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Annual Parish Assembly
Sunday, February 28, 1999 at 1:00 p.m.

PRAYER BEFORE MEETINGS

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

PRAYER AFTER MEETINGS

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
O Christ, Guardian of all/ may your right hand shelter me/ during the day and at night/
at home and while traveling/ while asleep and awake/ that I may never fall./
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

RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

"All persons who have been baptized and confirmed in the Armenian Church, who accept its doctrines, canons and rites, and who fulfill their obligations to the church and community, shall be members in good standing of the Parish Church and shall constitute the Parish Assembly."

"Every member of the Parish, 21 years of age or over, shall pay the church an annual dues."

"Members in good standing of a Parish Church, who are twenty-one years of age or older, 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."

"Members who fail to pay their dues for one or more years, automatically forfeit their right to vote at Parish Assemblies, or to hold elective office within the Parish. Such members may reinstate these rights by payment of their dues in arrears for at least the previous two years."

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING PARISH ASSEMBLY

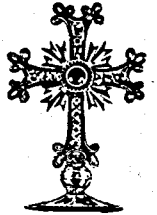
"The agenda of the Parish Assembly shall be prepared by the Parish Priest and the Parish Council. Other matters of new business may be added by majority vote of the Parish Assembly."

"At Parish Assemblies the presence of a minimum of one-third of the eligible voting membership or fifty members shall constitute a quorum. Decisions shall be rendered by majority vote of members present and voting."

"In a Parish Assembly each member shall be entitled to one vote which is not transferable and must cast in person."



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 Annual Report – 1998

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**ST GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH
1998 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1999**

AGENDA

Opening Prayer & Prayer for Deceased Parish Members

1. Welcoming Remarks by Fr. Simeon Odabashian, Pastor
Welcoming Remarks by Mr. Richard Aurslanian, Parish Council Chairman
2. Verification of Dues Paying Members
3. Election of Parish Assembly Officers
 - A. Chairman
 - B. Secretary
4. Minutes of the February 15, 1998 Annual Parish Assembly
5. Elections – Conducted by Nominating Committee
 - A. Parish Council: 3 to be elected
 - B. Nominating Committee: 3 to be elected
 - C. Auditing Committee: 1 to be elected
6. Parish Council Activities and Financial Reports
7. Approval of 1999 Budget
 - A. Sister Parish Program
 - C. Approval of 1999 Budget
8. Diocesan Delegate's Report
9. Parish Auxiliary Reports
10. Old and New Business
11. Election Results
12. Adjournment

Closing Prayer

MINUTES OF THE 1997 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, February 15, 1998

Opening Prayer and Prayer for Deceased Parish Members

The Parish Assembly was called to order at 1:05 P.M. by Very Reverend Father Simeon Odabashian. Fr. Simeon opened the meeting with a special prayer for our deceased parishioner Ojin Chakamian.

Welcoming Remarks by Very Reverend Father Simeon Odabashian

Fr. Simeon welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Assembly. He made a few announcements regarding upcoming events and asked the parishioners for their support. He also talked about the serious condition of little Alique Topallian and urged the community to consider participating in the blood-testing drive to locate a donor for the bone marrow transplant. Monetary donations may also be made to The Alique Topalian Fund to help offset the costs for these tests.

Fr. Simeon thanked parishioners for attending the various events and supporting activities sponsored by our church. He stated the importance of the Centennial of the Eastern Diocese and invited everyone to celebrate this glorious event with joy. He emphasized the importance of serving the church and stressed the need for us to give serious consideration to serving on the Parish Council and participating in the various functions currently open. He conveyed his appreciation to those who have served in the various capacities and extended special thanks to Dr. Sebouh Setrakian for his dedicated service to Parish Council. As a token of appreciation, Ara Bagdasarian presented Dr. Setrakian with a gift on behalf of the Parish Council and the parish.

Welcoming Remarks by Dr. Sebouh Setrakian, Parish Council Chairman

Dr. Setrakian opened his remarks with the statement that he had two items of bad news and one item of good news. He presented the financial situation of the church as the first item of bad news. He reviewed a number of areas wherein expenses could be cut. He felt the new Parish Council should consider implementing the Stewardship Program, which we had discussed in the past. Dr. Setrakian informed us he had been contacted by an anonymous individual who is pledging a minimum of \$5,000 each year for the next three years. This pledge would be in the form of shares of stock. He informed us that Ara Bagdasarian and Papken Maksoudian are organizing work sessions on weekends to help beautify the property and maintain the grounds surrounding the church and cultural hall. The second piece of bad news was that there was only one person who agreed to run for Parish Council. He stated we are losing some of the momentum in the various organizations, i.e., Women's Guild, ACYOA Seniors, etc. He urged the community to be

active and serve our church. He informed us that the good news was that he had only two bad news items to report.

Verification of Dues-Paying Members

Dr. Todd Russell, Treasurer, conducted the roll call. Forty-six members were present. This number constituted a quorum, as total membership is 96. Any member leaving the assembly following roll call was asked to inform the front table to ensure proper count when votes are tabulated.

