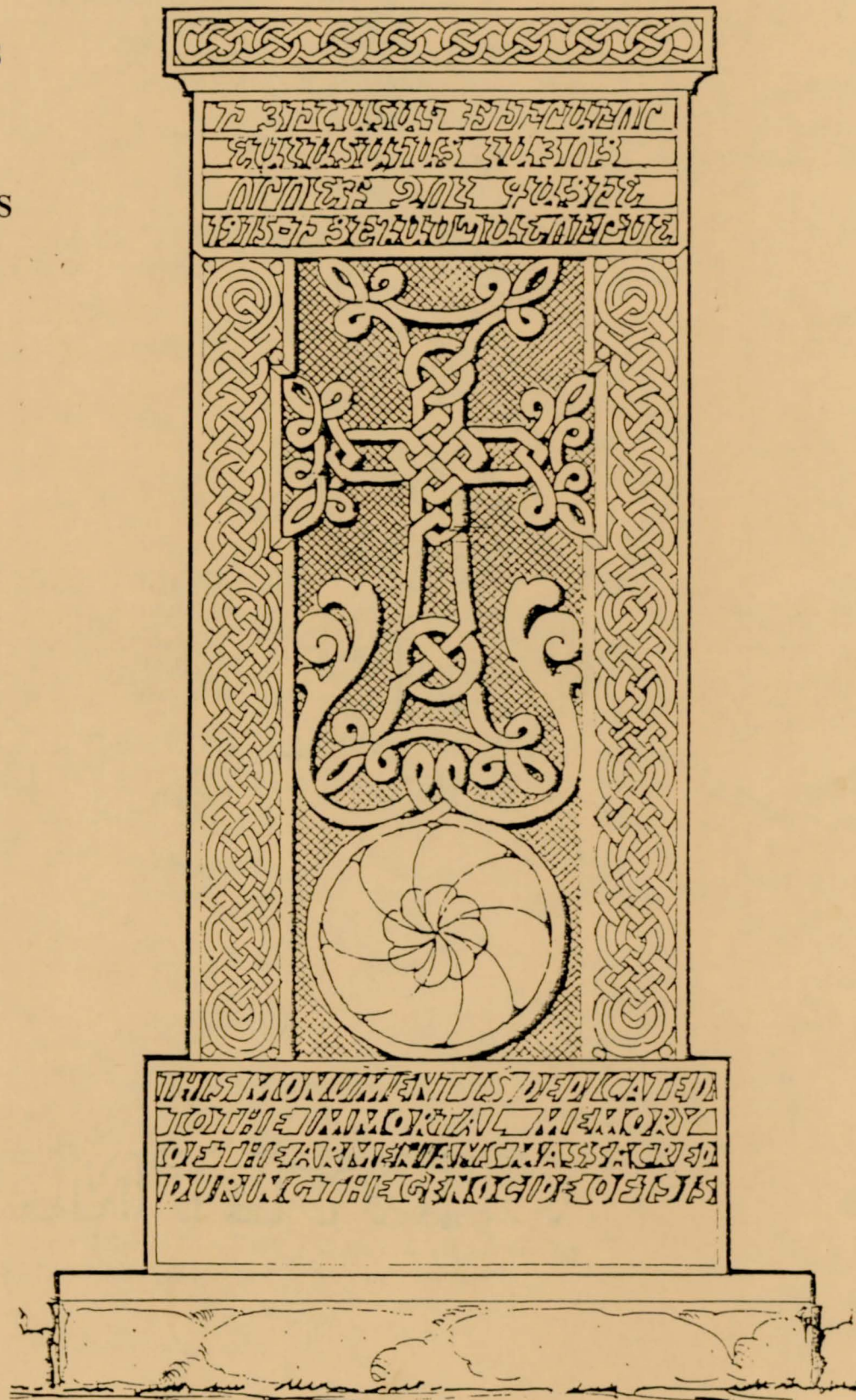


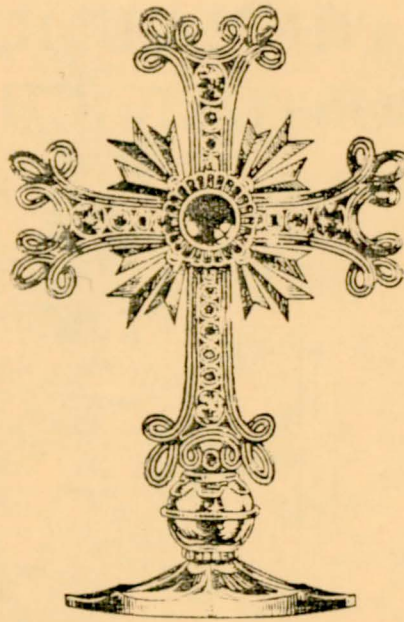
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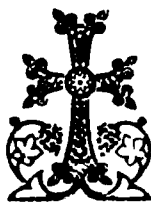
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PRAYER

O JESUS, WISDOM OF THE FATHER
GRANT US WISDOM, THAT WE MAY ALWAYS
THINK, SPEAK, AND DO THAT WHICH IS
GOOD IN YOUR SIGHT;
SAVE US FROM EVIL THOUGHTS, WORDS AND DEEDS.
AND HAVE MERCY UPON ALL YOUR CREATURES
AND UPON US, MANIFOLD SINNERS
AMEN.

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ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR
ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
110 MAIN ST., HAVERHILL, MA 01830
(508) 372-9227

January 10, 1995

INVITATION

Dear Parishioner:

The Parish Council of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church of Haverhill, cordially invites you to attend our Annual Parish Assembly which will be held on Sunday, January 22, 1994 at 12:30 p.m. following church services. A complimentary luncheon will be served prior to the meeting.

The Annual Parish Assembly is one of the most important functions in our church. It is a moral obligation and a duty for each member in good standing to participate in this meeting.

