the candidate's views on important issues facing our Diocese, or learn enough about the candidate's past work in the Church. Furthermore, during the past two Diocesan elections for Primate, one of the candidates has sent word to the Assembly withdrawing his name at the last minute.

To provide Delegates with a greater opportunity to consider the nominees for the office of Primate, the Amendment would require the Diocesan Council to notify the Delegates at least 90 days in advance. Interested Delegates would have more time to become familiar with the candidates by any of various means. Delegates could read biographical information, meet and hear the candidate in a public appearance, read nominees' articles or sermons, discuss the candidate with others who have worked with him, or consider the candidates' effectiveness with important constituencies.

## **Resolution #1**

- Be it resolved that Trustees for the St. Mary's William E. Docter Education Fund (The Trustees) be elected for a term of three years.
- William E. Docter Education Fund Trustees may serve for a maximum of two consecutive terms, and after the interim of one year may become eligible for election as a Trustee.
- In case of vacancies in The Trustees due to resignations or deaths, the persons who had received the highest number of votes short of election in the last Parish Assembly shall be invited to complete the unexpired term of The Trustee he/she replaces, beginning with the alternate with the highest votes short of election and, working down, subject to confirmation by the Primate and subject to approval by the Virginia Courts.
- The Trustees shall continue to serve until their successors are duly elected, confirmed and approved by the Primate and the Courts respectively.

At the first election The Trustees shall be elected for one, two, and three year term according to the plurality of votes they each receive. Thereafter the election shall be for one Trustee each year to replace the one whose term is up.

## **Resolution #2**

- Be it resolved that members of the St. Mary's William E. Docter Education Fund - Scholarship Committee (The Scholarship Committee) be elected for a term of five years.
- A member of The Scholarship Committee may serve for a maximum of One term, and after the interim of one year may become eligible for election as a member of Scholarship Committee.
- In case of vacancies in The Scholarship Committee due to resignations or deaths, the persons who had received the highest number of votes short of election in the last Parish Assembly shall be invited to complete the unexpired term of the member of The Scholarship Committee he/she replaces, beginning with the alternate with the highest votes short of election and, working down, subject to confirmation by the Primate.
- The Scholarship Committee members shall continue to serve until their successors are duly elected and confirmed by the Primate.
- At the first election The members of Scholarship Committee shall be elected for One, Two, Three, Four and Five year term according to the plurality of votes they each receive. Thereafter the election shall be for one Committee member each year to replace the one whose term is up.



## PRELIMINARY

Memorandum of Understanding Between  
The Parish Council of St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church  
of Washington, DC  
and  
Reverend Vertanes Kalayjian

We agree that the following financial and related considerations shall apply to Fr. Kalayjian's services as Pastor of St. Mary's Church during the period set forth here

### 1. Stipend and Allowances:

	1997	1998	1999
Basic Stipend	\$22,750.00	\$23,240.00	\$24,786.00
Service Increment	11,081.00	11,081.00	11,284.00
Membership Increment	1,624.00	1,660.00	1,660.00
Mileage Allowance	8,200.00	8,200.00	8,200.00
Life Insurance	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Bonus	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Health Insurance	7,500.00	8,070.00	8,070.00
IRA	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$57,155.00</b>	<b>\$58,251.00</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>

1. Vacation: In accordance with the Diocesan vacation schedule, we agree that Fr. Kalayjian is entitled to four weeks of vacation to include four Sundays. Leave may be accrued with the prior consent of the Parish Council. As of 1/1/99, Fr. Kalayjian has 6 days and two Sundays accrued leave from the 1998 calendar year.

As in prior years, except in emergency situations, two weeks notice will be provided by Fr. Kalayjian for extended leave. In addition, Fr. Kalayjian shall not be charged leave on the Sunday of the Diocesan Assembly weekend provided his return to Washington for services proves inconvenient. A similar policy shall apply in the event he chooses to attend the ACYOA and / or Choir Assemblies. An allowance shall be provided by the Parish toward lodging and expenses for attendance at the Clergy Conference and at the .diocesan Assembly. In the case of the ACYOA or Choir Assemblies, it is expected that these particular organizations provide lodging and travel expenses.

2. **Duration:** This memorandum of understanding becomes effective on January 1, 1999 and continues through December 31, 1999 provided that it receives the approval of the Annual Parish Assembly.

**ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH**

**INCOME**

JANUARY 1, 1998 - DECEMBER 31, 1998

INCOME 1998

BUDGET 1999

1. Altar Flowers	125.00	200.00
2. Bazaar 98	23,612.00	12,000.00
3. Candles	5,885.00	6,000.00
4. Church Organization	11,370.00	16,000.00
5. Donations	8,037.00	8,500.00
6. Hall & Parking	4,688.00	6,000.00
7. Hokehankist	5,515.00	6,000.00
8. Interest	373.00	400.00
9. Plate	6,793.00	8,000.00
10. Pledges & Dues	89,519.00	80,700.00
11. Tithing	0	12,000.00
12. Sacraments	4,250.00	5,000.00
13. Shnorhali	860.00	6,000.00
14. Yughakin	3,850.00	4,000.00
15. Parish Council Activities	4,175.00	8,000.00
16. Endowment Fund	7,392.00	8,000.00
17. Miscellaneous	120.00	----
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$176,414.00</b>	<b>\$186,800.00</b>

ONE TIME ONLY

Finance Committee (Advance)	10,000.00	
Insurance payment for robbery	850.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,850.00</b>	

**TOTAL INCOME      \$ 186,991.00**



**ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH**

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

**JANUARY 1, 1998 - DECEMBER 31, 1998**

<b>EXPENSES 1998:</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>BUDGET 1999</b>
1. Altar Flowers	\$ 427.00	\$ 500.00
2. Altar Supplies	1,607.00	2000.00
3. Bld. Equip & Bld. Maintenance	3,872.00	4000.00
4. Building Ins. & Workman's Comp	5,127.00	5200.00
5. Choir & Organist	2,510.00	3000.00
6. Church Organization expense	140.00	400.00
7. Church Improvements	6,806.00	7000.00
8. Diocesan Dues & Louma	22,790.00	24800.00
9. Guest Clergy	350.00	500.00
10. House Utilities	3,711.00	4000.00
11. Janitorial Services	7,500.00	12000.00
12. Kitchen Supplies	1,714.00	2000.00
13. Miscellaneous	1,074.00	1000.00
14. Office Supplies	4,950.00	5500.00
15. Pastor Stipend & Health Insurance	58,838.00	60,000.00
16. P C Activities expense	1,958.00	2000.00
17. Post and Printing (includes Shnorhali)	6,400.00	7000.00
18. Sacraments Expense	3,240.00	3500.00
19. Secretarial	12,500.00	14300.00
18. Trash Removal	1,111.00	1500.00
19. Travel Expenses	527.00	600.00
20. Telephone	3,965.00	4000.00
21. Utilities	21,090.00	22000.00
<b>Sub Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 172,207.00</b>	<b>\$186,800.00</b>

**ONE TIME EXPENSES**

A. Refrigerator and Freezer	4640.00	
B. Fax and back up printer	513.00	
C. CASP donation	200.00	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,353.00</b>	

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 177,560.00**

**Net income after deducting expenses.... \$ 9,431.00**

Note: We owe \$10,000.00 to repay the Finance Committee and we are supposed to give 1/2 of the Bazaar profits to the Finance Committee. This puts us immediately in the red by \$12,096.00

Auditing Committee Report  
For  
Calendar Year 1999

The Auditing Committee for the last year consisted of Steve Ohanian, Varoujan Varoujanian, and Raffi Karahisar. The Committee audited the books and financial reports of the following organizations:

- The Parish Council Operating Account
- Finance Committee
- Women's Guild
- Bazaar Committee
- 3M Club
- ACYOA Juniors
- Choir
- Bookstore.