Election of Parish Assembly Officers

Serop Demirjian and Mona Karoghlanian of the Nominating Committee presented candidates for Chairman and Secretary of the Day. A motion was made and passed to conduct the elections by a show of hands. The results follow:

Chairman of the Day

Russell Arslanian (elected)
Murad Demirjian

Secretary of the Day

Alice Hacherian (elected)
Leslie Bagdasarian

Minutes of the 1997 Assembly

Motion was made by Dina Aurslanian and seconded by Sandra Aurslanian to accept the minutes as presented in the Annual Report. Motion passed.

Election of Parish Council and Committee Members

As had been agreed upon at last year's assembly, a single ballot was prepared by the Nominating Committee to facilitate the voting for all positions to be filled. With four outgoing members of Parish Council (Archie Andonian, Vladimir Arutyunov, Ara Bagdasarian and Sebouh Setrakian), a minimum of eight candidates is required. There was only one parishioner, Papken Maksoudian, agreeing to be a candidate for Parish Council and, therefore, the remaining candidates were nominated from the floor. The nominees were Papken Maksoudian, Debra Venditti, Richard Aurslanian, Louise Demirjian, Dina Aurslanian, Murad Demirjian, Vladimir Arutyunov, Jill Maksoudian, Leslie Bagdasarian and Lisa Richardson. Motion was made by Jack Hacherian and seconded by Thelma Bagdasarian to close the nominations for Parish Council. Motion carried.

Motions were made by Jack and seconded by Thelma to accept the names of candidates as submitted for the Nominating Committee and the Auditing Committee, respectively. Both motions passed. Dr. Setrakian reminded the assembly of the change in term of office for the Auditing Committee, which is now three years. The individual receiving the most votes would serve for three years and whoever received second highest number of votes would serve two years. In the future as a result of this rotation system, only one vacancy needs to be filled each year. Nominating Committee distributed the ballots following roll call of qualified voters. At this point, Ara Bagdasarian, expressed appreciation to Dina

Aurslianian for the great job she has been doing as editor of the PAROS and she should be commended for accepting nomination to serve on Parish Council.

Parish Council Activities and Financial Reports

Treasurer Todd Russell noted a few corrections to be made in his report.

Page 28, under column, 1998 proposed, first item 1997 Diocesan Convention should read 100 and last item Special Events to Balance Budget should read 22, 975. Total Income should be \$114,750.

Footnote **1997 Annual Picnic Expenses and Net Profit should read \$1,273.69 and 3,211.31, respectively.

Page 30, under Expenditures, the item Church Coat Rack should be changed to Church Expenses.

Parish Council Activities and Financial Reports

Thelma Bagdasarian questioned what the Parish Council had in mind for Special Events in the proposed budget to raise \$22,000. Russell explained that part of the reason for showing a balanced budget is that the Diocese will not accept an unbalanced budget. If we show more expenses than we do income, that would not be acceptable. Sebouh said we are hopeful of having more income from the annual picnic and also plans are being considered to have a reverse raffle. He was highly encouraged by the anonymous offer of \$5,000 and also optimistic about increased rentals of the cultural hall. He stressed how important it was that we be very careful with expenses so we can cut this deficit. Lisa Richardson suggested we go outside of the Armenian community for fundraising events and possibly solicit donations of food products, etc., as well as monetary donations. This would help ease the financial burden of the church.

Bob Bagdasarian felt the parish should ask the Parish Council to specifically come up with suggestions for fund-raising events in an effort to protect our financial position. He felt we need the support of the entire community to succeed and we should seriously follow through on the Stewardship Program. Chairman Arslanian agreed this should be one of the first challenges of the new Parish Council, i.e., addressing the deficit of \$23,000. Other areas could include expenses incurred in snow removal, landscaping, etc., and possibly increase in receipts from hall rentals.

George Sakian questioned the large variance in projected income of \$20,000 from the Diocesan Assembly. Russell's personal assessment was that this was our first experience hosting the Diocesan Assembly. Contact was made with the Philadelphia parish as a guide to determine possible net income. Their parish realized a lot less profit than originally projected and most parishes tend to overstate what the income might be. This was our first attempt at such a large undertaking and we definitely feel we learned a great deal

from this experience. Jack Hacherian stated the Diocesan Assembly Committee anticipated a better turnout and felt there should have been more community support. However, he thought the donations for sponsorships, etc., were well received and pretty much on target. He personally was of the opinion that ours was one of the finest he had attended and that most comments from the guests were very, very favorable.

Further discussion regarding the Financial Reports and approval of the 1998 Budget was brought to a close when the Chairman entertained a motion for approval by the Assembly. Motion was made by Dina Aurslianian and seconded by Sandra Aurslianian to accept the 1998 Budget as corrected. Motion was carried.

Election Results

<u>Parish Council</u> - Papken Maksoudian (elected)	Louise Demirjian
Richard Aurslianian (elected)	Murad Demirjian
Debra Venditti (elected)	Leslie Bagdasarian
Vladimir Arutyunov (elected)	Lisa Richardson
Dina Aurslianian (alternate)	Jill Maksoudian

<u>Nominating Committee</u> - Jill Maksoudian (elected)	Serop Demirjian
Steve Davidian (elected)	Mary Arslanian
Nina Setrakian (elected)	Louise Demirjian

Auditing Committee - Dr. Sebouh Setrakian (3-year term)
Mona Karoghlanian (2-year term)

Sebouh congratulated all those elected to office. He stated that Ara, Archie and he intend to stay active in the parish and would consider serving on Parish Council again in few years. He reminded us of a saying often quoted by Ara at Council meetings, i.e., "either you are a part of the solution or you are a part of the problem." We all must help.