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Quorum
3. Election of Assembly Chairperson and Secretary
4. Minutes of 1994 Parish Assembly
5. Report of Nominating Committee
6. Election of:
 - a. Parish Council Members
 - b. Nominating Committee Members
 - c. Auditing Committee Member
 - d. Diocesan Delegate
7. Annual Report of the Pastor
8. Annual Report of Parish Council
9. Annual Report of Diocesan Delegate
10. Annual Reports of Parish Committees
11. Annual Report of Parish Organizations
12. Parish Council 1994 Financial Report and Adoption of Budget for 1995
13. Old Business
 - Attitash Property
14. New Business
 - Steeple
 - Merger
 - Other New Business
15. Closing Prayer

Rev. Fr. Sahag Kaishian
Rev. Fr. Sahag Kaishian
Pastor

Rafik Papalian
Rafik Papalian
Parish Council Chairman

Edgar Mosesian
Edgar Mosesian
Parish Council Secretary

St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian
Apostolic Church of Haverhill, MA

1994 Annual Parish Assembly Meeting

Minutes

The 1994 Annual Parish Assembly was held on Sunday, January 16, 1994. The Agenda with results follow:

1. Opening Prayer
Rev, Father Sahag Kaishian began the meeting with a Prayer.

2. Election of Assembly Chairperson and Secretary
Edgar Mosesian- Chairperson and Elaine Meuse- Secretary

35 dues paying members were in attendance. Those present were in agreement that they constituted the required amount for voting purposes. Zarty Chilingirian recommended that every person be invited to the Assembly, not just dues paying members.

3. Minutes of the 1993 Parish Assembly
The minutes were passed out and reviewed.

Avedis Derderian asked that a correction be made to page 3 to state that his comments were offered as constructive criticism not personal feelings.

Alice Kasparian asked that the minutes show that Marty Aaronian was elected Diocesan Delegate in 1988.
Yn. Lana seconded the motion.

Michael Takesian motioned to accept the 1993 minutes as amended.
David Tavitian seconded the motion.
Motion passed.

4. Report of Nominating Committee
Marty Aaronian presented the report. The committee consisted of Marty, Elaine Meuse and Virginia Tavitian. Every person who the committee felt could potentially serve was called.

5. Elections
Edward DerBogossian motioned to postpone elections until the end of the meeting.

Avedis Derderian seconded the motion.
Motion passed.

Der Sahag asked that his report be reviewed. It was.

6. Annual Report of Parish Council

Avedis Derderian motioned that the report be accepted.
Michael Takesian seconded the motion.
Motion passed.

A recommendation was made that a special Parish Assembly be held prior to any decisions being made on the renovations of the bell tower due to its excessive cost. This was agreed upon.

7. Annual Report of Diocesan Delegate

Paul Tavitian our Delegate stated that he mailed out the report

prior to the meeting. He asked that comments be made. Comments were favorable. Paul was thanked for his efforts. Zarty complimented Paul on his mailing the report in advance to the meeting.

Michael Takesian motioned that the ²rport be accepted. Marty Aaronian seconded the motion. ^
Motion passed.

Paul thanked Sylvia Tavitian and Yn. Lana for typing the report.

8. Annual Report of Parish Organizations

Marty Aaronian asked that the spelling of Vasken Gostanian's name be corrected in the Mr. and Mrs, Report.

Alice Kasparian presented the Choir Report. The Choir along with its traditional fundraising activities donated \$500. to the Anniversary Banquet. Alice pointed out that the Choir does fundraising in order to avoid costing the church any money. She also commented on the poor church attendance especially Christmas Services. The presence of the Congregation is critical to the success of the choir. A written report will be submitted.

George Kasparian motioned to accept the Parish Reports. David Tavitian seconded the motion.
Motion passed

9. Annual Report of Auditing Committee

Cynthia Kasparian presented the report. The committee found everything to be in good order. It was recommended that the accounting be put on the computer. Cynthia will see that this will happen. A written report is forthcoming.

10. Parish Council 1993 Financial Report and Adoption of Budget for 1994

^{ice} Janet Mosesian motioned that the 1994 budget not be accepted as distributed until details are added and reviewed. Avedis Derderian seconded the motion.
Motion passed

Marty Aaronian motioned that a committee be formed that would work on a proposed 1994 budget. This budget would then be prepared, reviewed, and presented to the Parish Council by Sunday, February 20, 1994.

Alice Kasparian seconded the motion
Motion passed

^{ice} Janet Mosesian will chair the committee; other members will include Avedis Derderian, Cynthia Kasparian, Barbara Arthur.

11. Old Business

None

5. Election of New Officers

Parish Assembly nominations were accepted from the floor. Alice Kasparian motioned to close nominations. Cynthia Kasparian seconded the motion. Motion passed

Election results were reported by Marty Aaronian as follows:

Elected Parish Council Members

- 1) Liz Derderian
- 2) Richard McNeil
- 3) Edgar Mosesian

Elected Nominating Committee

- 1) Barbara Arthur
- 2) Harry Kasparian
- 3) George Mardekian

Elected Auditing Committee Member

- 1) Michael Takesian

Elected Diocesan Delegate

- 1) Avedis Derderian

12. New Business

Virginia Tavitian suggested 15 fundraising events (see attached) Virginia Tavitian suggested training of 2 children as organists.

Twanda McNeil suggested that church organizations pay a fee for utilizing church supplies and kitchen.

Janet¹⁶⁷ Mosesian suggested that each group replace any supplies used and kick back a % of what is brought in to the church.

Barbara Arthur suggested raising the church dues from \$30 to \$50 for 1994.

Barbara Arthur suggested that for next year's Parish Assembly, the report be sent to dues paying members prior to the meeting.

Elaine Meuse suggested that brief biographies be included beside the individuals being voted on for office.

14. Closing Prayer

The meeting was closed with a Prayer by Rev. Fr. Sahag Kaishian

Note from the Secretary: A sincere effort was made to submit minutes that were accurate. If errors were made, no personal insults were intended, Respectfully Submitted,

Fr. Sahag Kaishian

Elaine Meuse

Addendum to the Minutes of the 1994 Parrish Assembly

Since the Parrish Assembly failed to form a quorum, we deferred to Article 17 of the By-laws which reads "If the Assembly fails to form a quorum, the affirmative votes of 2/3s of the members present shall be required to arrive at each decision at such a meeting."

This was agreed upon by those present.