Due to time constraints, the Shnorhali School report could not be officially audited in time for the Parish Assembly. The ACYOA Seniors and the Parish Council Restricted Accounts unfortunately failed to produce an annual report. They will be audited at the earliest opportunity when a report becomes available.

Looking over at the state of the "financial" affairs for the past year, we can safely repeat the following observations, at the risk of sounding like a broken record (or CD?):

- Most of the above listed books and reports appeared to be in order. Some were exemplary in their thoroughness and attention to detail: The Bazaar Committee (Gen. Al Kaehn), the Finance Committee (Dr. Ed Onanian), and the Women's Guild (Mrs. Roxanne Paul) deserve special appreciation for their continued excellence in this matter, given the size and complexity of the accounts for which they were responsible.
- It is gratifying to see that, with two notable exceptions, the contributions of the Auditing Committee have been minimal in helping the various organizations maintain up-to-date and accurate financial records and/or to prepare the annual reports: Our sincere thanks again to all our treasurers who contributed in this effort.
- Finally, a special note of appreciation to Mrs. June Kavookian, our church secretary, who single-handedly has been keeping the P.C. operating finances afloat: This means paying the bills, handling the deposits, and most importantly keeping up-to-date records, at times under less than ideal conditions.
- Our P.C. record-keeping has improved immensely, thanks in large part to computerization, but we still have not taken appropriate steps to correct some of the mistakes / deficiencies reported in the past, including:
  - a) Improve our manual record-keeping practices: This is essential for documentation, and in order to credit / debit transactions against the proper income / expense categories;
  - b) Keep the Operating and Restricted accounts separate;
  - c) Maintain an up-to-date list of the transactions and the balances for the funds in the Restricted account;
  - d) Improve our record-keeping / acknowledgment of donations and dues.

Respectfully submitted

*Raffi Karahisar*  
Raffi Karahisar



## BAZAAR REPORT - 1998

The Annual Church Bazaar was held on 4, 5, 6, and 7 November 1998; this bazaar was the 50<sup>th</sup> in a series of successful bazaars. The Women's Guild continued responsibility for conducting the 4 luncheons, which included a bake table and white elephant table. The Parish Council took responsibility for conducting the dinners on Friday and Saturday nights; grilled chicken was offered at the dinners along with the shish kebab. The chicken dinners were quite popular and well received. Live music was introduced on Saturday evening.

The results from the hard work of a lot of people were again very encouraging. The 1998 Bazaar yielded a profit of \$23,612.46; this compares to a 1997 Bazaar profit of \$21,746.36. Factors contributing to improved profit included good weather throughout the 4 days, expanded shopping at discount merchants (e.g. Costco / Price Club), the introduction of chicken into the menu, and a better yield from the raffle.

However, the Bazaar would not be successful without the hard work by a nucleus of dedicated, committed and talented people. A special tribute of thanks goes to the Women's Guild; they make it happen! We thank you all.

### ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH 1998 BAZAAR REPORT

Luncheons	\$7118.50	Food / related items	9832.54
Carry-Out	8505.75	Custodial Services	339.00
Bake Table	6266.50	Mailing	960.00
Dinners	5577.75	Printing	695.00
Mezza	1384.25	Raffle Prizes	750.00
Beverages	1214.50	Beverages	358.58
White Elephant	1133.75	Advertising	227.80
Raffle	5800.00	Entertainment	675.00
Daily Raffle	450.00	Miscellaneous	162.00
Petty Cash Return	161.38		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$37,612.387</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$13,999.92</b>

TOTAL INCOME: \$37,612.38

TOTAL EXPENSE : 13,999.92

**\$ 23.612.46 Profit**

Distribution: All proceeds to the Parish Council - Church Operating Account.

*Albert Kaehn, Bazaar Chairman*

St Mary's Choir Financial Report

Calendar Year 1998

Income

Donations	\$2,185.00
Collections	999.00
Manti Dinner	<u>4,860.00</u>
Total:	\$8,044.00

Disbursements:

Transportation to Baltimore	\$ 130.00
Hokejash	478.80
Thanksgiving Dinner (1997)	50.00
A.A.C.A.	150.00
Painting of the Church	600.00
Manti Dinner	1,024.00
New Year's Party	3,046.06
Miscellaneous	<u>25.00</u>
Total:	\$5,523.86

Cash Position

Balance, January 1, 1998	\$1,324.37
Income	<u>8,044.00</u>
	9,368.37
Disbursements	<u>5,523.86</u>
Balance, December 31, 1998	\$3,844.51

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ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN CHURCH  
BOOKSTORE REPORT 1998

Starting Balance:	\$6,078.13
Income:	\$ 4,610.00
Disbursements:	\$ 7,481.89
Net Loss	-\$ 2,871.44
Closing Balance:	\$ 3,206.69

Submitted by: Auditing Committee



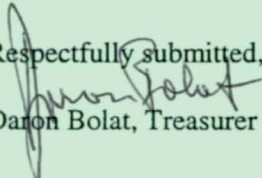
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**1998 Financial Statement**

Activity	Income	Expenses
Halloween/Postage (97)	\$332.00	\$218.13
Christmas Party (97)		\$69.20
Vartanantz	\$740.00	\$485.91
Soup Kitchen		\$127.86
Palm Sunday	\$2012.00	\$277.92
Mother's Day	\$755.00	\$273.49
Gevork Emin Memorial	\$131.00	\$187.40
Parish Assembly Lunch	\$401.00	\$165.89
Bank Credit (97)	\$159.30	
Caroling	\$45.00	
Pilaf Cook-off	\$1789.35	\$679.87
Trip to Diocese	\$282.00	\$734.01
Dues	\$330.00	
National Assembly/Sports Weekend	\$364.00	\$586.00
Gym/Shirts		\$546.83
Library of Congress Concert		\$20.00
CASP 97-98		\$300.00
Transfer to PC (1997 Payment)		\$350.00
Table Clothes		\$30.00
Charity – Armenian Family Donation		\$100.00
Postage		\$224.00
Tekeyan Program	\$43.34	\$175.46
Halloween	\$260.00	\$312.49
Interest	\$40.45	
Bank Fees		\$139.09
Diocesan Blood Drive		\$157.15
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$7684.44</b>	<b>\$6160.70</b>
Balance at Hand 1/1/98		\$1394.62
Total Income:		\$7684.44
Sub Total:		\$9076.06
Expenses:		\$6160.70
Balance at Hand 12/31/98		\$2918.36

Respectfully submitted,  
  
 Daron Bolat, Treasurer

# ASSEMBLY BALLOT - 1999

## ST. MARY'S ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY - JANUARY 24, 1999 (\*)

### **Parish Assembly Chairman** (*Elect One*)

Col. George Juskalian (68)  
Dean Shahinian, Esq. (30)

