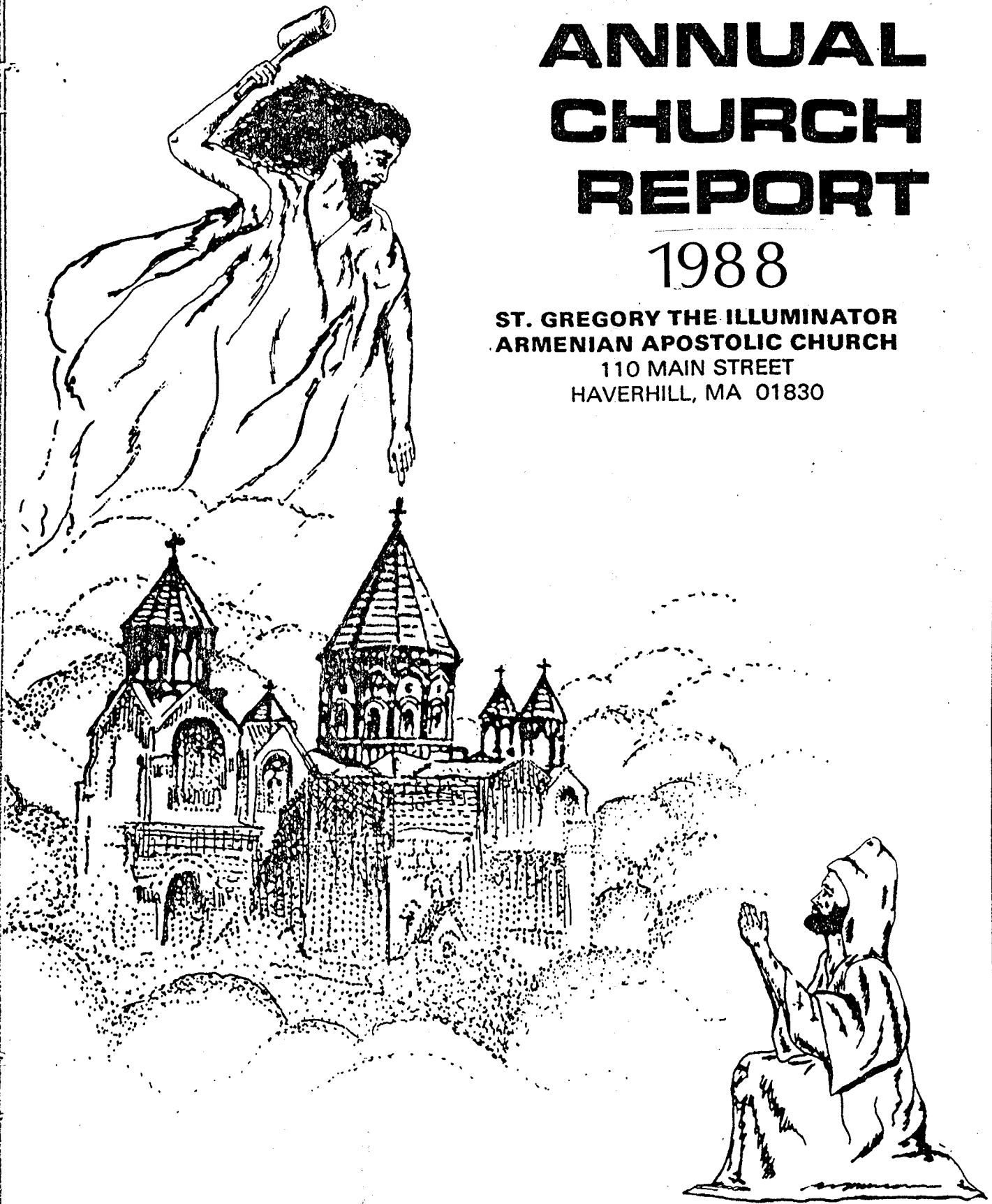


ANNUAL CHURCH REPORT

1988

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 1988

KRIKOR DERDERIAN

DONABED CHILPYIAN

AROUSIAG DEVEJIAN

CHARLES K. TASHJIAN, JR.

SARAH KAHIGIAN



PARISH COUNCIL
REPORT for 1988

This past year has been a productive one in which we have witnessed a pulling together of the entire parish, a new beginning for our Sunday School, new people taking part in the church community, and others returning to the church.

