

ANNUAL REPORT
January thru December 1961

BUILDING COMMITTEE
ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF CLEVELAND

I. Members of Building Committee:

Peter Bedrosian	- Co-Chairman
Ralph Chakerian	- Co-Chairman
John Chakamian	- Treasurer
Jerry Ahlegian	- Asst. Treasurer
Martha Hacherian	- Secretary
Paul Apkarian	- Member
Harry Aurslanian	- Member
Mary Bannaian	- Member
John Benneian	- Member
Alice Hacherian	- Member
Jerry Ourlian	- Member

II. No. of Meetings held during year: 27

III. Information Bulletins issued during year: 5

IV. Summary of Activity and Progress during year:

- a. Actual formation of Building Committee.
- b. Selection of Mr. David A. Andonian as architect.
- c. Review and acceptance of proposed church plans presented by the architect.
- d. Presentation and acceptance of preliminary plans by parish members at Annual Parish Meeting on February 19, 1961.
- e. Pledge Card System was established on three-year basis with monthly, quarterly and yearly payments. An explanation of the system together with table of payments was mailed to community on May 22, 1961.
- f. Pledge cards were printed and made ready for distribution.
- g. Arrangements were begun for Kick-Off Banquet -- hotels were considered, speakers were contacted, tickets printed, and final program was completed.
- h. On June 4, 1961 Kick-Off Banquet was held at Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel with approximately 125 present. Guest speaker was Archbishop Sion Mancoegian and other out-of-town speakers were Rev. Arnak Kasparian, Mr. Edward Mardigian, and Mr. Edward Korcoian of Detroit. Local talent was on the program. Approximately \$66,000 was pledged that evening.

i. Publicity for the building drive and Kick-Off Banquet appeared in following newspapers: Baikar, Armenian-Mirror Spectator, Nor Ashkar, Cleveland Press and Cleveland Plain Dealer.

j. During June and July Building Committee members contacted or visited homes of those people not having opportunity to pledge at banquet, including Akron Armenians. In some cases, letters were sent by the Secretary.

k. By August 1961, \$75,762 had been received in pledges or donations and the first list of donors was published and mailed in Information Bulletin issued in August.

l. Statements were prepared and mailed in early August to all pledgors.

m. Mr. Andonian completed final plans for the church and they were submitted to the Diocesan Office in New York for approval in October 1961. Approval was received approximately three weeks later.

n. Since \$75,000 goal had been attained, a Victory Dinner was given by Dr. and Mrs. Goekjian at the church grounds on October 8, 1961 at which there was a huge turnout.

o. Several banks were contacted to obtain loan information for the future use of the Committee.

p. As of December 1961 the total number of contributors had reached 140, and \$78,377 had been pledged or donated. Actual cash on hand totals \$24,287.23 (financial report attached).

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Secretary
Building Committee