### **Assembly Secretary** (*Elect One*)

Mrs. Anahid Ayrandjian (36) Second Secretary  
Mrs. Lucia Magarian (61) First Secretary

### **Parish Council** (*Elect Five*)

Mr. Levon Andonian (54)  
Mr. Jack Bedrosian (14)  
Mr. George Dunyan (83)  
Mrs. Anahid Ghazarian (78)  
Mr. Vartkes Keshishian (36) for one year  
Mr. Souny Kodjanian (79)  
Mr. Simon Kumkumian (45) declined  
Mrs. Jean Sayian (50) declined  
Mr. Zakar Shahverdian (50)  
Mrs. Evelyn Vartabedian ( withdrew before  
election)

### **W.E. Docter Scholarship Committee** (*Elect Five*)

Mr. Edward Alexander (58)  
Mrs. Clara Andonian (56)  
Mrs. Rosemary Arkoian (45) alternate  
Mr. Raffi Balian (57)  
Mrs. Louise Jamgochian (10)  
Mr. Zaven Kalayjian (58)  
Dr. Gregory Kumkumian (77)  
Mrs. June Kavookian (32)  
Mr. Stephen Ohanian (26)  
Mrs. Jean Sayian (32)  
Mr. Onnik Sivaslian (15)  
Mrs. Leda Zenian (27)

### **Nominating Committee** (*Elect Three*)

Mrs. Roseann Alexander (89)  
Mrs. Rosemary Arkoian (94)  
Mrs. Assanet Hachikoglu (91)

### **Auditing Committee** (*Elect One*)

Mr. Raffi Karahisar (74)  
Mr. William Maghrablian (19)

### **Finance Committee** (*Elect One*)

Mr. Lee Jundanian (26)  
Mr. Varoujan Varoujanian (66) declined

### **William E. Docter Trustee** (*Elect Two*)

Mr. Vartkes Balian (54)  
Mr. George Dunyan (49)  
Mr. Vaughn Sayian (37) alternate  
Mr. Joseph Vartabedian (34)  
Mr. David Zenian (22)

NOTE: 103 Votes were cast for Tivan.  
100 Votes were cast for the election of the rest of the candidates.

(\*) The actual results of the voting by secret ballot



## BAZAAR REPORT - 1998

The Annual Church Bazaar was held on 4, 5, 6, and 7 November 1998; this bazaar was the 50<sup>th</sup> in a series of successful bazaars. The Women's Guild continued responsibility for conducting the 4 luncheons, which included a bake table and white elephant table. The Parish Council took responsibility for conducting the dinners on Friday and Saturday nights; grilled chicken was offered at the dinners along with the shish kebab. The chicken dinners were quite popular and well received. Live music was introduced on Saturday evening.

The results from the hard work of a lot of people were again very encouraging. The 1998 Bazaar yielded a profit of \$23,612.46; this compares to a 1997 Bazaar profit of \$21,746.36. Factors contributing to improved profit included good weather throughout the 4 days, expanded shopping at discount merchants (e.g. Costco / Price Club), the introduction of chicken into the menu, and a better yield from the raffle.

However, the Bazaar would not be successful without the hard work by a nucleus of dedicated, committed and talented people. A special tribute of thanks goes to the Women's Guild; they make it happen! We thank you all.

### ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH 1998 BAZAAR REPORT

Luncheons	\$7118.50	Food / related items	9832.54
Carry-Out	8505.75	Custodial Services	339.00
Bake Table	6266.50	Mailing	960.00
Dinners	5577.75	Printing	695.00
Mezza	1384.25	Raffle Prizes	750.00
Beverages	1214.50	Beverages	358.58
White Elephant	1133.75	Advertising	227.80
Raffle	5800.00	Entertainment	675.00
Daily Raffle	450.00	Miscellaneous	162.00
Petty Cash Return	161.38		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$37,612.387</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$13,999.92</b>

TOTAL INCOME: \$37,612.38

TOTAL EXPENSE : 13,999.92

**\$ 23,612.46 Profit**

Distribution: All proceeds to the Parish Council - Church Operating Account.

*Albert Kaehn, Bazaar Chairman*

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**ARMENIAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT  
DONATIONS AND EARNINGS**

DONOR	Balance	1998	Cum Income
	12/31/98	Contributions	1997
TOTAL	=====	=====	=====
DONATIONS			
ANDONIAN, Jack Memo Fund	6,830.00	0.00	2,352.33
ARAKELIAN, Dr. Ashot Memorial	2,000.00	0.00	404.79
ARAKELIAN, KARINA MEMO FUND	2,000.00	0.00	225.34
ARKOIAN, Moses Memo Fund	1,985.00	0.00	678.33
LOLOYAN, Ohannes Memo Fund	2,425.00	0.00	836.62
AVEDISIAN, PARAMAZ MEMORIAL	1,315.00	0.00	100.88
AYRANDJIAN, Nubar	2,800.00	2,800.00	0.00
BABIGIAN, Asadour & Perooz Mem	1,000.00	0.00	626.88
BABIGIAN, Raymond	3,879.00	0.00	14.45
BAGHDASSARIAN, Nelly Memorial	1,075.60	0.00	446.37
BALDADIAN, Florence	2,645.00	2,645.00	0.00
BAROUYRIAN, James & Angel Memo	10,120.00	250.00	1,270.91
BEDROSIAN, CACILIA MEMORIAL	1,835.00	0.00	140.77
6 BROWN, Artin Memorial Fund	3,170.00	0.00	939.05
DEMIRJIAN, Kohar Memorial Fund	1,050.00	0.00	435.75
EKREK, Krikor	1,349.25	0.00	5.03
EVEREKLIAN, OYANNES & DIANA	500.00	0.00	57.60
GEORGE, Robert & Doris Fund in	1,000.00	0.00	450.00
1 HINTLIAN, Manoush & Nishan Mem	14,379.54	8,237.50	4,868.35
2 JANIGIAN, Kanarig & Dickran	6,389.68	0.00	2,700.93
JERREHIAN FUND	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
3 KALAYJIAN, Fr. Vertanes	2,625.00	0.00	2,130.05
8 KEUROGHLIAN, Hagop & Ofelia Me	2,065.00	0.00	69.25
KHOYAN, Rev. Fr. Dikran Memori	1,000.00	0.00	444.47
4 KIRAZIAN, Victoria Memorial	4,768.17	0.00	2,062.22
MAGARIAN, Tom	1,875.00	1,875.00	0.00
MAKOKGIAN, Paul & Zarouhi Memo	1,000.00	0.00	3.73
MANOUELIAN, Vartan Memo Fund	1,605.00	0.00	553.73
MANOUGIAN, Maritza Memorial	1,250.00	0.00	517.35
MERDINIAN, NUVANT MEMORIAL	520.00	0.00	39.89
NADER, Elizabeth Memo Fund	560.00	0.00	193.20
OZKAYAN, Paris Memorial Fund	3,055.00	0.00	1,267.83
PERKINS, Lt. Col. John Kennet	4,135.00	0.00	878.06
SAFAK, Vartouhi Memorial Fund	2,966.00	0.00	1,230.90
SAFAKIAN, PILIBOS MEMORIAL FUN	2,910.00	0.00	814.81
ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH, Wash	10,000.00	0.00	6,268.75
7 ST. MARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	4,500.00	0.00	345.21
SAKAYAN, ROSE MEMORIAL FUND	2,210.00	0.00	618.80
SEKERCAN, Apraham & Maryam Mem	1,000.00	0.00	792.63
SHAHVERDIAN, SAGHATEL	865.00	0.00	59.06
5 SIMONIAN, Hovanness & Marie	3,000.00	0.00	3,383.00
STAHL, Valentine Bostonian	1,042.00	0.00	1,196.51
VARTABEDIAN, Blise Memorial	2,235.00	2,235.00	0.00
YENI-KOMSHIAN, Dr. Hovsep Memo	2,000.00	0.00	425.00
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Recipient Total	131,315.24	24,423.50	39,848.83
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GRAND TOTAL	131,315.24	24,423.50	39,848.83
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NOTE: The earnings from the above are for the general mission of the church except as earmarked by the donors as indicated below:

1. For cultural activities Sponsored by the Parish Council.
2. For the Holy Week and Mother's Day Altar flowers.
- 3 - 5. For sponsoring Summer Youth education program
- 4 - 6. For Charitable activities.
7. For the Shnorhali School Religious Education.
8. For the children of Armenia through HAVAD of St. Mary.