In spite of or because of the tragic events of 1988, such as the atrocities against Armenians in Sumgait, and the loss of thousands of lives in the terrible earthquake in Armenia, there are many steps being taken toward unity and the revitalization of this - our religious and cultural center of Armenians in Haverhill - - St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church. Our combining with the Lawrence and Lowell churches for the Tri-Church Picnic demonstrates evidence of the movement toward cooperative ventures.

The Parish Council met on the average of twice a month throughout the year, and of course, more frequently when in preparation for special events such as the Bazaar and the Church Anniversary.

Major functions for the year that were sponsored by the Parish Council:

Annual Church Picnic	\$1,776.66
Tri-Church Picnic	1,164.60
Church Bazaar	4,062.60
43rd Church Anniversary	6,190.41
	<u>13,194.27</u> Total Net Proceeds

We are very grateful for Der Krikor and Yeretzgin Agnes Maksoudians' devoted services on a regular weekly basis. Their kind support promotes by example a lively spirit within our church.

Parish Council Members for 1988:

Chairman	Edgar A. Mosesian
Vice Chairman	Michael Takesian
Treasurer	Pauline Harian
Assistant Treasurer	Richard Devejian
Secretary	Alice Rayissian
	Vahan Hanedanian
	Lucy Poshian
Advisors:	Zaven Gostanian
	Vasken Gostanian
	Zarty Chilingirian

Diocesan Delegate: Martin Aaronian



Edgar A. Mosesian, Chairman

WOMEN'S GUILD

Chairlady
Vice-Chairlady
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Treasurer
Advisor

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

The Women's Guild with a membership of twenty-three members is still a vibrant and visible organ of the church. They have aided the Parish Council whenever their assistance was requested, particularly the annual bazaar, picnic and anniversary. Financial aid is rendered whenever needed.

The Guild has sponsored the following committees: Visitation Committee for homes, hospitals and nursing homes and a special committee for the preparation of Hokehjash (Requiem Dinners).

On the median day of Great Lent, the Guild sponsored their traditional Michink dinner. A monetary donation of \$500.00 was given to the Parish Council on the occasion of the 43rd anniversary of the consecration of the Church.

Bank Balance, December 31, 1988

\$5,072.47

SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Sunday, October 16, 1988, St. Gregory resumed Sunday School classes after an absence of several years. Under the capable and enthusiastic leadership of Mrs. Kim Dandurant and her assistants, Lynn Chobanian and April Der Boghosian, there is now an enrollment of 12 children.

A Department of Religious Education workshop was held on Saturday, November 5, 1988 at St. Vartanantz Armenian Church in Chelmsford. Mrs. Dandurant attended and participated in the day long session.

Classes are held every Sunday at 10 o'clock where the DRE curriculum is followed. Parents are urged to bring their children to Sunday School.

MR. & MRS. CLUB ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1988

Chairman	Edward DerBogosian
Vice-Chairman	Sarkis Chobanian
Secretary	Virginia Chobanian
Treasurer	Charles Tashjian
Recording Secretary	Alice Basmajian

The Mr. & Mrs Club held 8 regular monthly meetings, with 28 active members.

The organization held 2 succesful functions during the year.

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| 1. Chicken Dinner | April 16, 1988 | Profit of \$1,123.20 |
| 2. Card & Khema Night | June 18, 1988 | 266.62 |

The Mr. and Mrs. Club has aided the Parish Council in all endeavors, particularly the annual BAZAAR in which members took care of donating and preparing choereg, apple pies, assorted pastries, tourshi, and candies, as well as the preparations and serving of lunch and dinner for the day. We also participate in making Mas for church as well as being there when needed financially and otherwise. Our organization has been most supportive to the needs of the church.

Social events during the year included a card nite in June and a Christmas Party in Dec. Our guest speakers was Mr. Michael Devejian, CPA, who spoke on the new laws concerning taxes.

Our financial statement is as follows;

Balance as of Dec 1988 - \$3,910.73

LADIES AIDE SOCIETY

Chairlady
Secretary
Treasurer
Advisors

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

The Ladies Aide Society with a membership of eleven holds their meetings the second Wednesday of the month.