Submitted by
Elaine Meuse
Secretary

SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

March 20, 1994

Opening Prayer Father Sahag Kaishian

Chairman of Meeting Joseph Tavitian

Quorum Status

Number of persons present were 31. Need 43 for a quorum. IT WAS MOVED by Alice Kasparian AND SECONDED by Martin Aaronian to move ahead with the meeting for a 2/3 majority vote. All present are dues paying members. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Review of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was described. IT WAS MOVED by Michael Takesian, to proceed with the agenda as presented. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED by Richard McNeil. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Election of Additional Parish Council Member

Martin Aaronian announced that Sandra Dasho is a candidate for Parish Council. A MOTION WAS MADE by Edgar Movsesian to adopt a nine person Parish Council. Father Sahag clarified that the number of Council members may be between 5 and 15 according to the By-Laws. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED by Joseph Tavitian. THE MOTION WAS DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Alice Kasparian that Sandra Dasho be accepted as a member of the Parish Council. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED by David Tavitian. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Membership Dues

Current membership dues are \$30.00 per person. We are assessed by the Diocese at \$47.00 per person. A MOTION WAS MADE by Sylvia Tavitian that the membership dues be increased to \$50.00 per person, effective January, 1994. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED by David Tavitian. Discussion was held regarding increasing the dues to a larger amount. Concern was expressed for those on fixed incomes and allowing for support of those who may need assistance. There was also discussion regarding how the dues per person ration is derived. It was suggested that where the dues go be shown on the dues invoice sent out to each member and that the dues invoices be sent at the beginning of the year. THE MOTION PASSED 20 in favor, none against, one abstention.

1994 Proposed Budget

A MOTION WAS MADE by Michael Takesian to accept the 1994 proposed budget as presented. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED by Martin Aaronian. Janice Movesian answered questions regarding the 1994 proposed budget. Der Hayr made a suggestion to make a pledge committee to distribute pledge cards to all members. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Father Sahag gave the Benediction to the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ftr. Sahag Kaishian
Alison Basmajian
Alison Basmajian

David Tavitian

ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH

Haverhill, Mass. November 2, 1994

MINUTES OF SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Derderian Hall - 7:30 P.M.

The meeting opened with an invocation from Der Sahag Kaishian.

Chairman , Rafik Papelian (after welcoming all attending the meeting) introduced Michael Takesian as the person who has studied the issue of

Attitash Acres, Inc. Michael Takesian proceeded to first describe the limits of the property in question and what events took place in the formation of the trust known as Saint Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church Trust. The property known as Attitash Acres was bought by 3 individuals: James Derderian of Methuen, Charles Tashjian and Abe Kezerian of Haverhill, Mass. It is said to consist of 8.6 acres and includes a n unpaved road called Shore Road leading to teh property in Merrimack, Massachusetts. Later the three principals of Attitash Acres, Inc. (named above) drew up a trust document that was reported to have been recorded in November of 1969. The said purpose of the Trust is to manage the property in the interest of the church for charitable religious and recreational purposes. Moreover, M. Takesian explained that a deed was drawn up by Attitash Acres, Inc. in December of 1968 and a Note for \$21, 850 on the same day. The discussion that followed revolved around "the legal aspects of the "gifting" of two-thirds of the property inthe Trust to the Haverhill Church and one-third to the Holy Cross Church in Lawrence, Mass.

Jim "Avedis" Derderian stated that there is a mortgage held by the three principals named as Trustees above. And, they (the Trustees) no longer want "it". It's being gifted to both churches. Avedis indicated that the church owns the property and the 3 persons mentioned hold the mortgage. Michael Takesian indicated that the Trust agreement was recorded in the Registry in Salem and that if the Trust is dissolved the proceeds would go to the Church.

Question arose as to whether the approval of the Parish Assembly is needed to transfer one-third of the property to the Holy Cross Armenian Church of Lawrence, Mass.

Another question arose about dues and non-dues-paying members of the church A motion was made by Janice Mosesian and seconded by Margaret Kazarosian : that non-dues-paying members be allowed to voice their opinions at the Parish Assembly. Motion carried.

A motion made and withdrawn on a point of order accepting the 28 members present as a quorum for the purposes of conducting the business at hand. With reference to the By-Laws of the church, it was agreed that a two-thirds affirmative vote would carry a motion -

Further discussion focused on the proper passing and recording of the Trust, the Deed and the Note and whether or not the Haverhill Armenian Church should hire an impartial attorney to represent the church and advise the Parish as to the findings. - particularly in view of the fact the the assessed property value of the "Attitash Acres" parcel has risen sharply and taxes born by the two churches has jumped from a few hundred dollars to \$1,400 per year.

Motion made by Joseph Tavitian and seconded by Edward DerBogosian that the Parish Council hire a good attorney to investigate documents and title and this Parish's interests in the parcel of property called "Attitash Acres" of Merrimack, Mass. for legal fees not to exceed \$1,000. Vote: 18 in favor. Motion passed.

Further discussion revolved around the rights of Trustees and whether or not they could name new Trustees. Discussions continued around the intent to gift one-third of the Attitash Acres property to the Holy Cross Armenian Church of Lawrence.

Motion made by Barbara Arthur and seconded by Margaret Kazarosian to table item # 5 of the Agenda having to do with the assigning of 1/3 interest to the Holy Cross Armenian Church of Lawrence, Mass. Carried -unanimous vote.

Agenda item #4 "Amendment of Trust Agreement" - not moved. Also, Agenda item # 6 "Election and Appointment of New Trustees" was tabled.

Der Sahag Kaishian gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at about 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Edgar A. Mosesian, Vice Chairman of Parish Council/Recorder.

**St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church
Haverhill, MA
Pastor's Report for 1994**

Worship

Divine Liturgy was celebrated on a regular weekly basis preceded by an abbreviated morning service.

The Jashou Service was performed by Dn. Garabed Loosian while Der Hayr was at the Diocesan Assembly in Houston on May 2, 1994 and on vacation on July 9, 1994.

Holidays and Special Services

I celebrated Divine Liturgy on Armenian Christmas Eve and Easter Eve., Holy Thursday (at Holy Cross -Lawrence), The Annual Clergy Conference in Houston, TX. Peace/ Rest Hour Service was conducted on the five Fridays of Lent as was the Full Cycle of Holy Week Services. I was invited to participated in a worship service on Women's Saint's Day at Holy Trinity in Cambridge, MA and also participated in the Greater Haverhill Clergy Association Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service.

