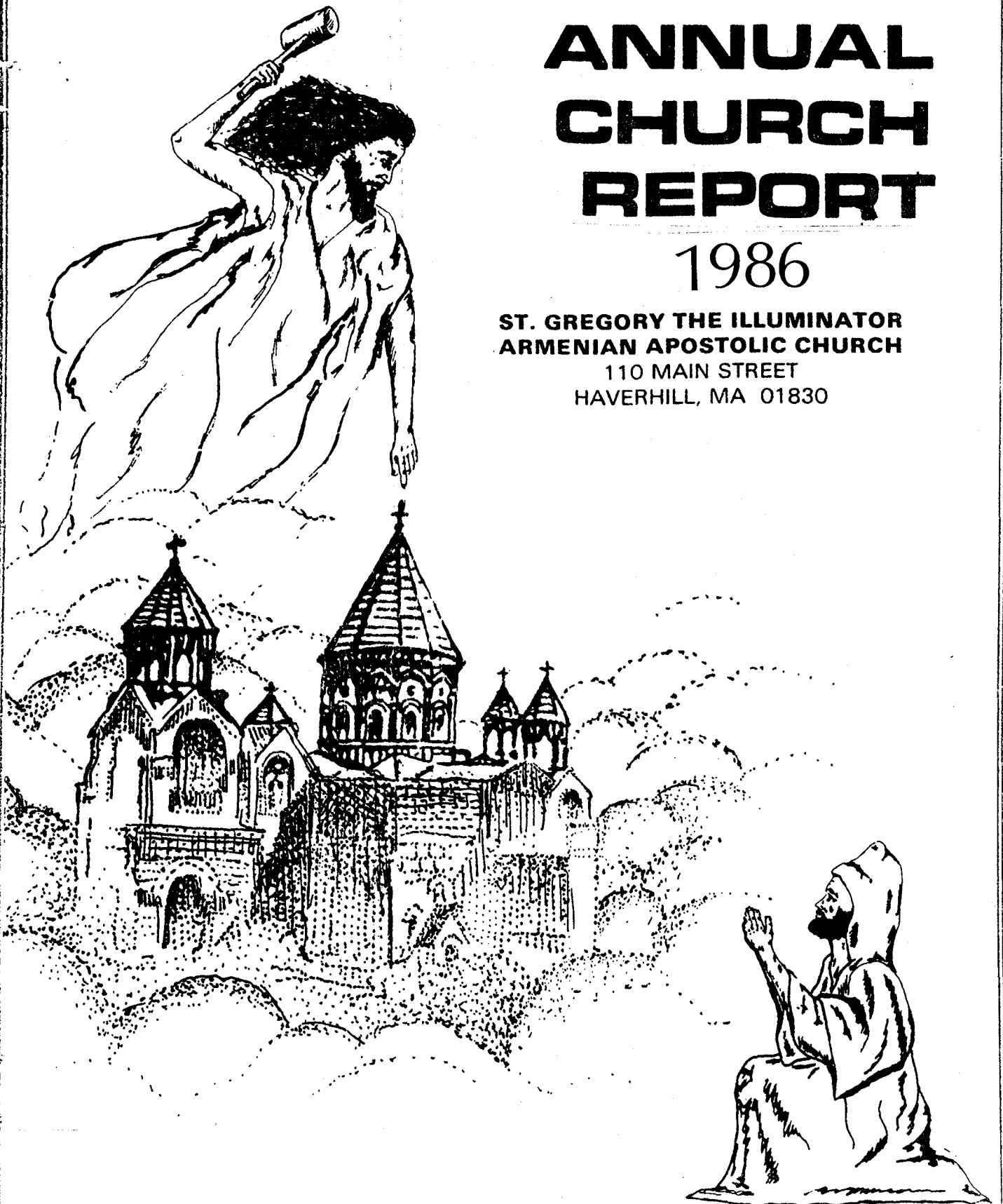


ANNUAL CHURCH REPORT

1986

**ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR
ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH**

110 MAIN STREET
HAVERHILL, MA 01830



PRAYER FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

GRANT, O LORD, THAT THY HOLY SPIRIT PRESIDE OVER US NOW IN ALL OUR CONCERNS AND DELIBERATIONS FOR THE WELFARE OF THIS PARISH. WE THANK THEE FOR ALL THE BLESSINGS OF THE PAST YEAR, AND PRAY THAT WE MAY GO TOGETHER FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH IN THE YEAR BEFORE US. HELP US ALL DEDICATE OURSELVES TO THEE, AND TO BE READY TO MAKE SACRIFICE OF THE TIME AND MONEY FOR THE EXTENSION OF THY KINGDOM.

GUIDE US, WE BESEECH THEE, IN THE CHOICE OF OUR PARISH COUNCIL, AND MAY THEY DISCHARGE THEIR DUTIES FAITHFULLY.

