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ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH  
OF GREATER CLEVELAND

REV. FR. DIRAN PAPAŽIAN · PASTOR



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
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1978

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1979 1:00 P.M.

ARMENIAN CULTURAL HALL

666 RICHMOND ROAD

RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OHIO 44143





### A Prayer Before Meetings

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus, Wisdom of the Father/ give me wisdom to always think and speak and do what is good in Your sight/ Save me from evil thoughts/ words and deeds./ Have mercy on all Your creatures/ and on me, a sinner.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit/ now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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Առաջի քո յամենայն ժամ.  
Ի չար խորհրդոց, ի բանից եւ ի գործոց՝  
Փրկեա՛ գիս,  
եւ ողորմեա՛ քո արարածոց,  
եւ ինձ բազմամեղիս:

(ՆԵՐՍԷՍ ՇՆՈՐՀԱԼԻ - ՀԱԻԱՏՈՎ ԽՈՍՏՈՎԱՆԻՄ)



# INVITATION

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## TO THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Parishioners of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church of Cleveland, Ohio are invited to attend the Annual Parish Assembly on Sunday, February 11, 1979, at the Armenian Cultural Hall, after the Church services at 1:00 p.m. Luncheon will be served prior to the meeting.

The Annual Parish Assembly is an important event in our Parish life as it concerns each and every member of our Church. Being a member of the Church entails moral responsibility on our part to attend the Annual Meeting. Our personal participation is an indication of our active interest in the healthy growth in our community.

See you at the meeting.

Mr. Jack Hacherian  
Chairman of Parish Council

Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian  
Pastor & President

### PARISH ADMINISTRATION

#### PARISH COUNCIL 1978

Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian	- Pastor & President
Mr. Jack Hacherian	- Chairman
Mr. David Andonian	- Vice-Chairman
Mr. Samuel Mirakian	- Treasurer
Mr. Krikor Ghazarian	- Secretary
Dr. K. K. Goekjian	- Advisor
Mrs. Florence Goekjian	- Advisor
Mr. John Borazanian	- Advisor
Mrs. Florence Karoghlanian	- Advisor
Miss Margaret Yeranian	- Advisor

#### DIOCESAN DELEGATES

(elected in 1977 for 4-year term)

Mr. Kevork Arslanian  
Mr. Robert Bagdasarian

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE

Mr. Richard Aurslianian  
Mrs. Jennie Kapoudjian  
Mrs. Thelma Bagdasarian

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Mickey Bagdasarian  
Mrs. Eileen Hacherian  
Mrs. Sue Mirakian



## AGENDA

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1. Invocation by Pastor
2. Welcome by Parish Council Chairman
3. Roll Call and verification of the eligibility of members and establishing Quorum.
4. Election of Tivan (Assembly Chairman and Secretary)
5. Reading of the Minutes of the Parish Assembly 1978
6. Pastor's Annual Report pages 3-9
7. Parish Council's Annual Report pages 10-12  
Parish Council's Financial Reports pages 13-19
8. Approval of the projected Budget of 1979 page 17
9. Reports of Church Auxiliary Organizations: pages 20-28  
(Statistical Reports and Financial Statements)
  - (a) Ladies Auxiliary pages 20-21
  - (b) Armenian Women's Guild pages 22-23
  - (c) ACYOA Cleveland Chapter pages 24-25
  - (d) Armenian Church Choir page 26
  - (e) Armenian Church Sunday School pages 27-28
10. Building Committee Report page 29
11. Diocesan Delegates' Report pages 30-32
12. Election
  - (a) Parish Council (partial election, 6 new members to be elected so that the Parish Council can achieve a full membership of 9 with the remaining 3 on the Parish Council)
  - (b) Auditing Committee - 3
  - (c) Nominating Committee - 3
13. Old Business
14. New Business
15. Election Results
16. Pastor's Message
17. Adjournment and Benediction



## PASTORAL REPORT

### AND MESSAGE

- 1978 -

Dear Parishioners,

With the grace of God, another year has passed in our community life with some noteworthy accomplishments.

How gratifying it is to review the fruitful harvest of a year's endeavors and to welcome the challenge and demands of the year ahead of us.

With the close of 1978, I have completed my sixth year as Pastor of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church of Cleveland, Ohio.

The year 1978 marked in my experience the most challenging year. I started the year in a very undesirable atmosphere awaiting any day for a letter from the Primate with the announcement of my removal from my position as Pastor which was demanded by the then existing Parish Council without any consultation with me.

Things were changed greatly after the election and ratification of the new Parish Council (installed April 16, 1978), headed by Mr. Jack Hacherian as Chairman who worked untiringly during his term of office to straighten things out and to rectify the situation.

Eventually, I was happy when the Parish Council, after thorough evaluation, unanimously approved my pastoral performance for 1978 with complete confidence in the future and with continued support for 1979.

The relationship between Pastor and Parish Council was harmonious and the 1978 was marked with tremendous strides in every direction, be it in the financial realm or in religious realm. Consequently, we can only say that a healthier climate is prevailing throughout the community now, which is undoubtedly conducive for constructive work.

Although this necessitated much harder work on my part but I didn't mind it at all. I hope only that this harmony will be continued with the new Parish Council for the good of all concerned.

Herewith I submit to our Parish Assembly a brief resume of my pastoral activities and accomplishments for the year 1978:

### WORSHIP

HOLY BADARAK was celebrated every Sunday throughout the year with few exceptions, whenever Pastor's attendance elsewhere absolutely necessitated his absence from the Parish. Also for a couple of times, Badarak was not performed when the snow blizzard was too severe which made transportation impossible and the entire city was paralyzed during one of the worst winters that we experienced.

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT (Contd.)

ALL MAJOR FEAST DAYS were observed with great solemnity. Special ceremonies and rituals were performed with great care, remaining true to our precious traditions and heritage.

Pastor tried to finish the Sunday Church Services by 12:15 p.m. as it was requested by the Parish Council.

HOKEHANKIST Services were conducted throughout the year in response of requests and also General Hokehankists were performed on commemorative and memorial occasions specially on Merelotz Days of five Major Feast Days.

CHURCH PULPIT

In conjunction with Holy Badarak, sermons were preached every Sunday. Great care was employed to develop the sermons on Special Themes according to the nature of the Church seasons and feast days with contemporary issues. The sermons were mostly in English with 10-15 minutes duration, as it was requested by the Parish Council.

SACRAMENTS AND RITES

Sacraments and rites consist of BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION, WEDDING, and FUNERAL. These Church Services were carried with utmost care in every respect.

In 1978, in our Parish Registry, there were altogether 14 Sacraments and Rites registered according to the following:

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

One (1) was performed in our Parish; one (1) in St. Petersburg, Florida, and three (3) in Satellite Beach, Florida; and one (1) in Toronto, Canada, amounting to six (6).

WEDDINGS

Two (2) Weddings were performed in our Parish. I participated in two (2) more weddings, on special invitation at St. John's Armenian Church of Detroit.