Visiting Clergy

The following clergy have visited our parish this year to participate in a Sacrament or Program:

Very Reverend Father Mesrob Semerjian
Very Reverend Father Krikor Maksoudian
Reverend Father Dajad Davidian
Reverend Father Tateos Abdalian
Reverend Father Michael Buttero
Reverend Father Zenob Nalbandian
Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian
Reverend Marcus Crapsey
Reverend Frank Graichen.

The following have served at our Holy Altar in the absence of our Deacon and Sub-deacons:

Deacon Alexan Kouzouian
Deacon Paul Boghosian

Outside Participation

I have participated in services and/or programs at the following Armenian churches and Sister churches:

Holy Trinity Armenian Church - Cambridge, MA
St. John the Baptist Armenian Church- Greenfield, WI
Holy Cross Armenian Church - Lawrence, MA
St. Gregory Armenian Church- North Andover, MA
St. James Armenian Church - Watertown, MA
Armenian Church of Our Saviour - Worcester, MA
Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church - Chelmsford, MA
Sts. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church - Haverhill, MA
St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Haverhill, MA
First Presbyterian Church of Haverhill
First Congregational United Church of Christ - Haverhill, MA
Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bradford, MA

Sacraments and Rites

	Total	St. Gregory	Other Churches
Baptisms	4	2	2
Weddings	1	1	0
Wakes/Funerals	13	7	6

Requiem and Grave Blessings were performed upon request.

Participated in the Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of Dn. Alexan (Fr. Vasken) Kouzouian at Holy Trinity Armenian Church in Cambridge, MA.

Pastoral Visitations

As part of my ministry I have made regular weekly visitations to Hale Hospital and on many occasions to parishioners at other area hospitals.

I ask parishioners to note that hospitals do not notify the church or pastor of a hospitalized parishioner. Therefore, it is requested that each parishioner inform the church office when they learn of a hospitalized church member.

I have visited parishioners in Haverhill area nursing homes during holiday seasons and upon request, to offer them Holy Communion.

On many occasions I have also visited the homes of the sick or elderly (shut-ins) who are not able to come the church to offer comfort and Holy Communion.

In addition, I have taken part in several family celebrations such as anniversaries, birthdays, and social gatherings at the request of our parishioners.

Meetings

I have presided over and participated in Parish-affiliated meetings whenever possible. These included Parish Council, Church Organizations and various standing and special committees. I also supported our organizations by attending their functions and programs whenever my schedule permitted.

I also attended meetings of the following organizations:

New England Clergy Conference
Greater Haverhill Clergy Association
New England Regional Council - Council Member

Cultural and Educational Programs

I implemented the following classes and programs during the year:

Armenian School - Five adult students.
Armenian Cultural Month - Organized two lectures/Programs
Resumed Acolyte Training - meet twice monthly
Sunday School - restructured and set up meeting for parents, teachers and Diocesan Department of Religious Education .

Office Administration

During the course of the year I have performed the following office and administrative functions. Some of these functions should be handled by volunteers or perhaps a part-time office employee should be considered.

Filing
Typing
Parish and Office Correspondence
Coordinate Parish Mailings
Purchase Office Supplies
Sort and distribute mail
Sunday Bulletin Typing and Copying
Yughakin Mailing for Easter and Christmas
Maintain Mailing List, Membership List, Church Records
Organizing and Copying Annual Report

Appreciation

Thank you to the following individuals and groups who's help and dedication we could not do without.

- Parish Council Chairman, Rafik Papalian and the members and advisors of the Parish Council.
- Diocesan Delegate, Paul Tavitian
- Deacon Garabed Loosian, the Sub-deacons, Acolytes and Altar Servers.
- Choir Director, Sue Kezerian and the Choir members.
- Organists, Sylvia Tavitian and Virginia Tavitian
- Mas preparers Alice Kasparian and Mary Der Boghosian
- Zaven Gostanian for attending the door at funerals.
- Sunday School Superintendent, Elaine Meuse and the Sunday School Staff.
- Bradford Flowers for supplying the flowers and plants to adorn our Holy Altar.
- Concord Printing for donating paper and supplies.

To all who have worked so hard and lovingly in support of our church.

In this, my second year of service in the Holy Order of Priesthood, I express thanks to God for giving me the opportunity to serve Him through this Holy Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Fr. Sahag Kaishian

Reverend Father Sahag Kaishian
Pastor

Parish Council Report

Parish Council Members:

President: Father Sahag Kaishian
Chairman: Rafik Papalian
Vice-Chairman: Edgar Mosesian
Treasurer: Alison Basmajian
Member: Richard McNeil
Member: Joseph Tavitian

Diocesan Delegate:

Paul Tavitian

Advisors:

Martin Aaronian
Zaven Gostanian

The year of 1993 ended with the Primate's visit and Ordination of the Acolytes and Sub-deacons.

In January, 1994, Young Adults Group was formed.

A complete written report was submitted to each Trustee by the Structural Engineer, regarding the Bell Tower.

Initial discussions regarding Attitash Property took place in April.

Month of July our church participated in Haverhill Festival.

August 17th Elise Antreassian from the Religious Education Department at our Diocese made a presentation regarding Enrichment of the Sunday School Curriculum.

November 2, 1994, Special Parish Assembly was held regarding Attitash Acres.

Another major topic this year has been the formation of a merge committee between Lawrence and Haverhill churches which are ongoing discussions.

Two new members were born this year, Andre Papalian and Benjamin Tavitian.

Thank you to all who cooperated in our efforts this year.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rafik Papalian
Parish Council Chairman

DIOCESAN DELEGATE REPORT

The 92nd Annual Assembly of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America was hosted by St. Kevork's Parish, Houston, Texas from April 28 - 30, 1994. Issues concerning churches of our Diocese were discussed in three sessions.

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese opened the first session on Thursday, April 28, 1994 with a worship service. Dr. Garo Garibian was elected to chair the Assembly. He presided over 187 registered delegates. A message from His Holiness Vasken I was read. Rev. Fr. Nerses Jebejian, host pastor, greeted the delegates on behalf of his parish. Prayers for deceased delegates, namely, Sara Dadourian, Edward Mardigian, Florence Karoghlanian, Martin Cholakian, Virginia Green, Harold Gregory and Dr. Robert Bogdasarian were said.