Lisa Richardson commented that it is the role of the Auditing Committee members to check all numbers for accuracy; it is not their role to determine what is appropriate and what is not. She felt we all owe a thank you to Cindy and Todd Russell for their time and all their efforts in preparing these figures for the reports. She also suggested it would be a good idea to add a little more information in the reports so that the numbers would be more meaningful to the parishioners when reporting the income, expenses, net proceeds, etc. Lisa has worked up a spreadsheet in this regard and is willing to work with the new Parish Council treasurer in setting up a standardized format.

Diocesan Delegate's Report

Diocesan Delegate Ara Bagdasarian reiterated Jack Hacherian's comments that those who attended the Diocesan Assembly focused on the positive, that this was a very well

executed assembly. There were many letters complimenting the community on how well it was run. He congratulated the committee as he felt they did a job we should all be very proud of. Jill Maksoudian made a motion to accept the Diocesan Delegate's report. Jeanne Arslanian seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Parish Auxiliary Reports

Inquiry was made by Thelma Bagdasarian as to status of payment of assessments due Parish Council. Sebouh informed us results were much better this year, however, there are not too many organizations left with money. Motion made by Dina Arslanian and seconded by Leslie Bagdasarian to accept the auxiliary reports as submitted. Motion passed.

Old and New Business

At this time there were no specific items of old business brought up by the assembly.

Under new business the Chairman asked George Sakian if he anticipated an increase in catering revenues for 1998. George indicated that bookings thus far in 1998 are ahead of last years, and he was optimistic that we should see a significant increase in hall rentals throughout the year. George also stated that Ray Pasquale was definitely an asset, much more professional, and would be easier to work with in helping to increase hall revenues. One of the first things Ray suggested was sprucing up the hall to make it more attractive for bookings. He has already distributed 10,000 circulars of advertisement and plans to make distribution of an additional 10,000 in the very near future. George agreed to work very closely with the new caterer this year in an effort to increase our revenues in this area. He also pointed out that Ray donated \$1,000 toward the carpeting and will continue to work with our parish in maintaining the hall to encourage rentals.

Thelma Bagdasarian raised a question as to what the agreement was with the caterer with regard to Sunday bookings. She recalls we had an agreement with them not to be in the hall on Sundays before 3:00 P.M. or later but this was abused many times and conflicted with church organization plans. Sebouh stated the contract with Ray is that he cannot rent the hall before 3:00 P.M., and he cannot make use of the kitchen before 2:00 P.M. As was stated earlier, it is felt that Ray is more dependable and businesslike and will cooperate with the church in this regard. However, Sebouh stated we must realize when they have a special event and need access to the kitchen, and there is no major conflict, we should grant that. We cannot be overly restrictive especially since we do need this source of revenue. Sebouh praised George for his time and effort with regard to the hall.

Louise Demirjian suggested perhaps the next Parish Council could look into the rates we charge our own parishioners for private gatherings since it is sometimes less expensive for a family to make reservations at a restaurant and, in turn, not be responsible for clean-up, etc. In this regard, she thought the parishioners might rent the hall more frequently if the rates were more reasonable. Sebouh stated this point was well taken and would be taken into consideration by the Parish Council. He reminded the assembly that each time the hall is used, an expense of \$60.00 is incurred. This covers cleaning, electricity, water, etc.

Concluding Remarks

Chairman Arslanian complimented the outgoing members of Parish Council Ara, Archie, and Sebouh - for their efforts over the past several years, which have been commendable. He personally thanked them and hoped that each of them again could serve on Parish Council in the not too distant future. He again thanked George Sakian and also Todd Russell for the job he has done as treasurer, which is no small task putting the reports together and keeping track of the books. Russell extended congratulations to the new Parish Council members as well as the Nominating and Auditing Committee members.

Jill Maksoudian asked everyone to mark July 12 on their calendars. This is the date of the annual church picnic. She along with Mona, Papken and Louise are co-chairing this year's picnic. They are making plans to make it bigger and better than in the past.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Todd Russell moved to adjourn the meeting and Louise Demirjian seconded his motion. Motion passed.

On behalf of the Assembly, Fr. Simeon thanked Russell Arslanian for doing an outstanding job as Chairman of the Day; also thanked Alice Hacherian for serving as Secretary of the Day. He thanked all the committees which made this meeting possible, especially the Parish Council, Auditing and Nominating Committees,

In closing, Fr. Simeon reminded us all that we are one community and that we are brothers and sisters. Probably the greatest contribution to the religions of the world made by our Christian faith is that of forgiveness. That is the one unique factor in our religion, so let us keep that in mind throughout the year and for the rest of the days of our lives. Let us be open minded, tolerant and forgiving of one another as only through the love of Christ within ourselves will we become one unit.

Fr. Simeon led the group in the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Russell Arslanian
Chairman of the Day



Alice Hacherian
Secretary of the Day

Report of the Pastor of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church January – December 1998

Introduction

I give thanks to almighty God for giving me the opportunity to serve as the unworthy pastor of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church. The true Christian spirit and kindness, which abound among our parishioners, have humbled me.