I also participated, by special invitation, in a wedding which was performed in a Roman Catholic Church in Middleburg Heights, Ohio - the groom was Armenian.

I have also blessed one (1) ENGAGEMENT.

FUNERALS

I performed six (6) Funerals of which one (1) was in Florida. I also participated in one (1) funeral service, on special request, at St. John's Armenian Church of Detroit.



PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT (Contd.)PARISH VISITATIONS

With the cooperation of Parish Council, a detailed visitation program was initiated this year: Mrs. Lucy Mirakian, assisted by Mrs. Sandra Aurslanian made all the contacts and the necessary appointments for the Pastor to visit parishioners.

Since the middle of June, during a six-months period, when this program was initiated, many parishioners were contacted and 35 homes were visited.

Also special visitations were paid to prospective members with the assistance of Dr. K. K. Goekjian and Kevork Arslanian who accompanied the Pastor for home visitations.

Besides the above visitations, which were carried on a regular basis, the Pastor also visited parishioners on many different occasions (family dinners, sympathy calls, social gatherings, etc.)

SICK CALLS AT HOSPITALS

The Pastor, whenever he hears about the hospitalization of any Armenian in any hospital, always makes the necessary arrangements to visit the patients.

Glancing through my diary, I have made 33 hospital calls throughout the year.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

The Parish Assembly was convened on February 12, 1978, presided by the Pastor to review the activities of 1977, to approve the proposed budget for 1978, to conduct partial election of the Parish Council (which was reduced to 9 from 11, according to the mandate of the 1977 Parish Assembly) and other Standing Committees, (Nominating Committee, Auditing Committee).

The Pastor presided over all the meetings of the Parish Council which met fortnightly, every other Monday. The Pastor in conjunction with the chairman attended the day to day affairs of the Parish.

The Pastor gave guidance to the auxiliary organizations and attended their meetings whenever his time permitted. The organizations functioned quite efficiently and fulfilled their duties toward the Parish.

Our Parish Auxiliary Organizations are: Ladies' Auxiliary, Armenian Women's Guild, ACYOA, Church Choir and the Church Sunday School.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Beside the regular activities of our Auxiliary Organizations, we had under Parish Council, The Building Committee, with the sole responsibility of making payments of the Hall mortgages on a five-year program. With a Mortgage Burning Celebration (June 18), the Building Committee closed its books by the end of the year and dissolved itself with an official letter to the Parish Council.

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT (Contd.)SOFTBALL TEAM

This is another activity under the sponsorship of our Church, which is organized during the summers for our Armenian youth in the community, for the last three years; mainly because of Mrs. Mary Arslanian's determination, the program is continuing. For the third consecutive year, the Armenian Team won the championship.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Pastor maintained the Church office work, prepared certificates, made all the official contacts with the Primate and Diocese, wrote all the official letters, implemented Diocesan circulars and Primate's directives. The Pastor wrote all the Parish circulars and prepared all the fliers for Church activities. Also he compiled the Annual Report Booklet for 1978.

CHURCH PUBLICATION - PAROS

The Paros is an important facet of our parish work. It is the official Newsletter of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church of Cleveland, Ohio.

This year, the Pastor undertook the editorship and total responsibility of its publication. It was published on a monthly basis, ten issues a year, excluding the summer months of July and August. It was sent to a church mailing list of approximately 300, which includes the Churches of our Diocese and also several are sent abroad.

Its foremost function is to record the church activities, the parish life, church celebrations, Organizations' reports, church donations, community affairs and Registry of Sacraments and Rites as historical accounts. A parish paper, in addition to covering the varied social, cultural and religious activities of the parish, serves also for educational purposes as an extension of church's teaching mission, but this is on a minor scale since Diocesan publications fill this role in greater capacity. A parish paper should also include important Diocesan news, on national (Armenian) level, since our Diocese is the center and head of all parishes throughout North America and Canada as part of the Armenian Apostolic Church which is a Hierarchical National Church with her ancient Holy See of Etchmiadzin in Armenia.

The Church being the focal point of the Armenian life, is interested also with the achievements of Armenians who are in the news media for recognition of their various outstanding performances.

Paros is the only link of communication between the church and the community members and, as such, its role is of great importance. The Pastor, as the spiritual leader of the community and as the head of the church, in conjunction with the Parish Council, is the sole responsible authority of the church publication.

Since the Pastor assumed the total responsibility of the publication, he is involved in every facet of it. Every effort is made to present topics of interest to our community in addition to current and timely news pertaining to our parish.



PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT (Contd.)

During 1978, the format of the Paros was greatly changed making it more attractive, both in its content and its artistic layout.

OUT-OF-TOWN ENGAGEMENTS AND FLORIDA MISSION

The Pastor was guest celebrant and preacher at Holy Trinity Church, Toronto, Canada upon official invitation by the Parish Council on Sunday, August 6th.

The Pastor took his annual vacation during the holiday season of Christmas and New Year, and went to Florida with his family, where it turned out to be a working vacation for him with two Badarakas on the East and West Coasts, Melbourne and St. Petersburg (Saturday, December 30 and Sunday, December 31), with three (3) Baptisms and Confirmations in Satellite Beach and one (1) Funeral in the Tampa area.

On other occasions, the Pastor participated in Weddings and Funeral services at St. John's Armenian Church of Detroit, upon requests.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY AND CLERGYMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Pastor attended the Diocesan Assembly hosted by St. John's Armenian Church, Southfield, Michigan, together with our Diocesan delegates and Parish Council Chairman, (Thursday - Sunday, May 4 - 7).

The 76th Annual Diocesan Assembly was celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America and the 10th Anniversary of the consecration of St. Vartan Cathedral.

The Pastor also attended the Clergymen's Conference and Retreat, which is held annually in conjunction with the Diocesan Assembly. The Conference took place at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat House in Detroit, Michigan (Tuesday - Thursday, May 2 - 4).

GUEST CLERGYMAN AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE ISSUE OF PASTORAL CHANGE

Fr. Haygazoun Melkonian, an American born and newly ordained celibate priest from Jerusalem was invited by the Parish Council to celebrate and preach on August 6th in our Church to replace the Pastor when the latter was invited by the Toronto parish to help them while their own Pastor had resigned.

Fr. Haygazoun was the clergyman with whom the former Parish Council was negotiating to bring him to Cleveland as a permanent parish priest, and the new Parish Council was simply giving the opportunity to the parishioners to meet the candidate for parish priesthood.

Following the invitation, it became evident that the Parish Council did not want to conclude any arrangement for pastoral change initiated by the former Parish Council.

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT (Contd.)

PASTORAL ACTIVITIES (OUTSIDE PARISH)

Throughout the year, the Pastor has many opportunities for varied activities, social or academic, during his travels outside his parish. Some of the important ones are the following:

Armenian Assembly: Attended Mid-West Regional Conference at Mercy College, Detroit (May 20).

AMAA (Armenian Missionary Association of America): Attended the 60th Anniversary Celebration at the Armenian Congregational Church, Detroit (Oct. 28).