Delegate Deacon Allan Jendian, representative of the Western Diocese, was introduced and in his message brought greetings and noted that the most recent earthquake in California caused serious damage to their Diocesan Headquarters.

Reports were presented by Very Rev. Fr. Nareg Berberian from the Clergy Conference and Mr. Zaven Kasparian, Chairman of the New England Regional Council. Col. Victor Arzoomanian, Executive Director of the Armenian Church Endowment Fund presented his report and noted that the ACEF is one of the largest and most productive endowment funds in the world.

Nominating Committee read names of nominees for the Diocesan Board of Trustees, Nominating Committee and the Proposals and Auditing Committees.

Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian, Chancellor of our Diocese, encouraged all churches to focus on the theme "Year of the Family".

Delegates voted by ballot prior to Friday morning's opening session.

The second session began on Friday with Archbishop Barsamian's opening prayer. He also gave the Primates Message, concentrating on the theme "Year of the Family". His concern for the youth should be a living and influential part of the teachings of our church. He noted that the Department of Social Services was formulated to help our elderly and Armenian immigrants. He also emphasized that Unity is a goal we should continue to pursue.

Judge Vincent Gurahian, Chairman of the Diocesan Council, gave the Council's report. He continued to give the Election results.

Reports were also presented by Deacon Hratch Tchilingirian regarding St. Nersess Armenian Seminary activities.

Sonia Harlan presented the report as the newly formed Mid-West Regional Co-Cordinator.

The fund for Armenian Relief report was given by Simon Yeznig Balian in which was stated that 15 million dollars worth of humanitarian aid was delivered into Armenia during 1993. F.A.R. has been chosen by the US Government as the relief agency of choice for delivering humanitarian aid to Armenia. Fr. Karekin Kasparian spoke briefly of the H.A.V.A.D. Committee and indicated the mission had three goals: to establish a mission program in Armenian; conduct a Christian Camp and promote religious publications.

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian was elected as Primate with 110 votes. There were 137 delegates that voted.

The following reports were received by the Assembly:

Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America by Mary Selvinazian; Women's Guild Central Council by Margaret Atamian; Auditing Committee by Sahag Sahagian; Sahag stated that the committee is please to report that there have been vast improvements in the day to day operation of the Diocesan complex. Mr. Guy Pontillo, Financial Officer, was accredited for the improvement.

Prior to the conclusion of the second session Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, the newly elected Primate of the Eastern Diocese, was escorted into the church to his chair by the clergy as they sang Oorakh Ler. This was a very impressive ceremony.

The Third Session commenced at 9:25 AM Saturday, April 30 with a Worship Service by the Primate. The Unity Committee Report was presented by Zaven Kasparian, as follows: A document of understanding and acceptance was put together jointly with our Unity Committee and the Prelacy Unity Committee. Upon approval of this document by both the Diocesan and Prelacy Assemblies, a draft of unified bylaws will then be sent to all delegates. The 15 point contention which previously held up the Unity Committee talks has been discussed and resolved among the committees and are no longer points of contention. The Unity Committee will continue their work.

Baroness Caroline Cox was introduced to the Assembly. she had just returned from her 19th trip to Artsakh. She expressed her fear upon this last visit stating that it is the beginning of the end for the people of Karabagh. Though the situation is bleak the people of Artsakh are trying to live normal lives. Schools were opened for a brief period. She urged the delegates to pray for the people of Artsakh.

George Chakoian made a motion, which passed unanimously, that a FAX be sent to President Clinton and all of the U.S. Congress regarding the situation in Karabagh.

Lucine Baronian delivered the report from he Armenian Church

Elections	1994 Budget Report		
<u>Diocesan Board Of Trustees</u>	1993 Financial Statements		
Kevork Hovnanian 10 Yr. Term	Income	Expenses	Difference
Harry Terzian 3 Yr. Term	\$3,943,1000	\$3,739,200	\$696,100 Over
<u>Nominating Committee</u>	Total 1994 Budget vs. 1993 Actual		
William Aznavourian	Income		
Fr. Arsen Barsamian	1994	1993	Change
Daniel Dorian	\$3,290,800	\$3,043,100	\$247,700 Increase
Edward Eranosian	Expenses		
Sahag Sahagian	1994	1993	Change
Fr. Aved Terzian	\$3,290,000	\$3,739,200	\$448,400 Reduction
<u>Proposals Committee</u>			
Ann Devejian Rose Najarian			
George Devletian			
Berjoohy Haigazian			
Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian			
Connie Kasparian			
<u>Auditing Committee</u>			
Karen Derderyan Arthur Mardigian			
Martin Manoogian			

Respectfully Submitted by Paul Tavitian

Nominating Committee's List of Candidates
for the
Annual Parish Assembly on January 22, 1995

Nominees for Officers of the Parish Assembly

Chairman: Martin Aaronian
James Derderian
GOSTANIAN ✓
Secretary: Cynthia Kasparian ✓
Sylvia Tavitian

Nominees for Parish Council

Elect **five**:

Edward Basmajian
Virginia Chobanian
Edward Der Bogosian
James Derderian ✓
Vasken Gostanian ✓
Harry Kasparian ✓
Barbara Sarkisian-Arthur ✓
Michael Takesian
George Tashjian ✓
Sylvia Tavitian ✓

* Denotes incumbent

Nominees for Auditing Committee

Elect **one** for 3- year term

Martin Aaronian
Michael Devejian ✓
David Howard ✓
Janice Mosesian ✓

Nominees for Nominating Committee

Elect **three** for 1- year term

Alison Basmajian
Ann Drouin ✓
Zaven Gostanian
Araxie Kasparian ✓
George Mardekian*
Virginia Tavitian

Presented by the 1994 Nominating Committee:

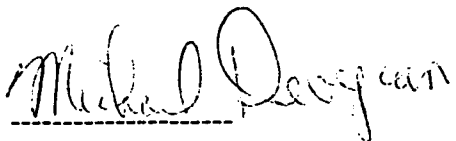
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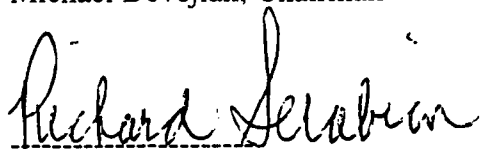
The Audit Committee has examined the annual reports submitted by the Parish Council and all of its auxillary organizations and have found them all to be in order with no material errors. The auxillary organizations examined were:

Sunday School
Young Adult Group
Ladies Aide Society
Womerns Guilde
Mr. & Mrs. Club
Loosavorich
Choir

Respectfully,

 1/22/95

Michael Devejian, Chairman

 1/22/95

Richard Serabian

 1/22/95

Michael Takesian

**St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church
Merger Committee Report - 1994**

A request was made by the Primate for a merger of the churches in the Merrimack Valley. A meeting of the Trustees of the three churches involved convened. During the discussion the Lowell church did not feel that they would care to merge. Haverhill had no comment, but Lawrence decided to accept and find a way to merge with Haverhill, and build a new church.