I am thankful to all our parishioners for their active participation in the weekly celebration of the Divine Liturgy and in various other parish activities. I am especially appreciative of all the individuals who willingly and lovingly have given of their time and talents in Parish Council, Choir, ACYOA Juniors, Ladies Auxiliary, Church School, Social Club, Women's League and in other areas of service.

Term of Duty

In 1998, I served as Pastor for 11.5 months. From June 5-17 per order of Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, I accompanied the Diocesan Young Professionals Trip to Armenia.

Visiting Clergy

Fr. Daniel Findikyan celebrated the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, February 20.

Fr. Jim Fisher, the Community of the Holy Spirit gave the sermon Easter Eve, April 11.

Fr. Diran Papazian conducted the Rite of Burial on June 17.

Worship Life

Sunday is the day of the week when faithful Christians gather to worship the risen Lord Jesus and to partake of His holy body and blood. I am pleased that we are having a steady increase in attendance at the Sunday Divine Liturgies. For each Sunday I prepared a bulletin and delivered a sermon based on the commemorations and biblical readings appointed for the day. Usually the sermon is given in both Armenian and English.

On most Sundays, worship was followed by fellowship hour in the Cultural Hall. I am thankful to the many individuals who hosted fellowships throughout the year. Often we honored community children on the occasion of their birthdays.

Besides the Sunday liturgies I celebrated Divine Liturgy on Armenian Christmas Eve, January 5 in the evening as well as Easter Eve, April 11. On the Sundays of Lent I celebrated the concealed liturgy and on Wednesday evenings of Lent, the Peace and Rest Offices.

The special services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday were conducted with the participation of our faithful deacons, choir, altar servers and faithful.

Special thanks to Deacon Serop Demirjian and Subdeacon Haig Arpajian, who assisted me faithfully throughout the year and conducted the Midday Office in my absence on May 10, June 7, 14, 21. I am pleased that Anita Arpajian has taken on the role of choir director with great diligence and I welcome this year as organist, Zarema Arutyunova.

Sacraments

The sacrament of **Holy Baptism** was administered to the following:

April 11	Mardiros, Katya and Yuri Budagyan Jessica, Alex, Dustin and Nick Janigian (Chrismation only)
August 9	Veken Torosian
September 12	Markelle Marie Kallibjian
September 13	Alan Arslanian, Jr.
October 3	Lena Richardson
November 7	Arkady, Barbara, Sergey, Manushak, Ilona and Arkady Avakimov

November 22 Brendon Matthew Patena
December 20 Valerie Rose Russell

The sacrament of **Holy Matrimony** was administered to the following:

May 24 Inna Avanesova and Sergey Aniev
December 27 Erica Ohanian and Greg Paroff

The rite of **Christian Burial** was administered for:

February 24 Marissa Ohanessian
June 11 Osky Balderian (Fr. Diran Papazian)
July 20 Assadour Malajikian
August 22 Alex Bagdasarian
September 24 Yuri Nazarov (Cemetery Service Only)
December 10 Mary Voitkun (Wake Service only)

Day to Day Activities

Besides keeping daily office hours, I ministered to the sick and elderly. I visited and blessed the work places and homes of parishioners. I met with those preparing for baptism and marriage. During November and December I had weekly meetings with Raffi Setrakian and Vahagn Yeranossian in preparation for earning the St. Gregory Scouting Award. Although I have specific office hours, I always encourage parishioners to call at anytime and to make use of the office answering machine.

Parish Life and Special Events

1998 marked the 100th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Armenian Diocese in America. In honor of the Centennial a large candle was kept lit in the center of the sanctuary throughout all the services of the year. At the beginning and end of the year a centennial prayer was said. Also, a banner was placed on the eastern exterior wall of the Church.

I have participated in meetings and programs of our various auxiliary groups to the best of my ability and as my schedule allowed. I am greatly indebted to the leadership given by the executive bodies of the various organizations and for their successful programming throughout the year. The work of our Church School continued under the direction of Lisa Richardson (spring) and Jessica Janigian (fall).

I am happy to report that my monthly Bible study on the West Side met nine times. Attendance averaged 10.

On January 10 a group of young members of the parish organized an informal social/dance in the Cultural Hall which was attended by over 100 people.

February 20 Fr. Daniel Findikyan gave a discussion on the Divine Liturgy in the Cultural Hall. This was preceded with a vespers service. Fr. Joseph Hilinski of the Catholic Diocese was in attendance.

On March 1 a special committee organized a blood testing drive in the Cultural Hall to find a matching bone marrow for Alique Topalian.

Church School hosted a Lenten dinner on March 7. The proceeds went towards World Hunger.

On March 8 together with ACYOA Juniors and Church School Students, I visited St. Herman's Monastery, where we prepared a meal for the homeless.

I was glad to assist the AGBU on its very successful program, "Trip to Armenia," on April 19.

On April 20 I gave a talk on Armenian History to a high school class at the Cuyahoga Christian Academy.

On April 26 I completed Divine Liturgy early so that we could join our brothers and sisters at Holy Cross Armenian Church in North Royalton for a Requiem Service and *Madagh* in honor of the Armenian Martyrs of 1915.

Throughout the year I played the piano for the Saturday AGBU Armenian Language School, the culmination of which was the Mother's Day *Hantess* on May 3.