Ohio Clergy Economic Conference: Participated in a week-long conference at Shenango Inn, Sharon, Penn. (Sept. 17 - 21).

MEMORABLE EVENTS

Throughout the year, all the celebrations of major feast days, annual observances, commemorative dinner-programs, were indeed memorable events in our Parish. This year was an eventful year for our Parish. I would like to enumerate some of the important ones in chronological order:

Annual Feast of Vartanantz - Dinner-program (Feb. 5)

Adult Education Workshop - "Knowing Our Church", conducted by Valerie Goekjian Zahirsky, Ex. Director of CRE at the Diocese - (Sat. Feb. 18)

Michink - Annual Observance of Annual Armenian Women's Saints Day - Lenten Dinner, vigil and commemorative program (March 1).

Pilot project for Adult Education program with Mrs. Florence Goekjian's leadership (4-part series, March 14, 28, April 11 and 25, 1978).

Ethnic Festival, participation in "All Nations" Food Festival in Downtown Mall (July 12 and 13).

75th Anniversary of Maltia Educational Society (Gurtasiratz), was celebrated in our Parish, (Sept. 3).

Cultural Day Celebration, Centennial Jubilee of the great Armenian poet Vahan Tekeyan, Banquet-program (Oct. 15).

Patriarch Shnork Kaloustian's Successful Fund Drive (Nov. 16).

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE YEAR

- The formation of ACYOA Cleveland Chapter.
- Acquiring a secretary for the Church office work.
- Improvement of Church publication - Paros.
- Improvement of Church parking lot property.



PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT (Contd.)WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE?

With all the achievements that we realized during the year, we also humbly acknowledge the many shortcomings that we have which are mainly the result of lack of voluntary workers.

The Parish Council should not stop here. Continual growth means looking forward, planning for the future and working for it.

Let us hope for the best for the coming year.

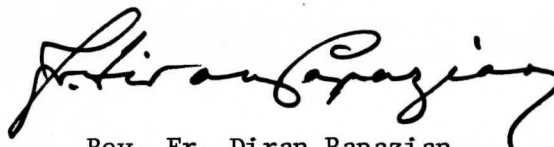
APPRECIATION

The Pastor extends his appreciation and gratitude to all members of our church organizations; to Mr. Jack Hacherian, Parish Council Chairman for his splendid cooperation; to Mrs. Mary Arslanian, our newly acquired Church Secretary for her dedication; to Miss Alice Hacherian, member of "Paros" Staff for her voluntary service; to Mrs. Alice Bagdasarian for her voluntary mailing service; and to Mrs. Lucine Mirakian for her voluntary service in arranging the Pastor's parish visitations; as well as, to Mrs. Sandra Aurslanian and Mrs. Ann Karayan for their voluntary typing service.

I would like also to present my very sincere appreciation to Mrs. Florence Stankiewicz, proprietor of JET PRINT, for her kind cooperation and superb efficiency in matters of printing the Paros and other Church Bulletins and Fliers for a very moderate price.

May God continue to guide and inspire them for even greater productivity and spiritual fulfillment, and may God also produce others for voluntary service to the Church which is much needed.

As we begin a new year, I ask your prayers and encouragement in the fulfillment of my tremendous responsibilities in the service of our Church.



Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian  
Pastor

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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### PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S WORDS

Dear Parishioners,

Every year is an important year for the Parish Council, and 1978 proved a formidable challenge. The responsibilities and decisions made were far reaching and affected each one of us.

To be elected to the Parish Council and serve your church and community is an honor of the highest degree. The requirements are a christian spirit, devotion, intelligence, service, patience and understanding.

Our community is filled with many eligible candidates. Candidates who should step forth and serve. There is no greater and longer lasting reward in life then to have served your church and community. To have helped make decisions, large and small, which will in one way or another affect each member.

For the church and community to grow stronger each year, the Parish Council needs infusions of fresh talent, new ideas, members willing to devote a few hours of their lives. Our parish is strong, dedicated and generous. With many major accomplishments now behind us, the community is now ready to reach out for new ideas, projects and programs.

My sincere thanks to this year's Parish Council for their patience and dedication. We have planted the seeds of cooperation and community growth for 1979. Our support and energies should now be directed wholeheartedly towards the new 1979 Parish Council.

Sincerely,

Jack Hacherian  
Parish Council Chairman

### 1978 PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

The Parish Council of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church, with Ref. Father Diran Papazian presiding, elected the following officers for 1978, on April 24, 1978:

Chairman:	Mr. Jack Hacherian
Vice Chairman and Asst. Treasurer:	Mr. David Andonian
Recording Secretary:	Mr. Krikor Ghazarian
Corresponding Secretary:	Mrs. Florence Goekjian
Treasurer:	Mr. Sam Mirakian
Advisors:	Dr. K. K. Goekjian
	Miss Margaret Yeranian
	Mrs. Florence Karoghlanian
	Mr. John Borozanian

The Parish Council met and conducted 24 business meetings in 1978.

1978 PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT (Contd.)

DIOCESAN DELEGATES: Mr. Kevork Arslanian and Mr. Robert Bagdasarian

CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Janet Ariyan

PAROS EDITOR: Rev. Father Diran Papazian - The Pastor assumed the Editorship of the Paros after Mona Karoghlanian resigned from the post as of June 15, 1978.

CULTURAL HALL MANAGER: Mrs. Jenny Kapoudjian

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Mr. Jack Hacherian

1978 PARISH COUNCIL CALENDAR

February 5, 1978: Vartanantz Day - Mr. George Sakian speaker

April 23, 1978: Martyrs' Day Observance

June 18, 1978: Mortgage Burning Party - sponsored by the Building Committee

August 13, 1978: Annual Parish Picnic

October 15, 1978: Cultural Day Celebration: Vahan Tekeyan Centennial Jubilee

The Parish Council sponsored fellowship hours on numerous occasions during the course of the year, such as:

- 1. Dedication of Choir
- 2. Establishment of ACYOA Chapter
- 3. Major Feast Days
- 4. Farewell - Mr. & Mrs. Sam Panosian

1978 ACCOMPLISHED PROJECTS

- 1. Received Pastor's activities after thorough evaluation for 1978. Parish Council unanimously approved Pastor's performance with continued support for 1979.
- 2. Initiated detailed house visitation program for Fr. Diran for church members and new members.
- 3. Sponsored one-day religious workshop for Church School staff and interested parishioners with Mrs. Valerie Goekjian Zahirsky, Ex. Director of CRE (Feb. 18, 1978)
- 4. Sponsored pilot project for Adult Education program for our Parish with Mrs. Florence Goekjian's leadership. (This was 4-part series - March 14 and 28, April 11 and 25, 1978).
- 5. Participated with Armenian Display at Terminal Tower, "Showcase of Nationalities".
- 6. Participated in Tekeyan Centennial Jubilee Celebration on Cultural Day, October 15, 1978.
- 7. Hiring a part-time secretary.