The board of trustees of Lawrence and the Parish Priest appointed a committee headed by Mark Kazanjian. They looked for possible sites for a new church. One was found in the Ward Hill area. A special Assembly was called to approve this site.

In the meantime, in early December, our Parish Council with our Parish Priest appointed James Derderian, Harry Kasparian, Stephen Arthur, Paul Tavitian, Edgar Mosesian and Kim Dandurant as a Fact Finding Committee only. Four meetings have been held since the formation of this committee. We were invited to the special assembly held by Lawrence where the subject was whether to purchase the land in Ward Hill.

James Derderian was invited to speak and express Haverhill's feelings about this issue. His comments were that the committee could not approve any such purchase at this time and that it was a little premature. His recommendation was that the committees should continue and that all options be thoroughly explored.

A vote was taken by the Lawrence Parish on whether to purchase the Ward Hill land. This was defeated. Another vote was taken on whether Lawrence and Haverhill Churches would merge. It was voted unanimously in favor of the merger.

As of this report this committee has been discussing all possibilities and no action has been taken.

Respectfully Submitted,



James Derderian

ST GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

PLEDGE COMMITTEE REPORT

In May, 1994 the Parish Council of St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church of Haverhill, MA appointed delegate Paul S. Tavitian with the responsibility of forming a Pledge Committee to implement ways of raising monies for our church.

The following parishioners volunteered to serve on this committee along with Rev. Sahag Kaishian and Rafik Papalian, Chairman of the Parish Council, Paul S. Tavitian, Committee Chairman: Edward Basmajian, Edward DerBogossian, Lazarus Johnson, Araxie Kasparian, Janice Mosesian, Steven Arthur and Sue Kezerian.

Our first meeting was held on Aug 3, 1994 in the Church Hall with all members of the committee present. We had two other meetings finalizing plans. A cover letter along with Pledge Cards were mailed to all parishioners in the later part of October, 1994.

To date the response has been slow with only 18 Pledge Cards returned from a mailing of 239.

The committee will contact parishioners by telephone as a reminder to respond with their Pledge Cards. If this fails, we will visit each home to remind the faithful of their obligations to our Church.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul S. Tavitian

ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH CHOIR

ANNUAL REPORT - 1994

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Chairman: Richard Bazarian
V. Chair: Edgar Movsesian
Secretary: Virginia Tavitian
Treasurer: Alice Kasparian

NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

12

NUMBER OF REHEARSALS:

4

ACTIVITIES:

February: Lenten Fish Dinner
April: Palm Sunday Dinner
Work Shop in Worcester w/ Maestro Khoren
Mekhenadjian

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bazarian

Richard Bazarian
Chairman

ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH CHOIR

FINANCIAL REPORT

Janurary 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994

Bank Balance as of 1/1/94 \$814.72

INCOME:

Dinners \$587.00
Collections 171.00

Total Income \$1572.72

EXPENSES:

Donation to St. Gregory \$500.00
Dinners 128.60
Books 84.05
Donation 100.00
Miscellaneous 20.00

Total Expenses \$832.65

Bank Balance as of December 31, 1994 \$740.07

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Kasparian
Alice Kasparian
Treasurer

**St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church
Ladies Aide Society
Annual Report for 1994**

Executive Committee:	President	Rev. Fr. Sahag Kaishian
	Chairlady	Twanda McNeil
	Secretary	Mary Mooradian
	Treasurer	Araxie Kasparian

The Ladies Aide Society has a membership of eleven (11) members.

During the year, our group has actively participated in all church functions: St. Martyr's Day madagh, church picnic, Festival 1994, downtown Festivals, the annual Bazaar and Hokejashes.

Our fundraising activities for the year were the monthly Kheyma dinners.

We made a donation of \$4,000.00 to the Parish Council on the occasion of the 49th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

For the second year, we have sponsored an Armenian orphan from Armenia, Siranoush Karabedian.

Our main goal is to support our church.

Bank Balance as of December 31, 1994: \$3,809.45

Respectfully Submitted,

Araxie Kasparian

Araxie Kasparian
Treasurer

**Saint Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church
Ladies Aide Society
Financial Report
January 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994**

Bank Balance as of 1/1/94:		\$7,295.11
<u>Income:</u>		
Dinners	\$1,968.00	
Donations	110.00	
Interest	79.29	
Total Income		<u>\$2,157.29</u>
Total Cash:		\$9,452.40
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Donation to St. Gregory Church	\$4,000.00	
Dinners	665.04	
Madagh	55.91	
Rug in Clergy Office	724.00	
Armenian Orphan Sponsorship	200.00	
Total Expenses:		<u>(\$5,644.95)</u>
Bank Balance as of 12/31/94:		\$3,807.45

Respectfully Submitted,

Araxie Kasparian

Araxie Kasparian
Treasurer

St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church
Loosavorich Annual Report for 1994

President: Rev. Fr. Sahag Kaishian
Chairman: Yn. Lana Kaishian
Treasurer: Carolyn K. Howard
Member: George Ohanian
Member: Diane Tavitian

Number of Meetings held: 5

Activities: Writing and publication of periodic church newsletter to inform mailing list of church organization and parishioner activities and to educate. In 1994 Loosavorich was published four times. Advertisements were also accepted which appear in each issue for a donation. Contests and prizes for children also became part of the Loosavorich for our junior members. Organizations are asked to please submit any information for a story on their events and activities for publication .