On May 16 I assisted a cheery and hardworking group of parishioners, young and old, in an all day landscaping effort at the church.

On May 31 I celebrated Divine Liturgy and conducted a requiem service in honor of the Benefactors of our church. According to our custom, the requiem was conducted in the narthex by the benefactor's monument.

On two occasions I invited Armenians from Baku and Yerevan for discussions in the Parish House.

On October 4 we celebrated Armenian Independence Day with a special fellowship in the Cultural Hall.

Nancy Basmajian from the Department of Religious Education at our Diocese conducted a workshop for our church school teachers on October 10 and a leadership program for our parish council on October 12.

We honored the Centennial of our Diocese with a gala banquet and silent auction on October 24.

On November 1 in place of a sermon I gave an explanation of the vestments used by the celebrant during the Divine Liturgy, for the benefit of our church school students.

On November 15 we held a community Thanksgiving potluck luncheon. A free will offering was taken for St. Herman's Monastery.

December 6 I conducted a solemn requiem service on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Armenian Earthquake.

On December 13 I attended a Christmas gathering for Akron area Armenians.

Diocesan Events

February 2 I attended a meeting of the Midwest Region Clergy at St. George Armenian Church, Waukegan.

March 2 I participated in a Clergy Retreat for the Midwest clergy in Illinois.

On March 22 Russell Kashian and George Kassis made presentations to our congregation on the Diocese's Centennial Endowment Fund.

From May 3 - 10 I was in New York City attending the Annual Clergy Meeting (May 3 -7) and Diocesan Assembly (May 3 - 9). Our delegate Ara Bagdasarian also was in attendance. Of special significance was the presence of His Holiness Karekin I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, in special honor of the 100th Anniversary of our Diocese. During the festal Divine Liturgy at St. Vartan Cathedral on May 10, I assisted the celebrant, Archbishop Karekin Nercessian of the Araratian Diocese, Armenia.

On May 23 I attended the ACYOA Sports Weekend in Detroit, MI.

On October 31 I participated in an all day seminar dedicated to Patriarch Malachia Ormanian of blessed memory at the Diocese.

Mission Parishes

Under the direction of His Eminence the Primate I conducted Divine Liturgy and provided other sacramental needs for the mission communities of **Columbus** – January 10, February 22, March 14, April 25, July 24, August 21 (visit made by Fr. Garen Gdanian), September 25, October 23, November 21, December 19 and **Erie, PA** – January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 30, July 25, August 22, September 26, October 17, November 14, December 12. I am thankful for the assistance given me by parishioners, Sue & Sam Mirakian and Anna Karayan.

Ecumenical Activities

I participated in Divine Liturgy at St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Church on the evening of Jan. 6. I attended a service of the ordination of deacons at the Community of the Holy Spirit, a church of the Charismatic Episcopal Church. On another occasion I gave a talk to their clergy concerning the teachings of the Armenian Church.

Once again I brought my regular participation to the planning committee for the annual Eastern Christian Traditions and Celebrations Seminar held at Notre Dame College, October 16 - 17. Among the speakers was Fr. Daniel Findikyan, St. Nersess Armenian Seminary.

On November 6, I welcomed a group of women from Church Women United to our sanctuary, where they held a special worship service. Members of our Ladies Auxiliary prepared a tea in the Cultural Hall.

On November 10 I attended a dinner and vespers service at Messiah Lutheran Church in honor of Fr. Joseph Hilinski, for his long time ecumenical efforts as director of the Interfaith Commission at the Catholic Diocese.

Acknowledgements

The Church could not have had a successful year without the loving service of all her members and most especially the following:

Parish Council Chairman Richard Aurslianian and all members of Parish Council.

Ara Bagdasarian, Diocesan Delegate.

The fine team of Dr. Todd and Cindy Russell for soundly managing the parish financial activities.

Dr. Sebouh Setrakian, Stewardship 2000 project.

Serop Demirjian and Jack Hacherian, the Reverse Raffle.

Serop & Louise Demirjian, Papken & Jill Maksoudian, and Mona Karoghlanian, Annual Picnic.

Todd Russell, Oriental Rug Sale.

Mary Arslanian, the Annual Rummage Sale.

Louise Demirjian and Almira Yoel Wagley, the Centennial Celebration.

Florence Straka for keeping our paper goods stocked at all times.

George Sakian, managing hall rentals.

Dina Aurslianian, *Paros* editor.

Mahs Committee: Grace Arslanian, Sandy Aurslianian, Thelma Bagdasarian & Janet Yoel.

Alice Patena, ACYOA Juniors advisor.

Sona Torosian, repairing and sewing altar linens and vestments.

Tekeyan Armenian Radio Program (WUJC 88.7 FM) for event promotion.

AGBU Cleveland Chapter, Armenian Language School and cultural programs.

Respectfully submitted,



Fr. Simeon Odabashian

Pastor

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

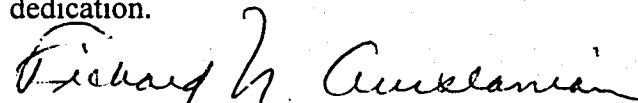
- I. This past year I have had the rare and profound honor and privilege of serving with family and close friends on Parish Council. Of seven members on Parish Council, five are family related and the other two come from families that I have been privileged to know for decades. Kings and queens should be so fortunate. Early on, the two non-family members were appointed internal auditors to continually spot check the proper receiving and accounting of cash donations.