1978 ACCOMPLISHED PROJECTS (Contd.)

8. Formation of Cleveland ACYOA Chapter.
9. Sponsoring of Softball team for youth, which won championship trophies for the third consecutive year.
10. Patriarch Kaloustian's Fund Drive.
11. Participating in Downtown Festival of "All Nations".
12. Agreement conveyed to Director of Parks, City of Cleveland, for the participation by Armenians of greater Cleveland in Nationalities Cultural Gardens.
13. Exclusive contract signed with Mr. L. Pasquale.
14. Arrangements completed for Avon rental of Cultural Hall for 1979.
15. Arrangements completed for Aetna Insurance for office space at Cultural Hall for 1979.
16. Agreement with a private cook to assist in Church affairs.
17. Acquisition of two stages which can be used for plays or fashion shows.
18. Purchasing of four new picnic tables and restained all current tables.
19. Church chandelier and spot light bulbs replaced and cleaned.
20. Installment of new boiler for the Church.
21. Increasing the asphalt area in the parking lot by approximately 5,000 sq. ft.
22. Increasing the width of Church parking lot entrance from 19 ft. to 26 ft.
23. Construction of brick light posts at the Church parking lot entrance of Cultural Building.
24. Cleaning and painting the gutters of the Church, Cultural Hall and Parish House buildings.
25. Painting of Church doors and partial painting of the parish house.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krikor Ghazarian  
Recording Secretary

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH**

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1978 CHECKING ACCOUNT**

**INCOME:**

Membership Pledges	\$ 9,930.00	
Membership Pledges (1978 pledges received after book closing)		<u>+735.00</u>
		10,665.00 1978 Pledges
Church Plate Collections	943.15	
Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals	265.00	
Requiem Service	595.00	
Christmas and Easter Offerings	2,419.00	
Church Donations	1,058.00	
Harry Goekjian Estate	7,500.00	
(\$2,500 Savings, Total \$10,000)		
Paros Donations	922.00	
Church Picnic	1,685.00	
Cultural Hall Rental	18,935.00	
All Nations Food Festival	2,611.39	
Building Committee	10,000.00	
Memorial Dinners	255.00	
Miscellaneous Income	616.22	
Altar Flowers and Candles	52.40	
In Lieu of Flowers: Total \$5,623.00		
Mrs. Bydzar Tookmanian	20.00	
Mr. Kersom Vartevarian	10.00	additional
Mr. Garabed Khancharlian	20.00	
Mr. Cross Bagdasarian	2,139.00	
Anna Koshkarian	322.00	
Hapet Karoghlanian	477.00	
Zabell Shahbaz	1,030.00	
Sebough Shields	<u>1,605.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$63,410.16</b>	<b>+ 735.00 = \$64,145.16</b>

## ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1978DISBURSEMENTS:

Pastor's Stipend		\$ 9,750.00
Pastor's Insurance and Pension		2,610.53
Parish Car Expense		1,268.15
Theological Educational Fund		435.00
Diocesan Payments		4,870.00
Building, Property and Car Insurance		2,402.00
Church Supplies		755.61
Office Supplies		216.53
Paros Printing		1,147.50
Diocesan Assembly		100.00
Visiting Clergy		75.00
Softball Team		275.00
Church Chalice		500.00
Annual Report for 1977		125.00
Union Savings (Savings Certificate)		13,000.00
Patriarch Dinner		141.05
Church Picnic		886.72
Miscellaneous		388.92
Petty Cash		236.41
Postage		294.25
Utilities:		
Water	\$ 432.50	
Telephone	998.15	
Electric	2,996.02	
Gas	<u>2,451.45</u>	
		6,878.12
Property Maintenance		17,276.71
Office Secretary Salary		625.63
Cultural Hall Cleaning		1,582.00
R. I. T. A.		<u>94.50</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$65,934.63</b>

Disbursements of	\$65,934.63
Income of	<u>63,410.16</u>
Deficit of	(\$-2,524.47)

1978 Past Due Accounts Receivable	\$ 4,495.00
1978 Pledges received after book closing	<u>+ 735.00</u>
	\$ 5,230.00
Deficit (1978)	<u>-2,524.47</u>
Paper Surplus (1978)	<u>\$+2,705.53</u>



## ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH

1978 ITEMIZED LIST OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENTS

1. Salaries		\$4,200.00
2. Major Improvements		
Rini's Lighting Center	\$ 293.85	
Independence Sheet Metal	180.00	
Forbes Brick	189.00	
O'Brien Cut Stone	36.00	
Tom Miller (electrical)	600.00	
Floyd Lard (brick work)	874.77	
Jack's Heating & Cooling	2,950.00	
Jodie Eppinger (asphalt)	<u>3,300.00</u>	
		8,423.62
3. S. S. Kemp Company		269.65
4. Pest Control		141.50
5. Rubbish Hauling		525.00
6. Paper Products and Cleaning Material		685.86
7. George W. Frank (Snow Removal)		795.00
8. Grass Cutting (Joe Hein)		270.00
9. Misc. Building and Property Maintenance		1,665.02
10. Picnic Tables		<u>301.06</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$17,276.71</u>

## ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1978STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1978

Balance in Checking Account 12-31-77	\$ 8,760.24
Deficit for 1978	<u>(-2,524.47)</u>
Balance in Checking Account 12-31-78	\$ 6,235.77

Past Due 1978 Accounts Receivables	\$ 4,495.00 (Pasquale Catering)
1978 Dues Received after book closing	<u>735.00</u>
	\$ 5,230.00
Deficit for 1978	<u>-2,524.47</u>
(Paper) Surplus 1978	\$ +2,705.53

SAVINGS ACCOUNT #1

Balance in Savings Account 12-31-77	\$ 21,399.26
Interest 1978	<u>1,080.26</u>
Total as of 9-30-78	\$ 22,479.52
Withdrawal for (Savings Certificate)	<u>-22,000.00</u>
Deposit Harry Coekjian Estate (total \$10,000)	<u>2,500.00</u>
Balance as of 12-30-78	\$ 2,979.52

SAVINGS ACCOUNT #2

Balance in Savings Account 12-31-77	\$ 4,830.67
Interest 1978	<u>253.05</u>
Balance as of 9-30-78	\$ 5,083.72

Savings Certificate for (Interest Rate 8.627%)	\$ 35,000.00
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## ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1978PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1979INCOME :

Membership Pledges	\$11,000.00
Church Plate Collection	1,000.00
Christmas and Easter Offerings	2,000.00
Annual Church Picnic	800.00
Requiem Service	400.00
Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals	300.00
Paros Donations	900.00
Church Donations	1,300.00
In Lieu of Flowers	3,900.00
Cultural Hall Rental	20,400.00
Income Making Projects	4,000.00
Draw Savings Account Interest	2,400.00
	<u>2,400.00</u>
TOTAL	\$48,400.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Pastor's Stipend	\$11,500.00
Pastor's Insurance	2,600.00
Parish Car Expense	1,000.00
Diocesan Payments	5,500.00
Building, Property and Car Insurance	2,500.00
Office Supplies	425.00
Church Supplies	600.00
Postage	200.00
Paros Printing	1,100.00
Diocesan Assembly	300.00
Utilities (Electric, Gas, Telephone, Water)	7,000.00
Property Maintenance	4,460.00
Cultural Hall Cleaning	1,500.00
Softball Team	300.00
Parish House Improvement	3,000.00
Employees Salaries	6,415.00
	<u>6,415.00</u>
TOTAL	\$48,400.00