NOTE II. THE LISTING ABOVE DOES NOT INCLUDE THE MOST RECENT MEMORIAL FUNDS WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN FORWARDED TO ACEF. THESE ARE:

. MANOUKIAN ARMINE MEM.FUND	620.00	
. NARGIZIAN MELINE MEM.FUND	3,570.00	
. SIMONIAN HOVH. MEM.FUND	5,381.00	\$ 131,315.24
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	\$ 9,571.00	

AS OF JAN. 1999, ENDOWMENT ASSETS ARE:

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 140,886.24



## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT      CALENDAR YEAR 1998

The Committee came together on four occasions during the year, beginning with joint meetings with the parish council in May and June. Those two sessions and subsequent committee meetings led to the development of a strategy to replenish our rapidly shrinking reserve funds and to generate additional endowment funds. A memo outlining our thoughts was submitted to the parish council, and was scheduled for discussion at a January 13 meeting convened by the pastor and parish council to which the diocesan delegates and Board of Stewards were also invited. Committee members are Ara Avedisian, George Dunyan, Armen Garabedian, Souny Kodjanian, and Ed Onanian.

Turning to our financial experience in 1998, the Committee covered the cost of replacing a refrigerator/freezer (\$5,000) at the church, met the monthly payments on the parish house mortgage, and transferred \$5,000 to the parish council for operating expenses. An advance of \$15,000 to the Bazaar Committee was repaid following the event, and thus does not appear in our financial report.

On the income side, there was a procedural change during the year in the handling of donations in lieu of flowers. Those gifts have been processed since late 1997 by the parish council which has then forwarded a check to the Finance Committee. During 1998, the committee received a check in September for \$15,296, of which \$14,936 was transferred to the Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF) for the establishment of memorial funds for Nubar Ayrandjian, Florence Baldadian, Tom Magarian, Hovannes Simonian, and Elise Vartabedian. An earmarked donation of \$1,000 was also transferred to ACEF to establish the Jerrehian Fund. (ACEF may have received other gifts directly from the donors or the parish council.)

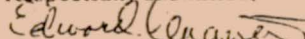
In the income area, it bears noting also that the Committee has yet to receive its share of the 1997 and 1998 Bazaar proceeds. Since the late 1960's, the net proceeds from our annual Bazaars have been divided equally between the Finance Committee and the parish council, with the Committee holding those funds in reserve for various purposes, including debt retirement, major repairs and improvements at both the church and parish house, and to cover shortfalls in operating income.

The Committee's cash assets at the end of the year totaled \$71,146. These are being held at First Union Bank in a money market fund (\$39,657) and a CD (\$31,489) that matures on April 11. Unlike past years, when our cash assets were a mix of earmarked, memorial, reserved and discretionary funds, virtually all of this money now represents earmarked and memorial funds. Indeed, we don't have enough money in reserve to cover our mortgage payments for the entire year. Regarding the mortgage, I should note that it's our only outstanding financial obligation; the balance at the end of 1998 was \$15,409.

Once again, we were unable to add to our long-term investment account with Fidelity Brokerage. We now hold shares in Fidelity's Balanced, Blue Chip Growth, and Spartan Market Index Funds which at the end of the year were valued at \$113,552. The parish's holdings with ACEF amounted to \$124,750 as of October 6, 1998; the annual income is received directly by the parish council and is used for the purposes designated by the donors and for general operating purposes. (An update on our ACEF holdings may be available during the Parish Assembly.)

In our memo to the parish council that was noted at the beginning of this report, we stated: "the most urgent needs confronting the parish are to bring its operating budget into balance, to replenish its reserve funds, and to generate additional endowment funds." We were referring, of course, only to needs from a financial perspective. The meeting of January 13, 1999 was but a first step toward meeting those needs. Others will follow, and hopefully will lead to a well-designed fundraising effort which will receive widespread support.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Edward Onanian

Finance Committee Financial Report

Calendar Year 1998

<u>Income</u>	
Lieu of Flowers	\$15,296.00
General Donations	69.15
Earmarked Donations	1,000.00
Interest	<u>2,959.28</u>
Total	\$19,324.43

<u>Disbursements</u>	
Mortgage	\$4,684.20
Kitchen Equipment	5,000.00
Transfer to Parish Council	5,000.00
Memorial Funds (ACEF)	15,936.00
Bank Charges	<u>17.90</u>
Total	\$30,638.10

CASH POSITION

Balance, January 1, 1998	\$82,460.09
Income	<u>19,324.43</u>
	101,784.52
Disbursements	<u>30,638.10</u>
Balance, December 31, 1998	\$71,146.42

Financial Assets and Liabilities

Assets\*

First Union - Checking	\$39,657.41
First Union - CD (4/11/99)	31,489.01
Funds with ACEF (as of 10/6/98)	124,750.24
Fidelity Brokerage**	113,552.72

Liabilities

Parish House Mortgage	\$15,409
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Distribution of Cash Assets

<u>Earmarked and Memorial Funds</u>	
Altar Project	\$7,060
Classroom Partitions	300
Giant Screen TV	2,500
Armenian School	3,000
Mortgage Payments (Jan.-Aug.'99)	3,125
Memorial Funds (Restricted)	<u>55,000</u>
Total	\$70,985

\*Since 1991, the Committee has transferred \$45,000 to the parish council for operating purposes.

\*\*Long-term Investment Fund



ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN CHURCH  
WILLIAM E. DOCTER EDUCATION FUND - 1998

Dear Parishioners,

As your representative and trustee of the William E. Docter Education Fund, I would like to briefly bring you up to date. Since my swearing in as a trustee on February 28, 1998, at Arlington Court House, the William E. Docter Education Fund was valued at \$1,325,000. As of December 31, 1998, it closed with the total value of \$1,375,000 – annual growth of \$50,000. The fund is invested with Merrill Lynch in a variety of municipal bonds, mutual funds, government securities, and corporate bonds. These are very secure investments.

At the same time, I have obtained the accounting firm of William E. Dempsey of Fairfax, Virginia. They were recommended and referred to me by the office of Probate Court of Arlington and the Commissioners of Account office. Their responsibilities are:

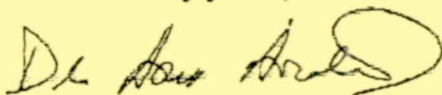
1. To reconcile the account.
2. To do the taxes.
3. To file the account with the state.
4. To provide legal advice - if and when needed.