Respectfully Submitted,

Yn. Lana Kaishian

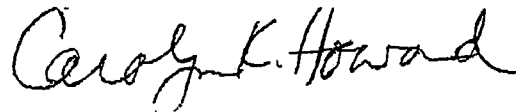
Yn. Lana Kaishian
Chairman

St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church
Loosavorich Financial Report

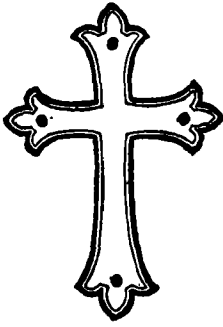
January 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994

Balance in Bank as of January 1, 1994	\$ 0.00
Income	
Advertisements	767.00
Total Cash Available	\$767.00
Expenses	
Donation to St. Gregory Church	\$500.00
Miscellaneous (Check Charge)	11.80
Balance in Bank as of December 31, 1994	\$255.20

Respectfully Submitted,



Carolyn K. Howard
Treasurer



Mr. and Mrs. Club

ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH
Crescent Place and Main Street
Haverhill, Massachusetts
01830

January 2, 1995

ANNUAL REPORT

The Mr. and Mrs. Club of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church has 28 members.

Officers for 1993 - 95 are:

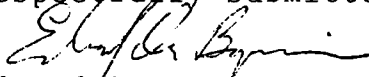
Chairman:	Pauline Parnagian
Vice Chairman:	Vasken Gostanian
Secretary:	Edward Der Bogosian
Treasurer:	Zaven Gostanian

We held eight meetings, held a Halloween Fun Nite on Saturday, October 29, 1994 which was very successful.

On the occasion of the 49th Anniversary Banquet the Mr. and Mrs. Club gave One Thousand Dollars.

Participation in Church Bazaar.

Respectfully submitted,


Edward Der Bogosian, Secretary

SAINT GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH
Mr. & Mrs. Club
Financial Report
January 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994

Balance in Bank as of January 1, 1994 \$ 986.79

INCOME

Dues	81.00	
Functions (Net Profit)	733.48	
(Bank interest)	<u>11.18</u>	<u>825.66</u>

Total Cash Available \$1,812.45

EXPENSES

Donation to St. Gregory Church	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous - gifts	<u>125.44</u>	<u>1,125.44</u>

Balance in Bank as of December 31, 1994 \$ 687.01

Respectfully submitted,

Zaven Gostanian

Saint Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church
Sunday School

Annual Report for 1994

The Sunday School accepted registrations for children ages 2 and older during September 1994. Based on the age/grade distribution, the following classes were offered:

Pre-school: 2, 3, and 4 year olds taught alternately by Carolyn Howard and Laura Soraghan. This class consists of 4 children. Nursery age children are welcome when accompanied by an adult.

Kindergarten/
First Grade : This combined class is taught by Bethany Derderian. There are 8 children in this class.

Second, Third,
& Fourth Grade: This combined class is taught by Yn. Lana. The class consists of 5 children.

Fifth, Sixth,
Seventh & Eighth: This combined class is taught by Barbara Arthur. The class consists of 7 students.

Sunday School meets every Sunday from 10:30 to 11:30 AM. Every Fourth Sunday of the month, Barbara Arthur takes her class to church to either participate in the choir or go up to the alter. The rest of the school participates in church services.

During October, the Sunday School parents hosted a dinner for Armenian Culture Month, For Thanksgiving, the Sunday School collected non-perishable foods to donate to The Salvation Army. We also contibuted \$15.00 to their turkey fund. We received a very nice thank you letter.

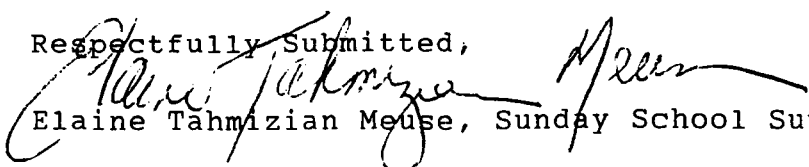
In December, a group of students, parents, and teachers went to 2 area Nursing Homes to sing Christmas Carols to Armenian residents.

The Sunday School hosts the fellowship hours when we are in session.

Thanks to the dedication of Teachers, Parents, and Students, we are experiencing a good year,

The Sunday School plans to do a Mother's Day Bake Sale Fundraiser. Thanks to the support of our Priest and Parishioners it appears that we can be self-sufficient.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elaine Tahmizian Meuse, Sunday School Superintendent

Saint Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church
Sunday School
Financial Report
January 1, 1994- December 31, 1994

Balance in Bank as of October 5, 1994 (date checking was opened)
\$89.87

Income

Dinner \$136.50
Miscellaneous \$ 15.00

Total Cash Available \$ 241.37

Expenses

Stamps \$ 5.80
Salvation Army \$ 15.00
Church Donation \$ 5.00
Christmas gifts
for Students \$ 47.90

Total Expenses \$ 73.70

Balance in Bank as of December 31, 1994 \$ 167.67

I would also like to note the generous donations that have been made to the Sunday School. I can only mention those that were made sincemy term began this September, 1994.

The Ladies Aide - Sunday School Text Books
David Howard- 2 White Boards
Carol Yeremian- Preschool Table and Chairs
Laura and Jack Soraghan- Italian Dinner for Sunday School Fundraiser

If I have omitted anyone, please accept my oversight.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elaine Tahmizian Meuse, Sunday School Superintendent

Women's Guild Annual Report 1994

The following are officers of the Women's Guild: Mrs. Marooby Tavitian, Mrs. Zarty Chilingirian, Mrs. Mary Sarkisian and Mrs. Mary Kasparian. The Guild has a membership of fourteen (14).

Two hokehjash dinners were served during the year.

A Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) donation was made to the children of Armenia Sponsorship Program. This program was formed under the auspices of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

A check for \$1,000.00 was presented to the Parish Council for the 49th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Church.

At a meeting held with the Ladies Aide Society and three Women's Guild Central Council members present, it was decided, due to the physical incapacities of the Women's Guild, to merge the two groups under the name of Women's Guild.

Bank book balance as of December 31, 1994 is \$5,052.61.

Submitted by,

Zarty Chilingirian

Zarty Chilingirian
Treasurer

SAINT GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH
YOUNG ADULTS GROUP
Annual Report for 1994

Coordinator: Barbara Sarkisian-Arthur

Number of meetings: 3

Number of members/attendees: 35-50

The Young Adults group held their first meeting on January 14 with thirty-one (31) adults and children. At this meeting Barbara Sarkisian-Arthur and Linda Smithurst were selected as Co-Coordinators. (Later in the year Linda resigned from this role.) The group agreed to meet once a month, alternating between adults only one month and then children included the next month.