## ST. GREGORY OR NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH

1978 DUES PAYING MEMBERS

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	Mrs. Souren Abdalian & Robert	\$ 150
2.	Mr. and Mrs. Souren Aghajanian	150
3.	Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ahlegian	100
4.	Mr. and Mrs. David Andonian	*
5.	Mr. Ned Apalakian	35
6.	Dr. and Mrs. Zaven Ariyan	110
7.	Mr. and Mrs. Charles Arpajian	53
8.	Mr. Haig Arpajian	20
9.	Mr. and Mrs. Armen Arslanian	250
10.	Mr. and Mrs. Kevork Arslanian	120
11.	Mr. and Mrs. Henry Arslanian	205
12.	Mr. and Mrs. Nat Arslanian	45
13.	Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arslanian	78
14.	Mr. and Mrs. Ted Arslanian	375
15.	Mrs. Zarouhi Arslanian	57
16.	Mr. and Mrs. Harry Atkian	100
17.	Mr. and Mrs. Armen Asadourian	85
18.	Mrs. Meshac Aurslanian and Meshac, Jr.	90
19.	Mr. and Mrs. Harry Aurslanian	62
20.	Mr. and Mrs. Richard Aurslanian	100
21.	Mrs. Rose Azarian	100
22.	Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bagdasarian and Ara	101
23.	Mr. Cross Bagdasarian	20
24.	Mrs. Mary Bagdasarian	35
25.	Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Bagdasarian	550
26.	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bagdasarian	146
27.	Mrs. Setrag Bagdasarian	25
28.	Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bagdasarian	6
29.	Mr. Tom Bagdasarian	35
30.	Mrs. Vartan Bagdasarian	36
31.	Mr. and Mrs. Garbis Balderian	122
32.	Mrs. Yegsa Balderian	20
33.	Mr. and Mrs. Nick Baltayan	100
34.	Mr. Arshag Bedrosian and Rose	44
35.	Mrs. Santouht Bedrosian	55
36.	Mr. and Mrs. John Benneian and Mother	300
37.	Mr. and Mrs. John Borazanian	150
38.	Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chakamian	85
39.	Mr. and Mrs. Adour Chakerian	100
40.	Mrs. Arshagouhi Chakerian	51
41.	Mr. and Mrs. Hacher Chakerian	53
42.	Mr. Ralph Chakerian	1,000
43.	Mr. and Mrs. Mike Chekemian	-
44.	Mrs. Hampar Chobanian	36
45.	Mrs. Elmas Davidian	18
46.	Mr. and Mrs. Tom Elloian	70

1978 DUES PAYING MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
47.	Mrs. Oscar Elloian	35
48.	Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Ghazarian	4
49.	Mr. Krikor Ghazarian	35
50.	Dr. and Mrs. K. K. Goekjian	1,200
51.	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gulugian	-
52.	Miss Alice Hacherian	260
53.	Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hacherian	500
54.	Miss Martha Hacherian	270
55.	Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hatchadorian	150
56.	Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hatchadorian	100
57.	Mr. Armand Kazaros	53
58.	Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kananian	70
59.	Mr. David Kapoudjian	42
60.	Mrs. Jennie Kapoudjian	35
61.	Mrs. Ann Karayan	45
62.	Mrs. Florence Karoghlanian	104
63.	Miss Mona Karoghlanian	52
64.	Mrs. Mary Kasabach	50
65.	Mr. and Mrs. Elias Meketarian	75
66.	Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Meketarian	150
67.	Mrs. Lousaper Mirakian	-
68.	Mr. and Mrs. Nazar Mirakian	100
69.	Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mirakian	260
70.	Mr. and Mrs. James Nardell	55
71.	Mrs. Khoren Odian	35
72.	Mr. and Mrs. Eric Ohanian	130
73.	Mr. and Mrs. Ohannes Ohanessian	100
74.	Mr. and Mrs. Vegan Ohanessian	40
75.	Mrs. Alice Ourlian	36
76.	Mr. and Mrs. Edward Panosian	-
77.	Mrs. Hagop Panosian	30
78.	Mr. and Mrs. Sam Panosian	61
79.	Mr. and Mrs. George Sakian	47
80.	Mr. and Mrs. Charles Semarjian	-
81.	Mr. Alexander Thomasian	-
82.	Mrs. Koharig Vartevarian	45
83.	Mr. and Mrs. James Venditti	85
84.	Mr. and Mrs. Hosrof Vosgerichian	70
85.	Mr. and Mrs. Krikor Yeranian	131
86.	Miss Margaret Yeranian	145
87.	Mrs. Ann Zahigian	132
88.	Mr. and Mrs. Armand Aghajanian	100
89.	Mrs. Anne Abdalian	35
90.	Carol Ann Hatchadorian	35
91.	Alan Borazanian	35

TOTAL DUES PAYING MEMBERS 137

NOTE: The minimum pledge amount is \$35.00 per person. Parish Council proposes to the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting to increase the minimum amount to \$45.00 per person.

\* The membership dues pledged by the members is not listed here according to their wishes.

LADIES' AUXILIARY

LADIES' AUXILIARY REPORT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President:	Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian
Chairperson:	Ojin Chakamian
Secretary:	Vergin Arslanian
Treasurer:	Lucy Nigosian

ACTIVITIES DURING 1978:

Michink Dinner - (March 1)  
 Annual Parish Assembly Luncheon - (Feb. 12)  
 Participation in All Nations Food Festival in Downtown Mall - (July 12 & 13)  
 Annual Parish picnic - (Aug. 13)  
 Preparation of Hokejash in 1978:

Mr. Cross Bagdasarian (March 14)  
 Mrs. Zabel Shahbaz (Nov. 18)  
 Mr. Sebough Shields (Dec. 18)

During 1978, eight meetings were held. In 1979, the Ladies' Auxiliary will not hold monthly meetings as in the past, because of undue hardships of transportation. However, the members will continue to help support the affairs of the church such as preparing and serving Hokejash, Annual Parish Assembly luncheon, the Lenten Michink Dinner, All Nations Fair on the Mall, the Annual Picnic and the Annual Khunjook.