Mr. Dempsey's office was chosen by me and our council Martin Mooradian, Esq. From a group of three accounting firms and found to be the most knowledgeable and experienced working with these particular accounting needs.

In closing, I would like to wish all of us courage and wisdom in accomplishing the late William E. Docter's wishes to begin the awarding of scholarships as soon as possible.

Again, I look forward to working with the remaining trustees and scholarship committee in achieving our goals for the needy and deserving Armenian students.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Ara Avdisian

# SHNORHALI SCHOOL REPORT

-1998-

Shnorhali School offers an integrated program of Christian Education, Armenian culture (History, Geography, Religion, Dance, Arts and Crafts) and language instruction.

For the 1998-1999 school year, we have 77 registered students out of which 29 are new. Armenian division has 11 full time teachers and an additional 8 are in religious education, whose coordinator is Miss Kris Markarian. PTA Chairwoman is Mrs. Arda Betzig and the Treasurer is Mr. Davit Babayan.

First Sundays of the month are Family Worship time. Parents, teachers and students attend a shortened version of Badarak and listen to Der Hayr's message and take Holy Communion.

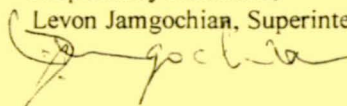
1. **January 11th** - Shnorhali School Christmas Dinner - Hantess took place. All the students and teachers received gifts from Mrs. Grace Shahinian and audio tapes from Mr. Dicran Jamgochian.
2. **February 19th** - Some of the students participated in the Vartanantz Hantess.
3. **March 8th** - The Sunday School Teachers' conference directed by DRE, Mrs. Elise Antreassian and Miss Nancy Basmajian.
4. **March 22nd** - Godfather's Day - Dinner and Program - Shnorhali School children participate.
5. **May 9th** - A trip to Ellis Island, New York (100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armenian Church in America).
6. **May 10th** - Mothers' Day - Dinner and Program. Our students participated in the program.
7. **May 30th** - Alexandria Sister City Festival. Some of the students participated in this Festival.
8. **June 7th** - Sunday School year-end program and Award Ceremony.
9. **June 14th** - Shnorhali School Final Hantess and Dinner.
10. **September 3rd** - PTA meeting before new school year began.
11. **September 13th** - Registration / Orientation.
12. **September 19th** - Group of students led by Der Hayr and staff attended The International Children's Festival at Wolf Trapp, Virginia.
13. **September 20th** - Shnorhali School opened and celebrated Armenian Independence Day.
14. **October 4th** - With a special assembly discovery of Armenian Alphabet, Holy Translators and Culture month was celebrated.
15. **October 17th** - Fifteen staff members attended an all day seminar on teaching methods presented by ALLARC Director, Miss Sylva Der Stepanian.
16. **October 23rd** - PTA meeting combined with Halloween party organized by Senior ACYOA and Daughters of Vartan.
17. **November 22nd** - The School Assembly theme was celebration of Thanksgiving Day.
18. **December 13th** - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armenia Earthquake of December 7, 1988 was commemorated during the school assembly. Also, upper grade students and staff participated in a special candle lighting service in the sanctuary.
19. **December 20th** - School Administration distributed Christmas presents to all students and teachers. Among the gifts were long playing albums donated by Mr. Dicran Jamgochian.

The staff of Shnorhali School is re-vitalized. It is making sure that with new ideas and approach will give the proper or timely attention our children by deepening their knowledge and interest in Armenian culture and enhancing their Christian Spirit. We ask our parents full-hearted COOPERATION and PARTICIPATION to achieve this goal. Higher level of learning and higher level of teaching methods is our objective.

I would like to extend a special thanks to Der Hayr for his guidance and Mrs. June Kavookian who have facilitated school's needs. My appreciation goes to all our teachers and all of the dedicated volunteers, among

them: Arshalooy Bahcali, Harvey Bazarian, Aram Paul, and Corrine Akopcan for their devotion to making this a fruitful year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Levon Jamgochian, Superintendent





**ST. MARY'S SHNORHALI SCHOOL  
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1998**

**CHECKING ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance	January 1, 1998	\$4,233.14
Ending Balance	December 31, 1998	\$1,439.83
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$10,223.36</b>
(Unable to do "Breakdown" of total income because of change of Treasurer and lack of documents at this time)		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$12,976.67</b>
Honorarium	\$4,447.00	
Transfer to Chevy Chase	\$3,000.00	
Purchase of Supplies	\$5,205.12	
Miscellaneous	\$ 204.55	
(Amount pending to justify)	<u>\$ 120.00</u>	
	<b>\$12,976.67</b>	

<b>BALANCE OF PTA AND SCHOOL COMBINED AS OF DEC. 31, 1998</b>	<b>\$8,146.41</b>
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**SAVING ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance	January 1, 1998	\$3,627.31
Ending Balance	December 31, 1998	\$3,705.19
Interest Accrued in 1998		\$ 77.88

**PTA ACCOUNTS**

**Saving Account**

**Checking Account**

January 1, 1998 Beginning Balance	\$1,227.27	January 1, 1998 Beginning Balance	\$ 402.66
December 31, 1998 Ending	\$1,254.31	December 31, 1998 Ending Balance	\$1,747.08

TOTAL IN	\$1,718.00
TOTAL OUT	\$ 373.58

COMBINED ASSETS OF CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$1,439.83
SAVING ACCOUNT	\$ 373.58
PTA SAVING ACCOUNT	\$1,254.31
PTA CHECKING ACCOUNT	<u>\$1,747.08</u>

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,146.41</b>
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Submitted by Davit Babayan, Treasurer

## THREE M - 1998

The Three M Adult Fellowship organized the following religious and cultural activities.

- February 1<sup>st</sup> - Lecture by Dr. Ara Avedisian on Chiropractic medicine.
- February 8<sup>th</sup> - Lecture by Arto Hovanessian and Mr. M. Arabian on Financial Planning.
- February 14<sup>th</sup> - Lecture by Mr. Edward Alexander on his experiences in Armenia as advisor to President Levon Der Bedrosian.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Lenten Lecture - Prof. A. Terian
- March 9<sup>th</sup> - Lenten Lecture - Fr. V. Kalayjian replacing Fr. A. Aljalian
- March 16<sup>th</sup> - Lenten Lecture - Fr. A. Ayvazian
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Lenten Lecture - Fr. D. Findikian
- March 30<sup>th</sup> - Lenten Lecture - Fr. T. Abdalian

All these lecturers were hosted by Der Hayr and Yeretzgin with a dinner before each lecture. A few were hosted for the week-end.

- April 24<sup>th</sup> - Madagh and program..
- November 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> - Lectures by Dr. L. Avdoyan.

We thank all who participated and supported our programs. New committee and new ideas are being pursued.