I want to thank each and every member of Parish Council for his or her time, effort and contribution to our Church and community.

Also, sincere appreciation to all the altar servers, choir director, choir, organists, church school superintendent and church school teachers for their sacrifices and dedication.

- II. This past year your Parish Council has sponsored the reverse raffle, annual church picnic, rug sale and the Stewardship Program. Ground work for the Stewardship Program was laid the previous year and has been spearheaded by Dr. Sebouh Setrakian. Thanks to the anonymous donor whose initial gift got us started and to Dr. Setrakian, this has been a big success. Regular reminders from Father Simeon have also helped a great deal. Sincere thanks to each and everyone of you for your generosity. And thank you, Sebouh, for your continued interest, guidance and support.
- III. Parish Council this year has continued the recent trend to start meetings on time and quit on time. This is due, to a large extent, to (1) retaining a competent, honest person to deal with maintenance problems (Len Galati) and (2) George Sakian, assuming responsibility for scheduling the hall and other related duties. Thanks to both of these people, Parish Council can devote attention to other areas. One of the things that we have tried to do is make serving on Parish Council a meaningful challenge by keeping the meetings brief and pertinent.
- IV. Needs of the Parish. Much needs to be done regarding the organizational health of the two women's groups and the ACYOA Seniors. The future of our church depends on the church auxiliary organizations. We need to redirect our efforts in this direction. Let us resolve together to do whatever it takes to make all of our auxiliary organizations alive and vibrant.
- V. Finally, it has been rewarding to experience the continued development of our Pastor, Father Simeon. His spiritual leadership comes from the heart, and beyond. It has been a pleasure working with you, Hayr Soorp.

Thanks to my family, parishioners and friends for your love, support and dedication.



Richard N. Aurslanian
Chairman, Parish Council

1998 Parish Council Report

Chairman	Richard Aurslanian
Vice-Chairman	Anita Arpajian
Secretary	Papken Maksoudian
Assistant Secretary	Dina Aurslanian
Treasurer	Todd Russell
Assistant Treasurer	Arek Torosian
Advisor	Debbie Venditti

15 Parish Council Meetings were held in 1998 on January 12, February 10, March 3, March 31, April 20, May 19, June 23, July 7, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 20, November 3, November 24, December 29. The following are Parish Council sponsored and supported events that took place in 1998:

January	11	Feast of the Nativity. Blessing of Water. Reception by AGBU.
February	15	Annual Parish Assembly & Luncheon
	20	Vespers and Discussion on Divine Liturgy by Fr. Daniel Findikyan
	22	Poon Paregentan Luncheon by ACYOA Juniors
March	1	Blood Testing for Bone Marrow Matching for Alique Topalian
	22	Russ Kashian & George Kassis speak on Centennial Endowment Fund
April	9	Holy Thursday Service of Foot Washing and Betrayal
	10	Good Friday Service of the Burial of Christ
	12	Easter Sunday and Easter Fellowship
	19	AGBU Cultural Event – “Trip to Armenia”
	26	Requiem Service & <i>Madagh</i> at Holy Cross Armenian Church in Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide of 1915
May	3	AGBU Mother’s Day <i>Hantess</i>
	16	Landscaping of Church Grounds
	20	Reverse Raffle
	31	Feast of Pentecost, Benefactor’s Day Requiem, Parish Council Installation, ACYOA Juniors Spaghetti Luncheon
June	7	Church School Closing
July	12	Annual Church Picnic
	19	Feast of Transfiguration – <i>Vartavar</i>
August	6-7	Ladies Auxiliary Rummage Sale
	16	Feast of the Assumption, Blessing of Grapes, Ladies Aux. Fellow.
	23	AGBU Tavloo Tournament & Steak Roast
September	13	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Social Club Fellowship Church School Registration

October	4	Celebration of Armenian Independence Day
	12	Parish Council Leadership Session with Nancy Basmajian
	24	Centennial Celebration – Silent Auction by Women’s League
	25	ACYOA Juniors Halloween Party
November	15	Community Thanksgiving Dinner
	19-22	Oriental Rug Sale
December	6	Requiem for 10 th Anniversary of Armenian Earthquake
	20	Church School Christmas Pageant

Respectfully submitted,

Papken Maksoudian
Parish Council Secretary

1998 DIOCESAN DELEGATE REPORT

The 96th Diocesan Assembly of the Armenian Church of America was held at St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral in New York City, May 7-9, 1998. This was an historic assembly as it marked the celebration of the centennial of our Diocese in America. A total of 151 delegates out of 197 were in attendance.

The Assembly was presided over by His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate. Dr. Garo Garibian of Cheltenham, PA chaired the Assembly with Mr. Harry Terzian of Detroit serving as Vice-Chairman. St. Gregory of Narek Church was represented by Very Rev.Fr. Simeon Odabashian and delegate, Ara Bagdasarian.

His Holiness Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians addressed the assembly and made several appearances throughout the weekend. Also in attendance were the Primate of the Western Diocese of the United States, Canada, Chile, Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay.