Submitted by,  
 Vergin Arslanian, Secretary

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1978 տարուոյ ընթացքին կազմակերպուած ինչ ութը ժողովներ ունեցաւ: Մասնակցեցանք հետեւեալ գործունէութեանց ճաշի պատրաստութեամբ:  
 Տարեկան Անդամական Ժողով (12 փետր.)  
 Միջինքի ճաշ (1 Մարտ)  
 Տօնավաճառ Քլիվլէնտի Քաղաքապետութեան հովանաւորութեամբ (12-13 Գլս.)  
 Եկեղեցւոյս Տարեկան Դաշտահանդէս (13 Օգոս.)  
 Հոգեճաշերու պատրաստութիւն:

Յառաջիկայ տարուան ընթացքին Տիկնանց Օժանդակը պիտի չի կարողանայ շարունակել ամսական ժողովները, փոխադրութեան միջոցներու պակասին եւ զանազան դժուարութեանց պատճառաւ: Բայց եւ այնպէս կազմակերպուած ինչ ութ պիտի շարունակէ իր գործունէութիւնը ըստ առաջնոյն, օժանդակելով եկեղեցւոյս զանազան ձեռնարկներուն, ընդառաջելով ծխական խորհուրդի հրահանգներուն:

Քարտուղար,  
 Վերժին Արսլանեան



## Annual Treasurer's Report

Ladies' Auxiliary St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church

Bank balance January, 1978	830.64
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Receipts

Dessert	92.00	
Dinners - Lenten Michick, Parish Council	339.50	
Dues	80.00	
Donations - memorial gifts & get well	355.00	
Interest earned	81.82	
Sale of food	4.50	
Sunshine	19.76	
Miscellaneous	<u>.35</u>	
		<u>972.93</u>
Total Receipts		1,803.57

Disbursements

Dinners & Dessert	90.83	
Total Disbursements		<u>90.83</u>
Bank balance as of January 5, 1979		\$1,712.74
Meetings held in 1978 - 8		

Respectfully submitted,

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 Lucy M. Nigosian  
 Treasurer

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ARMENIAN WOMENS' GUILD REPORT1978 - 1979 Officers

President: Reverend Father Diran Papazian  
 Chairman: Eileen Hacherian  
 Vice Chairman: Martha Hacherian  
 Recording Secretary: Sandra Aurslanian  
 Corresponding Secretary: Karyl Aghajanian  
 Treasurer: Jennie Kapoudjian

Committees

Program: Lillian Nigolian and Martha Hacherian  
 Membership: Mae Hatchadorian  
 Ways and Means: Helen Baltayan, Grace Arslanian, Lucine Mirakian  
 Sunshine: Rose Yeranian  
 Paros Reporter: Alice Hacherian

Meetings and Other Activities

- January - Business Meeting.
- February - Business meeting at Gabriella's with demonstration on making appetizers. Vartanantz Day Dinner was prepared and served.
- March - Business meeting. Participated in Women Saints of the Armenian Church celebration following Lenten Dinner.
- April - Business Meeting.
- May - Business meeting with program: "The Hydroponic Soiless Plant System" by Carol Leap. Fashion Show by Stretch & Sew.
- June - Annual Guild Dinner at Port Hole Restaurant.
- July - Participated in All Nations Festival, downtown Cleveland.
- September - Business meeting with program: Paris Panosian demonstrated the making of cheese borag. Two-day Khunjook featuring Armenian foods, artifacts and various crafts, with music by Hye Notes and dancing by our children (in costume).
- October - Business meeting with program: Ann Abdalian and Roubina Yoel organized a demonstration of Bernina Sewing Machine.
- November - Program open to community with speakers Dr. Vicken Aharonian (cardiology) and Dr. Francois Antounian (orthopedic) with question and answer period.
- December - Annual Guild Christmas Party with members of Ladies Auxiliary and friends as guests with a Christmas Pageant. Christmas Project: Money to Rainbow Babies' and Childrens' Hospital. Purchased new piano for hall. Tablecloths were made by Guild members and friends (15 round and 4 rectangular).
- Sponsored New Years Eve party for Armenian community.

Eileen Hacherian, Chairman

## ARMENIAN WOMEN'S GUILD TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE 1/1/78 \$ 2,935.75

## INCOME:

Vartanantz Luncheon	\$ 119.21	
Hye Ho Down	97.81	
Mother's Day-Fashion Show	489.61	
Khunjook	2,416.07*	
Membership Dues	78.00	
Interest Income	100.35	
Directory Sales		
(Actual profit \$1,458.99; \$177.80 reflected in 1977 report)	1,281.19	
Donations	50.00	
Miscellaneous	48.20	
	<u>4,680.44</u>	<u>4,680.44</u>

Income and Starting Balance \$ 7,616.19

## DISBURSEMENTS:

St. Gregory of Narek Building Fund	\$ 500.00	
Donation to Archbishop Shnork	200.00	
Purchase of New Piano	1,295.00	
Purchase of New Tablecloths	308.70	
Purchase of Hurricane Lamps	92.13	
Purchase of Diocese Raffle Ticket	100.00	
Postage	113.85	
Coffee Hours	47.04	
In lieu of flowers	10.00	
New Year's Eve (prepaid income and expenses)	59.39	
Miscellaneous	58.99	
	<u>2,785.10</u>	<u>2,785.10</u>

BALANCE 12/31/78 \$ 4,831.09

Bank Accounts: Savings	\$ 4,309.53
Checking	521.56
Total	<u>\$ 4,831.09</u>

\* Approximate inventory  
of \$100.00 would reflect  
profit of \$2,516.70

Respectfully Submitted

Jennie Kapoudjian, Treasurer

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION  
OF AMERICA

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ACYOA ANNUAL REPORT

OFFICERS:

President: Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian  
Chairman: Carol Ghazarian  
Vice Chairman: Ara Najarian  
Recording Secretary: Cheryl Arslanian  
Corresponding Secretary: Anita Aurslanian  
Treasurer: Krikor Ghazarian

ACTIVITIES FOR 1978

ACYOA sponsored a coffee hour on March 19. During April, Mr. Tashjian, National ACYOA Youth Director from Rhode Island, attended our April 7th meeting. This was his first official visit to our Chapter. Also during April, ACYOA donated a bouquet of flowers to be placed on the monument in memory of the martyrs on Martyrs Day, April 24th. On July 17th, we attended the Barry Manilow concert at Blossom Music Center. This was preceded by a picnic which was given by Wanda Venditti at the Venditti's home. Also during July on July 11, 12 and 13, several of our members helped out at the All Nations Festival in downtown Cleveland. For the Church Picnic on August 13th, the ACYOA prepared all the games for the children as well as the adults.

During September, the ACYOA sold American coffee and tea, as well as Armenian coffee with fortune telling at the Khunjook. We also sold Armenian T-shirts sent from California and bumper stickers which said "Thank God I'm Armenian". We sponsored the Coffee Hour on September 24th, the opening day of Sunday School. Also during September, we were invited to the St. Gregory Softball Team Victory Party. On November 30th, Mr. Tashjian paid another visit to us which was very successful. ACYOA donated the Christmas tree again this year for the Sunday School Tree Trimming Party. Members also popped corn and helped the Sunday School children in trimming the tree.