WE PRAISE THEE FOR THESE THY SERVANTS WHO LABORED AND WORSHIPPED THEE, HERE BEFORE US AND ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED FROM THIS LIFE SINCE WE LAST MET TOGETHER. GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST, O LORD, AND LET THY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

DECEASED PARISHIONERS, 1986

Edward Shahinian - Rose Danforth - James Shahinian



PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR 1986

The Parish Council held 22 official meetings.

The following are the names and offices of those who served on Parish Council for the year 1986:

Chairman	Zaven Gostanian
Vice Chairman	Martin Aaronian
Treasurer	Cynthia Kasparian
Secretary	Alice Rayissian
Advisors	Vasken Gostanian
	James Shahinian
	Jeffrey Chobanian

During the year, Parish Council was reduced to five members because of the death of James Shahinian and the resignation of Jeffrey Chobanian who had to move out of town for business reasons.

The major functions sponsored by the Parish Council for 1986 were:

Festival '86	\$ 3,942.32
Annual Picnic	\$ 2,130.67
Building Renovation Fund Drive	\$10,010.74
41st Anniversary	1,348.50
	<u>\$17,432.23</u>

The following function was planned for January 11, 1987 - joint dedication of Derderian Hall and 41st Church Anniversary.

Parish Council completed the following projects in 1986:

1. Kitchen Renovation
2. Hall Renovation
3. Furnace repaired
4. Outside church steps repaired
5. Roof repairs (shingles) contracted to be done in 1987 to both the church and parish house

The Parish Council wishes to thank the following for their help in planning these renovations:

1. Building Committee members consisting of Harry Kasparian, Edward Der Bogosian, Virginia Chobanian and Zarty Chilingirian
2. Lance Kasparian for architectural designs and advice
3. George and Lydia Tashjian for rugging cloak room and stage area
4. James Derderian and family for "Derderian Hall" for which we are grateful

Special thanks are also extended to Very Rev. Ghevont Samoorian and Rev. Fr. Zenob Nalbandian for filling in as Guest Celebrants for special sacramental services when needed.

Last but not least, Parish Council wishes to thank Der Krikor Maksoudian for keeping our church alive with his duties as Interim Parish Priest. His visitations with Yeretzgin Agnes and services to us on every other Sunday since his ordination have been deeply appreciated.

The Parish Council would like to thank all the church organizations and parishioners who assisted in making 1986 a financial success. We look forward to your continued support in the ensuing year.



Zaven Gostanian
Parish Council Chairman

WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT

Chairlady
Vice-Chairlady
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Treasurer

Mrs. Elbes Der Boghosian
Mrs. Mary Kasparian
Mrs. Araxie Derderian
Mrs. Mary Sarkisian
Mrs. Zarty Chilingirian

The Women's Guild held a limited amount of meetings during the year but was available to the Parish Council and other church organizations whenever its assistance was required.

The Guild has sponsored the following committees; Visitation Committee for homes, hospitals and nursing homes and Special Committee for the preparation of Hokejash (Requiem Dinners).

They participated in Festival '86, Annual Church Picnic and the Church Anniversary. \$1,000 was donated to the 41st Church Anniversary Banquet. They also contribute to the support of two school children at St. Tarkmanchatz School in Jerusalem.

Plans for the coming months include a Mid-Lenten dinner and attending the Women's Guild meeting at the Diocesan Assembly.

Checkbook Balance, December 31, 1986 \$3,849.82

YEARLY REPORT OF MR & MRS CLUB
JANUARY 1986 - DECEMBER 1986

The Mr. & Mrs. Club of St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church of Haverhill held 7 monthly meetings. Six of these meetings were held in the Function Hall of the Family Mutual Savings Bank of Groveland. With great pride and joy we held our December meeting in our newly renovated church hall.

We still have a membership of 15 couples (30 members) who work together and are active participants of our church activities.

Amongst the sponsored activities was the Bus Trip on the weekend of March 21 & 22, 1986 to visit Hayr Haigazoon Melkonian in his Philadelphia Parish. This was on the occasion of his 10th Anniversary of Ordination into the Priesthood and also Palm Sunday.

A Clean Up Crew was formulated in June to clean the newly renovated kitchen.

The membership participated in the events of the 4th of July Festival at the Haverhill Stadium.

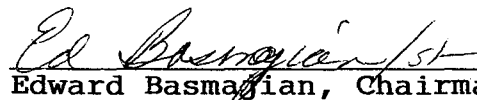
The year ended with a great climax when we sponsored a New Year's Eve Dinner-Dance in our Church Hall for the members, their family and friends.

Our yearly donation to the church was the purchase and installation of a complete P.A. System for the Church Hall. That was completed in time for the New Year's Eve Party. Supplies and installation is estimated well over \$1,000.00.