The group has actively participated in the church bazaar and picnic. They have helped the Women's Guild with their requiem dinners and wherever else they are called upon for support.

The fund-raising activities for the year included monthly kheyma suppers and the annual Mardi Gras (Poon Paregentan).

A monetary donation of \$1,000 was made for the 43rd anniversary of the church.

A Christmas party was held at a local restaurant where gifts were exchanged.

Bank Balance, December 31, 1988	\$4,007.43
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CHURCH CHOIR

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Recording Secretary
Treasurer

Richard Bazarian
Edgar Movsesian
Miss Virginia Tavitian
Mrs. Alice Kasparian

Choir Director

Miss Sue Kezerian

Although no fund-raising affairs were held this year, the choir has proved its dedication to the church by its participation every Sunday in church services.

A \$500.00 donation was made to the Church on its 43rd anniversary.

Bank Balance, December 31, 1988	\$ 832.00
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Beginning Balance - January 1, 1988 \$ 21,235.06

(Adjustment check#3984 =1987 disbursement) -205.00

Corrected 1988 opening balance..... 21,030.06

RECEIPTS

Sacraments.....\$ 750.00
Hokehankist/Prayers..... 4,850.00
Memorial Contributions..... 8,994.00
Pledges..... 6,841.50
Plate..... 954.75
Dues..... 3,350.00
Altar Flowers..... 335.00
Altar Candles..... 416.15
Church Functions..... 18,600.69
Christmas Offering..... 685.00
Easter Offering..... 970.00
Gifts..... 143.98
Bank Interest..... 1,101.61
CD Interest..... 1,717.35
Building Fund..... 2,100.00
Church Hall Rental..... 300.00
Miscellaneous..... 193.70
Bookstore..... 54.75
Capital Improvements..... 3,043.50

TOTAL RECEIPTS..... 55,401.98

DISBURSEMENTS

Clergy Salary.....\$ 5,275.00
Church Donations..... 525.00
Taxes/Water..... 414.88
Custodial Services..... 650.00
Repairs/Maintenance..... 2,766.12
Deacon/Soloist/Organist..... 0
Utilities..... 1,583.80
Transfer..... 28,000.00
Gas..... 6,722.97
Church Insurance..... 3,190.25
Diocese Dues..... 3,246.00
Church Functions..... 2,797.43
Church Stationary/Supplies..... 2,573.29
Altar Flowers..... 230.43
Postage..... 564.00
Capital Improvements..... 8,035.00
Miscellaneous & Bookstore..... 355.92

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....56,930.09

Ending Balance - December 31, 19889,501.95

Money Market (First Rate Account)..... 8,203.74

Certificate of Deposit 8½ maturing 11/21/89 40,000.00

Certificate of Deposit 8.1% maturing 8/31/89..... 10,832.71

PROPOSED 1989 BUDGET

RECEIPTS

SACRAMENTS.....	\$ 1,000
HOKEHANKEESD & PRAYERS.....	5,000
MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.....	5,000
PLEDGES.....	7,000
PLATE.....	1,000
MEMBERSHIP DUES.....	1,500
ALTAR FLOWERS.....	500
ALTAR CANDLES.....	500
CHURCH FUNCTIONS.....	19,000
CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS.....	1,000
EASTER OFFERINGS.....	1,000
GIFTS TO CHURCH.....	2,000
ENDOWMENT FUND.....	1,000
BANK INTEREST.....	500
CD INTEREST.....	3,000
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME.....	700
CHURCH HALL RENTAL.....	300
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.....	5,000
TOTAL.....	55,000

DISBURSEMENTS

CLERGY SALARY.....	\$ 17,000
CHURCH TRAVEL EXPENSE.....	1,000
TAXES/WATER.....	500
CUSTODIAL SERVICES.....	700
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE.....	3,000
DEACON/SOLOIST/ORGANIST.....	300
UTILITIES.....	1,600
GAS.....	7,000
CHURCH INSURANCE.....	3,200
DIOCESAN DUES.....	5,000
CHURCH FUNCTIONS.....	3,000
STATIONARY & SUPPLIES.....	3,000
ALTAR FLOWERS.....	500
POSTAGE.....	600
MISCELLANEOUS & BOOKSTORE.....	1,000
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.....	7,600
TOTAL.....	55,000