The following is a list of present ACYOA members:

Senior Members

Cheryl Arslanian  
Anita Aurslanian  
Jay Bagdasarian  
Krikor Ghazarian  
Carol Ghazarian  
David Kapoudjian  
Ara Najarian

Junior Members

Louise Aurslanian  
Lisa Aurslanian  
Nancy Bagdasarian  
Sue Kapoudjian  
Philip Karayan  
Haig Karayan  
Armen Najarian  
Lisa Sakian  
Debbie Vendetti  
Cindy Vendetti  
Kim Zadnik

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Arslanian  
Recording Secretary

ACYOA FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1978

BALANCE - 12-31-77 \$ 58.54

INCOME:

Membership Dues	\$ 78.00
Donations	66.40
Reimbursements for expenses from Parish Council & Sunday School	57.04
Receipt of old ACYOA Treasury	717.99
Income from Khunjook	291.06
Total:	\$ 1,210.49

Income and Starting Balance \$ 1,269.03

EXPENDITURES

Postcards	\$ 7.43
Checking Acct. Service Charge	8.62
Expenses for Coffee Hours	25.56
Expenses for Annual Picnic	29.01
Expenses for Khunjook	197.08
Miscellaneous (Xmas tree, April 24 flowers, etc.)	26.00
Dues sent to ACYOA Central Council	24.00
Total:	\$ 317.70

BALANCE - 12-31-78 \$ 951.33

Respectfully submitted,

Krikor P. Ghazarian  
Treasurer



# ARMENIAN CHURCH CHOIR

## CHURCH CHOIR ANNUAL REPORT

### OFFICERS:

President:	Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian
Choir Director and Chairman:	Armand Kazaros
Secretary and Organist:	Anita Aurslanian
Treasurer:	Jeanette Aurslanian

As in the past years, 1978 served as an actively profitable year for the Church Choir. Although we were unable to perform some of the activities that were performed last year, we had reached some newly set goals.

Unfortunately, we were unable to be represented at the Annual Armenian Church Choirs of America Convention that was held in Watertown, Massachusetts during the first week-end in November, due to the long traveling distance.

Since last year, several youths in the community have shown an interest in serving our church through their participation in the choir and serving on the altar. Phillip and Haig Karayan have been serving as acolytes nearly every Sunday and Lisa Aurslanian has recently been singing in the choir.

The choir was also very honored to have served in the church upon the visit of the Patriarch, Archbishop Shunork Kalusdian, of Istanbul, Turkey. The Hrashapar Service was sung by the choir, which was followed by a short program in the Cultural Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Aurslanian  
Secretary, Church Choir

### ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand as of December 31, 1977:                      \$ 499.87

#### INCOME:

Donation	\$ 25.00
Sale of Crosses	15.00
Interest for 1978	<u>20.87</u>
	\$ 59.87

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

Books for Choir use	\$ 22.20
Books for Choir use	<u>20.50</u>
	\$ 42.70

Balance on hand as of December 31, 1978:                      \$ 518.04

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannete Aurslanian,  
Treasurer

# ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL

## ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Superintendent:	Janet Ariyan
Religious Education Consultant:	Florence Goekjian
Recording Secretary:	Sandra Aurslanian
Treasurer:	Margaret Ohanessian
Music Coordinator:	Thelma Bagdasarian

### TEACHING STAFF:

First - Second Grade	Mary Arslanian
Third - Fourth - Fifth Grade	Ann Karayan
Sixth Grade	Forence Goekjian
Seventh - Eighth Grade	Alan Borazanian
Ninth Grade	Ralph Chakerian

The Church School started September 24th, for the year 1978 - 1979. The total enrollment for the five classes of children is 35. Student attendance for each Sunday is about 22. This year marks the 25th year of a mostly self-sustaining church school in Cleveland, with all-volunteer staff.

### ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR:

January 8	-	Communion
March 23	-	"Washing of Feet" ceremony at Maundy Thursday.
March 26	-	Easter Program and coffee hour for community.
April 23	-	Commemoration of Martyr's Day Observance with children placing flowers by the monument.
June 18	-	Closing Day coffee hour.
September 24	-	Opening Day
October 8	-	Communion and Teacher's Dedication
October 29	-	Halloween Party
December 10	-	Coffee Hour for Valarie Goekjian Zahersky and her daughter, Barbara Ellen.
December 24	-	Christmas Party for children with coffee hour for the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Ariyan,  
Superintendent

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL1978 FINANCIAL REPORT

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF 12/31/77:		\$ 625.64
Transferred from Savings to Checking 8/29/78	\$ 200.00	
Transferred from Savings to Checking 12/28/78	<u>200.00</u>	
	\$ 400.00	
Balance of Savings	\$ 225.64	
Interest on Savings in 1978	<u>22.77</u>	
Balance of Savings on 12/31/78		\$ 248.41
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF 12/31/77		\$ 176.02
<u>INCOME</u> - 1978		
Transferred from Savings in 1978	\$ 400.00	
Income in 1978	<u>444.30</u>	
Total	\$ 844.30	
		\$1,020.32
<u>EXPENSE</u> - 1978		
General Expense	\$ 886.56	
Petty Cash (transferred from Checking Account)	<u>25.93</u>	
BALANCE AS OF 12/31/78		\$ 107.83
Total Balance as of 12/31/78 (Savings, Checking, and Petty Cash)		\$ 382.17

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Ohanessian,  
Treasurer

## BUILDING COMMITTEE

1978 Annual ReportOfficers:

Chairman - ~~Ted~~ <sup>Richard</sup> Arslanian  
 Secretary - Martha Hacherian  
 Treasurer - Ted Arslanian

Committee Members:

Albert Arslanian	Tom Elloian
Kevork Arslanian	Florence Karoghlanian
John Borazanian	Lucy Nigosian
Cross Bagdasarian	Krikor Yeranian

The year 1978 saw the culmination of the Building Committee's project to pay off the construction costs of the cultural building. On June 18, 1978 the burning of the mortgage was celebrated with over 200 persons in attendance. This was followed with the transfer of \$10,000 to the Parish Council on September 21, 1978. The balance in the treasury and all records will be turned over to the Parish Council following the audit of the books at the end of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Hacherian  
 Secretary

1978 Financial Report

Balance as of 12-31-77	\$ 7,813.21
Total Income 1978	3,324.34
	<u>\$11,137.55</u>
Total Expenses 1978	10,652.00
Balance as of 12-31-78	<u>\$ 485.55</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Arslanian  
 Treasurer

To : The Parish Council & Parishioners of St. Gregory of Narek

SUBJECT: Report of the 76th Diocesan Assembly

The above assembly was conducted in Detroit, Michigan on May 4-6, 1978. All meetings, workshops and social functions were held on the premises of St. John's Armenian Church of Greater Detroit. This report is written to highlight the more important aspects of the assembly.

ELECTION OF PRIMATE

His Grace the Most Reverend Archbishop Torkom Manoogian was re-elected for a four-year term.