Respectfully submitted,

Yeretzgin A. Kalayjian,  
Coordinator

### THREE M FINANCIAL REPORT - 1998

#### INCOME

April 24 Madagh	\$201.00
Lecture Series (Dr. L. Avdoyan)	\$335.00
Interest	<u>\$ 17.34</u>
	\$553.34

#### EXPENSES

Gift for L. Avdoyan	\$200.00
Reimbursement to ACYOA	\$282.00
Madagh expense	<u>\$ 71.99</u>
	\$553.99

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Balance on hand 1/1/98	\$ 1,419.53
Income 1998	<u>\$ 553.34</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,972.87
Expense 1998	<u>\$ 553.99</u>
Balance on hand 1/1/99	\$ 1,418.88

*Audited on 1/17/99*  
*Stephen Ohanian*



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## 1998 Annual Report

### Introduction:

1998 was the second year of the St. Mary's ACYOA "official" revival. Due to great cooperation between the leadership of the ACYOA and its membership, along with the generous and active support of the parishioners of St. Mary Church, 1998 was filled with a host of activities and meaningful programs.

### Annual Membership Meeting:

In January, twenty-two out of the nearly thirty members of the ACYOA gathered to discuss the events of 1997 and to plan activities for 1998. Elections were held and the following people were elected:

#### Executive Committee:

Saro Kalayjian, Chairman  
Kareen Sivaslian, Vice-Chairman  
Kohar Pakoyan, Recording Secretary  
Daron Bolat, Treasurer  
John Shamsey, Corresponding Secretary

#### Delegates:

Daron Bolat  
Talin Hallajian  
Kareen Sivaslian

### Monthly Membership Meetings:

In 1998 the ACYOA met regularly a total of 10 times. Meetings consist of an opening prayer, a bible reading, discussion of new and old business, correspondences, announcements and committee reports. Meetings end with a collective prayer composed by those present.

### Special Meetings:

Frequently small groups met to discuss special projects and events. i.e. Pilaf Cook-off, Paregentan, Vartanantz, Blood Drive, Bookkeeping etc..

### Getting the word out:

All events and activities were announced with letters, post cards and a mailing list of over 100 emails.

### Activities:

January -	<b>Caroling</b> (w/Juniors)
February -	<b>Paregentan Dinner/Dance</b> <b>Vartanantz Dinner &amp; Program</b> (w/Juniors)
March -	<b>Soup Kitchen</b> <b>Leadership Lecture</b> by Dr. Simon Simonian
April -	<b>Palm Sunday Dinner &amp; Program</b> - Celebrating ACYOA Day (Outstanding Alumnus Award Recipient - Mrs. Rita Bush)
May -	<b>Mother's Day Dinner &amp; Program</b> <b>ACYOA National Assembly</b> Saro Kalayjian, Daron Bolat, Talin Hallajian, Kareen Sivaslian Attending <b>Sports Weekend (First Place in Co-ed Volleyball Competition)</b> Athletes: Daron Bolat, Jeff Pogharian, Mihran Toumajan, Zaven Kalayjian, Saro Kalayjian, Talin Hallajian, Kareen Sivaslian, Oliver

Mermer, Armen McOmber, Andrea Murad, John Shamsey, Guests: Ani Hallajian, Kreg Kazanjian

June- **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Pilaf Cook-off**

July- **Trip to NY, Meeting with Primate**  
Kareen Sivaslian, Talin Hallajian, Saro Kalayjian, John Shamsey, Jbeed Tufeckjian, Kohar Pakoyan attending.

August- **Bible Study – Led by Zaven Kalayjian**  
**Gevork Emin & Sero Khanzatian Memorial Program w/reception**  
Speaker: Mr. Apgar Apinian – Writers Union of Armenia  
Readers: Astrik Tenney, Mkhitar Balayan, Raffi Balian, Armen McOmber, Mihran Toumajan, Ruben Haroutunian, Saro Kalayjian, Kohar Pakoyan, Lucia Magarian, Der Hayr Kalayjian

October- **Continuum- Library of Congress Concert**

November- **Halloween Party for Shnorhali School**  
**Vahan Tekeyan Memorial Program w/reception**  
Speaker: Dr. Kevork Keshishian, M.D. – Tekeyan Cultural Association  
Readers: Armen McOmber, Rob Noravian, Saro Kalayjian, Kohar Pakoyan, Ruben Haroutunian, Raffi Balian, Dn. Vartkess Keshishian, Dn. Tavit Dermendjian

December- **ACYOA Christmas Party**  
**Christmas Eve Coffee Table**

#### **Diocesan Correspondences:**

Two extremely important proposals were made to the Diocese and both of them were acted upon by the Primate. 1) Our chapter led an initiative to demand that only officially recognized ACYOA chapters have delegates with voting privileges at the ACYOA National Assembly; and 2) St. Mary ACYOA proposed that the Diocese begin a diocesan-wide blood drive to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the earthquake in Armenia. We are extremely thankful that Primate acted upon both of our proposals. The blood drive officially began on Dec. 7, 1998 and will continue through April 4, 1999.

#### **Charity:**

The ACYOA has sponsored, for the second year, a CASP child through the Diocese. In March we made and distributed food to the homeless, in August we contributed to a needy family in our parish, and the left over food from the Pilaf Cook-off was donated to a soup kitchen.

#### **Acknowledgements:**

We thank Der Hayr and Yeretzgin for their guidance through the year. We thank all those that contributed their time to making our activities successful. We thank those who attended our programs. And we thank those that contributed financially.

Submitted by  
Saro Kalayjian, Chairman



## ACYOA - 1998

The following are the activities of the ACYOA JRS. with Yeretzgin as Youth Director-Coordinator..

1. January 16th - Armenian Christmas Eve bake sale.
2. January 25<sup>th</sup> - ACYOA and parents meeting to discuss the activities for the year.
3. February 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup> - Ski Trip.
4. February 21<sup>st</sup> - Paregentan Dinner Dance.
5. February 28<sup>th</sup> - Vartanantz Celebration - Dinner and Play along with Senior ACYOA.
6. March 7<sup>th</sup> - ACYOA Religious Retreat - Directed by Elise Antreasian and Nancy Basmajian from DRE.
7. March 28<sup>th</sup> - ACYOA outing with Seniors.
8. April 19<sup>th</sup> - Young Talents' concert at ST. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church.
9. October 13<sup>th</sup> - Meeting with ACYOA members' parents at La Madeleine.
10. October 16<sup>th</sup> - ACYOA Pot Luck Dinner, meeting and election of officers.
11. November 18, 19, and 20<sup>th</sup> - ACYOA Hye Time in Washington with Richmond and Baltimore ACYOA members.
12. December 29<sup>th</sup> - Caroling and Pizza Party.

Respectfully submitted,  
Yeretzgin A. Kalayjian  
Coordinator-Director

### ACYOA JUNIORS FINANCIAL REPORT -1998-

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Paregentan Dinner Dance	\$1360.00	Paregentan Dinner Dance	\$511.57
Vartanantz Dinner	530.00	Vartanantz (Trans. to Sr.	265.00
Ski Trip	570.00	Youth Dir. Resource Bks.	94.19
Young Talents' Concert	555.00	Vartantz Dinner Exp.	400.00
Hye Time in Washington	1787.00	St. Mary's Fund for Alique	100.00
Interest	<u>29.10</u>	Ski Trip	720.00
	<b>\$4,831.60</b>	Young Talents Concert	200.00
		Hye Time in Washington	1365.10
		Transfer to Parish Council	<u>1000.00</u>
			<b><u>\$4655.86</u></b>

Balance at hand	1/1/98	\$1204.08
Income 1998		<u>4831.60</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6035.68</b>
Expense 1998		- <u>\$4655.86</u>
Balance at hand	1/1/99	<b>\$1,379.82</b>

*Audited on 1/17/99*  
*Raffi Karahidari*

Submitted by Yr. A. Kalayjian

## CHOIR REPORT

The following members were elected this year to the Choir Executive Committee.