Highlights of the Assembly:

- Re-election of the Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
- Approval of a Clergy Relations Committee to advise the Diocesan Council on matters concerning clergy stipend, life and medical insurance, etc.
- Approval of a Sister Churches Program where Diocesan churches are paired with churches in Armenia to provide a supportive relationship
- Significant discussion surrounding resources allocated to DRE (Dept. of Religious Education) and DYM (Dept. of Youth Ministry). The Primate committed to revitalize both departments with a portion of the funds raised from the Centennial fundraising campaign.
- The location for the 97th Diocesan Assembly will be St. Peter Armenian Church in Watervliet, NY, May 6-9, 1999.
- A standstill on Diocese/Prelacy Unity talks. Negotiations will resume pending direction given by the two catholicoi.

Complete Minutes from the 96th Assembly are available upon request from Fr. Simeon or Ara Bagdasarian.

Respectfully submitted,

Ara A. Bagdasarian
Diocesan Delegate

A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors 1998 Annual Report

There are currently 21 registered members.

OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN: Gregory Elloian
VICE-CHAIRMAN: Chris Andonian
TREASURER: Alex Yessayan
SECRETARY: Elise Arpajian
ADVISOR: Alice Patena

JANUARY

11 MEETING
25 PIZZA PARTY

FEBRUARY

8 MEETING
15 HELP SERVE LUNCH AT ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
22 POON PAREGENTAN LUNCHEON

MARCH

15 MEETING
28 FEEDING THE HUNGRY AT ST. HERMANS

APRIL

A.C.Y.O.A. PALM SUNDAY DINNER

MAY

16 LANDSCAPING AT CHURCH
31 MEETING

JUNE

15 CEDAR POINT
28 SPAGHETTI DINNER

AUGUST

2 THU 8 HYE CAMP
28 MEETING

SEPTEMBER

13 MEETING

OCTOBER

11 MEETING
25 HALLOWEEN PARTY

NOVEMBER

22 MEETING

DECEMBER

31 NEW YEARS PARTY

CHAIRMAN 97/98
GREGORY ELLOIAN

CHAIRMAN 98/99
STACY PATENA

St. Gregory of Narek Church School 1998 Report

St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church School has been blessed with a small group of very committed faculty, parents and students.

Spring Staff:

Lisa Nersesian Richardson, Superintendent
Ara & Leslie Bagdasarian
Nisa Torosian
Louise Demirjian
Beth Davidian
Nina Setrakian
Cheryl Arslanian
Steve Davidian

Fall Staff:

Jessica Janigian, Superintendent
Leslie Bagdasarian
Louise Demirjian
Nina Setrakian
Cheryl Arslanian
Steve Davidian

On most Sundays, Church School began with an assembly for all the students. Here children learned new hymns, prayers and share Bible readings. A plate was always passed to impress upon the children the value of giving. Often there was discussion of feast days and other events of the Church calendar. Students were given interesting opportunities for Bible study as well.

The various classes had an opportunity one Sunday a month to receive Holy Communion in Church. The children were always present at Divine Liturgy for important feasts such as Armenian Christmas and Easter. On occasion Fr. Simeon geared the sermon towards the students, such as his lesson on the vestments.

Church holidays were always observed by the children taking part in such events as the annual *Poon Paregentan* party. A special fast followed by a spaghetti dinner was organized during Lent. The proceeds went to assist the hungry of the world. Also students contributed by collecting funds during the lenten period. Proceeds went to the Diocese, who in turn made a contribution to the World Hunger Organization.

During Lent some of the students visited St. Herman's Monastery and prepared a meal for the homeless there. Also, many of our students furthered their Christian education at Hye Camp during the summer.

Fall registration was especially exciting this year as our students were treated to a Moon Walk.

The students learned about advent by lighting the candles of the advent wreath. The culmination of this was their presentation of a Christmas Pageant in Church. There was also a special visit from Santa Claus (Krikor Ohanian), who distributed gifts to the children.

One Sunday a month was reserved for honoring children born during the month with a special fellowship. A very successful bake sale was organized during advent to raise funds for Church School supplies.

In preparation for her leadership position in Church School, Jessica Janigian attend the Mardigian Institute in August at the Diocese in New York City.

Nancy Basmajian from the Department of Religious Education at our Diocese made a special visit to our parish in October. She held an afternoon training program with our teachers, assisting us in adapting the DRE curriculum to our small school.

We must express our sincere thanks to the entire faculty for preparing meaningful lessons and for their consistent attendance throughout the year. This is truly a labor of love. Special thanks to Steve Davidian, Ara Bagdasarian and Sean Richardson for volunteering to paint the nursery.