BY-LAW CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION (EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY)

1. Parish Council chairmen may not have alternates to the diocesan assembly.
2. Parish nominating committees must present a slate at the annual parish assemblies for officers of the day, and the number of nominees must be twice the vacancies.

BY-LAW CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION (MUST BE APPROVED A SECOND TIME AT NEXT DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY)

Parish nominating committees may serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms.

PROPOSALS - APPROVED

1. The annual statement of income and expenditures of the general fund and the annual budget be correlated and reflect each other's line item format.
2. No candidate to any election to be held at the diocesan assembly is allowed to wear or distribute campaign material.
3. The diocesan assembly will consider only those resolutions as formally proposed that have been duly adopted by a parish assembly or by a parish council.
4. A Cathedral Council Committee be formed and be responsible for all activities in the St. Vartan Cathedral and Diocesan Center which do not relate directly to the office of the Primate. In addition, the Council will be responsible for providing for the financial needs of the Cathedral and Center.

BUDGET

The proposed 1978 budget is \$632,000 operating plus \$150,000 cathedral mortgage payments totaling \$782,000.



ASSESSMENTS

Lengthy discussions, as always, took place in an effort to minimize the financial support required to the diocese by local parishes. Although the St. Gregory of Narek resolution for the diocese to make special note to small parishes in the way of assessments did not formally pass, it was, however, acknowledged by both the Primate and diocesan council and your delegates were given full assurance that every consideration will be given to small parishes. As a matter of information, assessment is weighted as follows:

- 60% - number of parish membership
- 25% - gross plate collections
- 5% - number of clergy
- 5% - number of sacraments
- 5% - number of delegates

At this writing, your delegates are still unaware what our assessment will be for the coming year. There are 42 parishes in our diocese and 21 of them have a higher assessment that we have in Cleveland, thus our assessment is in the middle.

FUND RAISING

1. Cathedral Building Fund - mortgage balance is \$689,943 as of 12-31-77.
2. Endowment Fund - Assets as of 12-31-77, \$1,395,319.
3. Diocesan Council has initiated three programs to raise \$250,000 during 1978 with money to be used as follows:

- \$150,000 for Cathedral morgage payment
- \$ 32,000 for 1977 deficit
- \$ 68,000 for 1978 operating expenses

The money will come from a 1979 Mercedes Benz raffle (\$75,000), Pacesetter Campaign \$1,000 donors (\$125,000) and various other fund-raising projects (\$50,000).

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CRUSADE

The Diocesan Council is embarking on an ambitious program to increase membership within the diocese. It is their goal to bring 5,000 new dues-paying members. The effort will be with the aid of clergy, diocesan delegates and parish councils. Visitations and publicity will be part of the program.

UNITY

The Diocesan Council, with the approval of the Catholicos, is embarking on a permanent agreement to celebrate Martyrs' Day on a continuing basis with all of our brethren commencing with the year 1979. This arrangement will become a part of our constitution and there are three other proposals that are currently being considered.

CLERGY

There continues to be a shortage of clergy within the diocese. St. Nerses Seminary currently has eight students, however, for the year 1979, no new candidates have been interviewed.

CLERGY STIPEND AND INSURANCE

The Diocesan Council will continue to forward a schedule of minimum stipend requirements. The Council has acknowledged that the cost of clergy insurance is fast becoming a major money problem for the parishes. It has been decided to reduce the extent of medical coverage which will result in reduced premiums.

WORKSHOPS

Workshops/meetings were held for the following organizations: Council for Religious Education, Armenian Language School, Women's Guild and ACYOA.

The next assembly will be held on the first weekend of May, 1979 in the Meramac Valley (Massachusetts) with three churches joining together to act as host.

Respectfully submitted,

Keyork Arslanian, Diocesan Delegate

Robert Bagdasarian, Diocesan Delegate





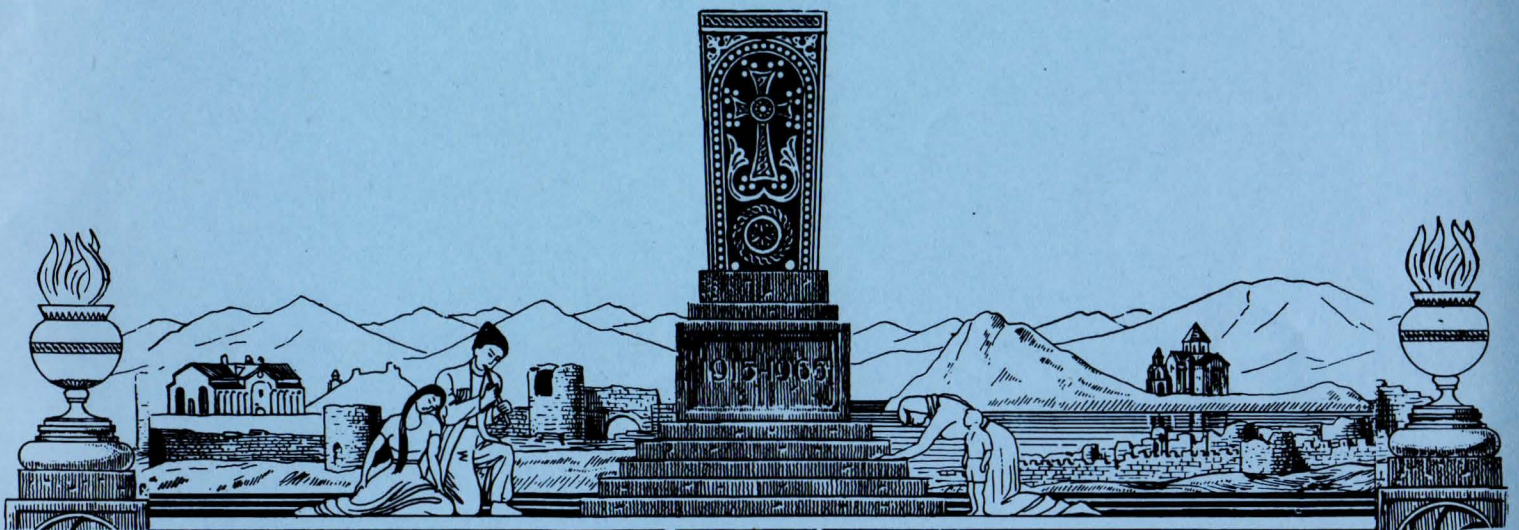
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ARTICLE 6 OF DIOCESAN BY-LAWS

Every member of the Parish, 18 years of age or over, shall pay to his or her church an annual due, the amount of which shall be determined by the Diocesan Assembly. Such amount may be increased, but not decreased, by the Parish Assembly. Dues are payable in advance on January 1 of each year.

ARTICLE 7 OF DIOCESAN BY-LAWS

Members in good standing of a Parish Church, who are 18 years of age or over, may participate in the assemblies of the same Parish and may vote, provided that at least six months have elapsed since the date of their registration as members of the parish and their dues have been paid. They may be eligible for office one year after becoming members provided they have attained the age of 21.





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