CHOIR DIRECTOR: DR. HRATCH SEMERJIAN  
CHAIRMAN: TAKUHI HALLAJIAN  
VICE CHAIRMAN: ARTO HOVANNESIAN  
SECRETARY: QUEENIE AVEDIKIAN  
TREASURER: NADYA KOSEIAN  
ADVISOR: ROSIK BADALIAN, SEROJ BADALIAN,  
ASSANET HACIKOGLU and MAYRENIE  
HALLAJIAN  
DELEGATE: DR. SOCRATES BOYAJIAN

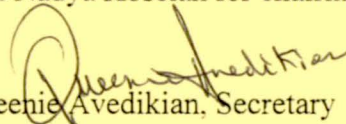
In November the Choir Association Assembly took place in Worcester, Massachusetts.

The attendance of choir members has been very good during the past year. We were pleased to welcome a new soprano soloist - Mrs. Azadouhy Solakian, formerly a member of St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church of Chicago.

The major project of the choir is the fund raiser to replace the carpeting in the church sanctuary. The first function sponsored for this purpose was the Manti dinner held on November 14<sup>th</sup>. The turnout was great, the Manti was delicious and everyone was very generous with their donations. We're off to a good start. However, the cost of the carpeting is \$ and we have a long way to go. More functions are being planned but donations will be accepted at any time. Don't forget - donations are tax deductible.

The choir volunteered to host the New Year's Eve Gala which was very successful. The dinner was excellent, the dancers enjoyed the music prepared by Roger Vosgorian and others tapped their feet and clapped their hands to the rhythm.

We owe a vote of thanks to Takuhi Hallajian and Nadya Koseian for chairing these functions and to their assistants.

  
Queenie Avedikian, Secretary



## Women's Guild of St. Mary's Annual Report and Accomplishments for 1998

1. January 20, 1998 Organizational meeting for the upcoming year's events.
2. February 1998 Food workshops in preparation of Lenten Food Festival.
3. March 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> Lenten Food Festival  
March 15<sup>TH</sup> Mid-Lenten Dinner & Women' Saints Day Commemoration  
March 24<sup>th</sup> General Meeting and organizational meeting for Palm Sunday & Easter Table - also Choreg sales
4. April Choreg Sales - Palm Sunday & Easter - Easter dessert table also/  
April 16<sup>TH</sup> Meeting and Luncheon at Ft. Meyers Officers Club.
5. May Participated in Olde Towne Alexandria Festival  
May Hampartsoum Luncheon - 65 people attended.
6. June 3<sup>rd</sup> Trip to Atlantic City.  
June 10<sup>th</sup> Final meeting of season at the Flaming Pit Restaurant.  
June 25<sup>th</sup> Dinner for Armenian delegation of Women.
7. June - September Hosted Coffee Hours after church.
8. September 15<sup>th</sup> Bazaar Workshops Planning Meeting.
9. October Various Food Workshops for the Bazaar.
10. November 4 - 7 Annual Bazaar  
November 22 Lecture and reception for Julie Ashekian, director of CASP - Women's Guild Day & Commemoration of all deceased Women's Guild members.
11. December 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Party at home of Levon & Jill Andonian.
12. Prepared & served hokejash dinners for Flossie Baldadian, Jeanette Torokhanian, John Simonian, and Armine Manoukian.
13. Purchased 2 coffee makers, silver trays, wine carafes and wine glasses.

Submitted by Women's Guild Executive Board  
 Rosemary Arkoian, Chairman

January 17, 1999

**ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S GUILD FINANCIAL REPORT  
1998**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
Dues	\$ 760.00		
Donations	\$ 780.00		
Food Sales	\$ 434.00		
Bank Interest	\$ 110.24		
Sunday Coffees	\$ 1,078.21		
Choreg Sales	\$ 357.00		
Beany Baby Raffle	\$ 31.00		
Tablecloth rentals	\$ 30.00		
Lenten Festival	\$ 12,049.69	Lenten Festival	\$ 3,608.77
Entertainment Books	\$ 440.00	Entertainment Books	\$ 336.00
Lenten Dinner	\$ 1,079.00	Lenten Dinner	\$ 179.24
Hampartsoum Lunch	\$ 625.00	Hampartsoum Lunch	\$ 327.20
Hokijoshes	\$ 732.16	Hokijoshes	\$ 362.17
Ft. Myers Lunch	\$ 403.00	Ft. Myers Lunch	\$ 394.41
Flaming Pit Dinner	\$ 525.00	Flaming Pit Dinner	\$ 555.00
Atlantic City Trip	\$ 754.00	Atlantic City Trip	\$ 730.00
Armen. Deleg. Dinner	\$ 579.68	Armen. Deleg. Dinner	\$ 300.41
Centennial Dinner	\$ 3,882.51	Centennial Dinner	\$ 1,018.00
		Supplies & Equipment	\$ 410.20
		Postage	\$ 143.60
		Red Cross Donation	\$ 150.00
		Donations to church	\$ 10,125.00
		CASP Donation	\$ 1,000.00
		Other donations	\$ 200.00
		1997 Christmas party	\$ 45.00
		1998 Christmas party	\$ 194.50
		Gifts	\$ 288.24
		J. Ashekian-ticket	\$ 246.20
		W.G.C.C.	\$ 234.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 12.00	Miscellaneous	\$ 10.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 24,662.49</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 20,857.94</b>
Balance on Hand 1/1/98	\$ 3,718.07		
Total Income 1998	\$ 24,662.49		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 28,380.56</b>		
Total Expenses	\$ 20,857.94		
Cash on Hand 1/1/99	\$ 7,522.62		

*Audited on 1/17/99*  
*Raffi Karabian*



# Stewards' Report For 1998

Chairperson, Charles Kumkumian  
Vice-Chairperson, Rita Bush  
Secretary, Greg Kumkumian  
Saro Kalayjian  
Simon Kumkumian  
Stephen Ohanian  
Dean Shahinian

## PREAMBLE

The Board of Stewards was formed in 1997 and was established in order to assist Der Hayr and the Parish Council with the religious, administrative and charitable duties of the congregation; including outreach programs, publications, charitable endeavors and maintenance of sanctuary beautification. The board shall consist of the Pastor and at least seven active members of the church. The board will advise the parish council of all its actions.

## USHERS

The Stewards have organized 2 ushers to participate in each Sunday service. Their responsibilities include: distribution of the Sunday Bulletin, assuring parishioners only enter the church at appropriate times, assisting the handicapped and elderly to their seats, as well as assisting the parish council in their various duties. In the past, the overlapping duties of the parish council and ushers created a degree of confusion regarding each organizations exact responsibilities; however, in late 1998 the ushers came to an agreement with the parish council with regard to each organizations exact responsibilities. Mr. Ghazaros Ghazarian has graciously accepted the responsibility of running the ushers organization which includes the following volunteers: *Charles Kumkumian, Arousiag Kumkumian, Berj Kalayjian, Zaven Kalayjian, Ghazaros Ghazarian, Betty Dedeyan, Jack Bedrosian, Suny Kodjanian and Varoujan Varoujanian*. Substitute ushers include, *Simon and Greg Kumkumian*.