Our Treasurer's Report as of December 7, 1986 showed a balance of \$965.69.

Respectfully submitted,


Sylvia Tavitian, Secretary


Edward Basmajian, Chairman

LADIES AIDE SOCIETY REPORT

Chairlady
Secretary
Treasurer
Advisors

Mrs. Twanda McNeil
Mrs. Mary Mooradian
Ms Araxie Kasparian
Ms Sue Kezerian
Mrs. Zarty Chilingirian

The Ladies Aide Society held several meetings during the year. Due to the renovations of the kitchen and hall, their activities were limited. Their help and support was evident in Festival '86, church picnic and anniversary. A monetary donation was made to the church's 41st anniversary banquet.

Since the completion of the kitchen and hall, two kheyma dinners have been held. Following Lent, kheyma dinners will be held twice monthly.

The group's Poon Paregentan celebration was enthusiastically received by both children and adults. This traditional Mid-Lenten celebration will be held annually.

The Ladies Aide will take a more active part in the Women's Guild regional committees, the first of which will be sending two members to the Diocesan Assembly to attend the Women's Guild meeting.

A membership drive is being planned to recruit new members and women interested are invited to join the group.

Checkbook Balance, December 31, 1986

\$2,648.86

CHURCH CHOIR REPORT

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Recording Secretary
Treasurer

Richard Bazarian
Edgar Movsesian
Ms Virginia Tavitian
Mrs. Alice Kasparian

Choir Director

Ms Sue Kezerian

Through the many changes in clergy at St. Gregory, the Choir has remained steadfast and has faithfully participated every Sunday in morning services.

A Palm Sunday dinner and program is being planned for April 12.

Checkbook Balance, December 31, 1986

\$1,628.34

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1986

CHECK BOOK BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 1986

\$ 9893.74

RECEIPTS

SACRAMENTS	\$ 590.00
HOKEHANKEESD & PRAYERS	1870.00
MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS	3098.00
PLEDGES	6721.00
PLATE	549.85
DUES	2175.00
ALTAR FLOWERS	370.00
ALTAR CANDLES	296.50
CHURCH FUNCTIONS	18773.54
CHRISTMAS OFFERING	1105.00
EASTER OFFERING	1000.00
GIFTS TO CHURCH	3650.00
ENDOWMENT FUND	747.71
BANK INTEREST	413.88
CD INTEREST	1989.45
TRANSFER	10000.00
SODA MACHINE	5.00
MISCELLANEOUS	2746.12
CHURCH HALL RENTAL	125.50
BUILDING FUND	25089.98

TOTAL RECEIPTS

81316.53

91210.27

DISBURSEMENTS

CLERGY SALARY	\$ 2550.00
DEACON SALARY	225.00
CHURCH TRAVEL EXPENSE	1595.00
TAXES	68.31
CUSTODIAL SERVICE	195.00
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	3146.58
DEACON, ORGANIST, SOLOIST	185.00
UTILITIES	1774.78
GAS	7037.03
CHURCH INSURANCE	2682.65
NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL DUES	210.00
DIOCESAN DUES	4020.00
CHURCH FUNCTIONS	8485.66
CHURCH STATIONERY & SUPPLIES	540.58
ALTAR FLOWERS	230.85
POSTAGE	416.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	38832.87
MISCELLANEOUS	3019.17

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

75214.48

CHECK BOOK BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 1986

15995.79

ONE YEAR CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT
MATURITY DATE 11/20/87

\$ 20,000.00

PROPOSED 1987 BUDGET

RECEIPTS

SACRAMENTS	\$ 1,000	
HOKEHANKEESD & PRAYERS	3,000	
MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS	3,000	
PLEDGES	7,000	
PLATE	1,000	
MEMBERSHIP DUES	3,000	
ALTAR FLOWERS	1,000	
ALTAR CANDLES	500	
CHURCH FUNCTIONS	20,000	
CHRISTMAS OFFERING	1,500	
EASTER OFFERING	1,000	
GIFTS TO CHURCH	4,000	
ENDOWMENT FUND	1,000	
BANK INTEREST	500	
INTEREST ON CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	2,000	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	3,000	
CHURCH HALL RENTAL	500	
BUILDING	<u>12,000</u>	
		\$65,000

DISBURSEMENTS

CLERGY SALARY	\$ 6,000	
TAXES	500	
CUSTODIAL SERVICE	2,500	
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	5,000	
DEACON, SOLOIST & ORGANIST	1,000	
Utilities	3,000	
GAS	8,000	
CHURCH INSURANCE	4,000	
NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL DUES	500	
DIOCESAN DUES	5,000	
CHURCH FUNCTIONS	10,000	
CHURCH STATIONERY & SUPPLIES	1,000	
ALTAR FLOWERS	500	
POSTAGE	1,500	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	12,000	
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>4,500</u>	
		\$65,000