The purpose of the Young Adults group is to provide an opportunity for families/individuals to meet, socialize, and plan functions to support the church.

We have a number of things to be proud of. During the Lenten season we hosted a Lenten Dinner, open to the parish and our sister parishes in Lawrence and Chelmsford. We had 45-60 people attend. Parishoners from Lawrence and Chelmsford were the first to arrive. After the dinner we participated in the Lenten service. Another big success and large undertaking was our first annual craft fair. We rented 24 spaces/tables. Our evaluation completed by the crafters indicated that they would be interested in participating again next year.

Other events that the Young Adults group were actively involved with:

- Annual Church Picnic,
- Haverhill Festival,
- Septemberfest,
- Annual Bazaar by co-hosting a children's booth with the Sunday School.

When we tried to plan meetings without the children it was problematic because babysitters were needed if both parents wanted to attend. We are taking this into consideration for our 1995 meetings.

A donation of \$700. was made to St. Gregory's at the annual church banquet.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Sarkisian-Arthur
Coordinator

SAINT GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH
YOUNG ADULTS GROUP
FINANCIAL REPORT
January 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994

Balance in Bank as of January 1, 1994 \$ 0.00

INCOME:

Dinners:	\$ 329.00
Craft Fair:	979.75
Bank interest:	9.00

Total Cash Available:	\$ 1,317.75
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EXPENSES:

Dinners:	\$ 45.86
Craft Fair:	336.88
Donation to St. Gregory:	700.00
Miscellaneous:	23.92

Total Expenses:	\$ 1,106.66
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Combined Balance in Savings and Checking Accounts as of Dec. 31, 1994:

\$ 211.09

ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR
 STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
 FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1994

	1994 ACTUAL	1994 BUDGET	1995 BUDGET
REVENUE			
OFFERINGS, GIFTS, ETC.			
SACRAMENTS	360	2,000	700
HOKEHANKIST AND PRAYERS	7,630	4,000	5,000
MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS	2,670	3,000	3,000
PLEDGE	5,883	6,000	6,000
PLATE	1,710	2,000	2,000
MEMBERSHIP DUES	5,500	4,500	6,000
ALTAR FLOWERS	443	700	500
ALTAR CANDLES	588	700	700
CHRISTMAS OFFERING	1,260	900	1,000
EASTER OFFERING	1,716	1,500	1,500
ENDOWMENT FUND	521	600	600
BANK INTEREST	2,990	100	3,000
CHURCH HALL RENT	564	2,000	500
BOOKSTORE	25	300	100
GIFTS	1,880	12,000	2,000
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	2,099	4,000	2,000
IN LIEU OF FLOWERS	5,132	0	3,000
TOTAL OFFERINGS, GIFTS, ETC.	40,971	44,300	37,600
CHURCH FUNCTION REVENUE			
CHURCH FUNCTIONS - BUDGET	0	30,000	0
CHURCH FUNCTIONS - SUMMER FESTIVAL	4,193	0	4,000
CHURCH FUNCTIONS - PICNIC	3,993	0	4,000
CHURCH FUNCTIONS - SEPTEMBERFEST	658	0	1,000
CHURCH FUNCTIONS - BAZAAR	6,934	0	7,000
CHURCH FUNCTION - ANNIVERSARY	10,335	0	10,000
TOTAL CHURCH FUNCTION REVENUE	26,113	30,000	26,000
TOTAL REVENUE	67,084	74,300	63,600
EXPENSES			
CLERGY EXPENSES			
CLERGY STIPEND	20,930	21,000	21,560
CLERGY CAR ALLOWANCE	1,683	2,000	2,000
CLERGY MEDICAL BENEFITS	6,236	8,000	5,500
CLERGY HOUSING	2,419	2,200	2,500
CLERGY LIFE INSURANCE	138	500	500
CLERGY TRAVEL	1,874	2,000	250
CLERGY PENSION	2,000	2,000	1,000
TOTAL CLERGY EXPENSES	35,280	37,700	33,310

CHURCH FUNCTION EXPENSES			
PARISH ASSEMBLY LUNCH	26	0	0
FESTIVAL	1,762	0	2,000
PICNIC	1,656	0	2,000
BAZAAR	1,813	0	2,000
SEPTEMBERFEST	172	0	200
CHURCH ANNIVERSARY	450	0	2,000
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TOTAL CHURCH FUNCTION EXPENSES	5,879	0	8,200
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OPERATING EXPENSES			
CHURCH GIFTS/DONATIONS	0	100	100
TAXES	1,052	1,000	0
CUSTODIAN SERVICES	1,020	800	1,000
LANDSCAPING/SNOW REMOVAL	1,505	1,500	1,500
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	2,681	1,000	2,000
DEACON/VISITING PRIEST	370	300	300
ELECTRIC (CHURCH)	1,490	2,500	2,000
TELEPHONE (CHURCH)	490	600	500
GAS (CHURCH)	6,757	8,000	8,000
WATER	185	800	200
INSURANCE (CHURCH)	1,683	2,800	2,000
DIOCESE ASSESSMENT	5,500	8,000	9,000
KITCHEN SUPPLIES/PAPER GOODS	349	1,000	500
OFFICE SUPPLIES & MAINTENANCE	117	1,200	300
CHURCH SUPPLIES	599	4,000	600
FLOWERS	66	200	100
POSTAGE	874	1,000	1,000
BOOKSTORE	0	200	100
MISCELLANEOUS	936	1,200	1,200
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TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	25,674	36,200	30,400
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	3,500	10,000	0
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TOTAL EXPENSES	70,333	83,900	71,910
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SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(3,249)	(9,600)	(8,310)
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TRANSFERS			
TRANSFERS TO SAVINGS	(14,190)	0	0
TRANSFERS FROM SAVINGS	19,000	0	0
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NET TRANSFERS	4,810	0	0
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CHECKBOOK BALANCE @ DEC. 31, 1994	3,025		
PASSBOOK SAVINGS BALANCE @ DEC. 31, 1994	112,054		
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TOTAL LIQUID ASSETS	115,079		
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