## SHNORHALI

The Stewards have organized a Shnorhali advisory committee. This committee has met numerous times over the past two years to discuss issues ranging from funding and advertising in the Shnorhali to frequency of publication and layout. The Stewards, in conjunction with Der Hayr, have come up with the following recommendations: Ms. Grace Shahinian should continue to be in charge of editorial issues, Berj Kalayjian should assist with layout and design (Der Hayr, of course, is the managing editor), and a strict schedule of bimonthly publication should be adhered to. Lastlv, the committee discussed and recommended various changes in style and substance in hope of improving the Christian outreach aspect of the Shnorhali. Unfortunately, due to a paucity of volunteers the Shnorhali committee has not been able to implement these recommendations. The following individuals are members of the advisory committee: *Charles Kumkumian, Greg Kumkumian, Grace Shahinian, Dean Shahinian, Rita Bush, Berj Kalayjian, Zaven Kalayjian, Saro Kalayjian, Queenie Avedekian, June Kavookian and Der Hayr Kalayjian*.

## VISITATION

The visitation committee has meet on one occasion to organize its members as well as develop a system to account for all shut-ins and ill parishioners. While there continued to be visitation by steward members in 1998, it has been in an informal manner. Our goal for 1999 is to re-organize the visitation committee. The visitation committee is divided into three groups, based on geographic regions: Maryland, Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia. Each region will be responsible for visits (and telephone calls) to shut-ins, the elderly and ill individuals. Each week Der Hayr will provide a list of individuals who need to be visited or contacted and after each visitation the volunteer will report back to a coordinator who will keep a log of visits and keep in close contact with *Der Hayr*. *Der Hayr* and *Simon Kumkumian* have developed a card to leave each person who is visited- it includes a prayer, bible passage and relevant phone numbers. The following individuals have volunteered to participate on the visitation committee:(1) Northern VA- *Doris George, Nairi Pakoyan, Elissa Juskalian, Mary Perkins and Col. George Juskalian* (2) Washington, D.C.- *Ann Kavookian and Levon Garabedian* (3) Maryland- *Arousiag Kumkumian, Ida Gueregian, Betty Dedeyan, Clara Andonian, Yeretsgin Kalayjian, and Simon Kumkumian*.

## Bible Study/Prayer Meetings

This is the fifth year this bible study group has been in existence. We meet on Thursday's at 7:30 at St. Mary's Church- the Thursday meetings draws 5-10 people. We have been studying the gospel according to Matthew for the past year with an emphasis on the Bible's relevance in our daily lives. Stalwart participants include: *Der Hayr and Yeretsgin Kalayjian, Saro Kalayjian, Charles and Arousiag Kumkumian, Dean Shahinian, Simon Kumkumian, Greg Kumkumian, Clara Andonian, and Dr. and Mrs. Wahba*. This past year we assisted Der Hayr in the Friday lenten series by presenting a discussion of the seven deadly sins over the six Friday lenten services. In the upcoming year we plan to establish a new format for the bible study program. We plan to meet on the first and second Thursday's of every month as we have in the past, but on the third and fourth week of each month we will meet on Sunday's from 10-11am. In addition, we plan to meet once every 2 months at a guest house. While our meetings on Thursday's will continue to be passage based, we plan to make our Sunday meetings topic based.

## OUTREACH

At our last meeting we discussed various outreach programs. The following areas for outreach were discussed:

1. Organizing our involvement in local charities as a service to the community and as a way to involve the congregation in community based charity work.
2. Religious day retreat
3. Play group for young families in the community
4. Career day
5. Sports activities

If you are interested in participating in any of the above projects please contact Charles Kumkumian at 301-770-3032.



## AVAK SOCIETY

During the year, with the exception of July and August, Avak Society meets once a month for fellowship and lunch prepared by Mrs. Alice Baker, Mrs. Alice Peltekian, Mrs. Alice Kumkumian and Ann Kavookian. Also twice a year joint meetings are held with Soorp Katch for a picnic in June and a Christmas Party in December, alternating the activities between the two churches. Each month between 25 and 30 Seniors gather in the Church Hall to enjoy a delicious luncheon prepared with love. A charge of \$5.00 is made and after deducting the expenses, a small profit is realized. Our thanks also to Mr. Richard Janigian for his frequent help.

Several times during the year the cost of the luncheons are undertaken by individuals in memory of loved ones. In February 1998, Mrs. Alice Baker and Mrs. Alice Peltekian donated the luncheon in memory of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Derderian and Mr. & Mrs. Hintlian. In October 1998, Mrs. Hasmig Ghazarian donated the luncheon in memory of her mother, Mrs. Mary Kalemkiarian. Also during the year, Mrs. Alice Margosian donated \$60.00, Mrs. Lucy Arlen \$10.00, Mrs. Hasmig Ghazarian \$200.00, Robert George \$10.00, and Boghos Zulik \$10.00. In December, poinsettia plants were donated for the Christmas Altar.

Expenses.....Luncheon Expenses	\$608.81
Poinsettia Plants	<u>\$ 36.00</u>
	\$644.81
 Balance in bank	 \$1,010.61

  
Submitted by Ann Kavookian





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REV. VERTANES KALAYJIAN, PASTOR

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Dear Parishioners, Friends and Supporters,

The end of the year is fast approaching. We close one book to open another one in more than one way. We are reminded to give an account of ourselves both personally and as a church, spiritually and financially.

We trust that each of us will set aside time to give our spiritual accounting to our Lord Creator.

To function properly as a church and as members of that church (The Community of Believers), we need to address our financial responsibility.

Enclosed you will find a financial statement which reflects, as accurately as possible, the financial help you have given to your church. Please note that this year, for the first time, you'll find all the donations you have made up to this date (Nov. 15, 1998) and entered under your name.

We realize that there might be some errors of entry and attribution. Please bear with us and be forgiving as we enter the corrections upon your request. Call the office Tuesday thru Friday, 10:30am - 3:00pm (202) 363-1923.

Please also note the following:

- This is the time to review your level of pledge and/or contribution for the current year which ends December 31, 1998. We hope by the end of the year you will bring your contributions to the level you pledged at the beginning of the year. As a voting member of the church please make sure that your annual dues of \$150 per person is paid in full. This will keep you eligible to vote at the Annual Parish Assembly which will be held on January 24, 1999.
- It is important to remember that incidental or occasional contributions are not entered or considered as membership dues. They are listed separately.
- It is also important to remember, and many of you are aware of this fact, that the level of giving at \$150 per person is no longer sufficient to maintain a healthy budget and to balance it. We ask therefore you consider an additional sum as part of your annual contribution, voluntarily, and according to your capacity to support the church.

Therefore, we ask you to do two things:

1. Bring your 1998 account up to date by submitting the additional amount due: Membership dues, pledge, etc.
2. Fill out the enclosed card and make a pledge for 1999 to help us prepare our budget for the coming year. You don't need to send any money for 1999 now. Your pledge for 1999 will make our task a little easier. So please mail this form in the enclosed envelope with your contribution for 1998.

As always we thank you for all your help. May God reward you many times over. Let us be cheerful givers for our beloved church in the service to our Lord.

Have a blessed and happy Holiday.

Respectfully,

Pastor and Parish Council

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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- No, I am not a voting member but I'll support the church.