The Church School always welcomes monetary donations for the purchase of new supplies and gift of used educational and recreational items, toys, furniture, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Nersesian Richardson

Jessica Janigian

LADIES' AUXILIARY OF ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH

1998 ANNUAL REPORT

President:	Very Rev. Fr. Simeon Odabashian
Chairman:	Anna Karayan
Vice Chairman:	Eileen Hacherian
Secretary:	Ann Kananian
Corresponding Secretary:	Alice Hacherian
Treasurer:	Grace Arslanian
Advisor:	Florence Goekjian
Advisor:	Mary Vosgerichian
Advisor:	Svetlana Aydian
Sunshine:	Martha DeSalvatore
Church Women United Representative:	Florence Straka

- March 29: **Cultural Meeting** – Guest Speaker: Mrs. Loretta Land – Peace Corps Volunteer to Armenia.
- May 17: **Cultural Meeting** – Guest Speaker: Mrs. Svetlana Adiyian, newcomer from Baku, Azerbaijan who spoke about family life in the former USSR. Fr. Simeon discussed the Creed in the first of a two-part series study of its historical origin and its religious significance in our liturgical worship service.
- July 19: **Business Meeting**
Hosted the “Feast of Transfiguration” (Vartevan) coffee hour fellowship. The second session in the series of the study of the Creed was led by Fr. Simeon Odabashian. (To aid in our study, words to the creed were provided in English, Armenian and Russian print.)
- August 16: Hosted the “Feast of Assumption” (Blessing of the Grapes) fellowship. 14th Annual Rummage Sale
- September 15: **Executive Committee Meeting**
- November 6: Hosted Church Women United’s Regional “World Community Service Day”. Fr. Simeon Odabashian participated in the devotional services. There was a reception for the attendees in the Cultural Hall featuring Armenian pastries.
- November 10: **Business Meeting.**
Fr. Simeon Odabashian showed a video featuring the work of CASP (Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program). Our sponsorship of a young man named Arcadie Grigorian of Gumri, Armenia ended when he reached the age of 18 on September 19. Through CASP, another Armenian orphan child is going to be assigned for our sponsorship.
- December 11: **Christmas Observance** – Fr. Simeon Odabashian and the members of the Ladies Auxiliary attended the Annual Christmas Tea sponsored by the Church Women United of Greater Cleveland. Foods and wrapped gifts were donated by our members to the Food Bank and to needy organizations through the Church Women United distribution network.

In 1998, the following members prepared “mas” for distribution following Divine Liturgy: Grace Arslanian, Sandra Aurslianian, Thelma Bagdasarian and Janet Yoel.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Karayan

Anna Karayan, Chairman

St. Gregory of Narek Social Club Annual Report
1998 Activities Report

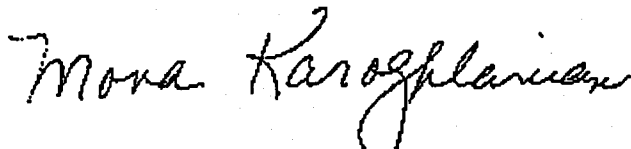
January	General Business Meeting and Dinner at Parish House
February	Dinner at Eddie's Place at Eton Collection
March	Business Meeting/ Pizza & Game Night at Parish House
April	Theatre Party at Clague Playhouse followed by refreshments at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Ruben Kazarian
May	Ballroom Dancing
June	Dinner at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Stanley Nahigian
July	No activity
August	No activity
September	Night at the Race at Thistledown & Dinner Hosted Coffee Hour following Church Services
October	Tour of Malley's Chocolate Factory followed by lunch at 101 Bob Club
November	Potluck dinner and Election Meeting at home of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hacherian
December	Lolly the Trolley Tour of Cleveland Lights and dinner at Shooters

In 1998, the Social Club once again enjoyed good fellowship and continued, in a limited manner to serve the church. As since its inception, we welcome all persons who wish to join together under the banner of St. Gregory of Narek Social Club.

1998 Executive Committee

President	Very Rev. Fr. Simeon Odabashian
Chairman	Mona Karoghlanian
Vice Chairman	Chuck Bashian
Recording Secretary	Jeanne Arslanian
Corresponding Secretary	Thelma Bagdasarian
Treasurer	Cartha Ohanessian

Respectfully Submitted,



Mona Karoghlanian
Chairman

St. Gregory of Narek Church New Women's Experimental Group

A new group of younger women came together in an effort to define the changing role of women in the Armenian community into the new millenium.

The goals of the group were as follows:

- (1) Foster sisterhood of women of different backgrounds,
- (2) be profitable enough to continue the generous monetary support which our past Guild's have given to worthy causes, and
- (3) not consume excessive time for any of the members due to lifestyle changes that have made schedules so busy.

The group chose to work on an elegant event, co-chaired by Almira Yoel Wagley and Louise Demirjian, that would honor the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Church in America, in the form of a dinner-dance/silent auction. It was held on October 24th, 1998 in our Cultural Hall and was catered by Normandy Caterers. A live band added to the atmosphere. The event raised a total of \$3,439.30 that was donated to St. Gregory Armenian Church for general operating expenses.

The group is still in the process of determining whether to exist in an ongoing format or whether to function as an ad hoc committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Louise Demirjian

CULTURAL HALL REPORT

The Revenues received from the rental of the Cultural Hall for the period 01-01-98 thru 12-31-98 inclusive are as follows:

Total Revenue from Events - Both Caterers - Exquisite Catering and Pasquale Caterers	\$ 18,956.33
Total Revenue from Kitchen Use	572.50
Total Revenue from Cleaning	1,250.00
Total Revenue from Advertising/Telephone Use	1,440.00
Total Revenue from Private Events	<u>590.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE FROM HALL RENTAL - 1998	\$ 22,808.83

USAGE OF HALL - 1998

Events - Exquisite Catering	42
Events - Pasquale Caterers	<u>10</u>
	52
Events - Private (various)	5
Events - St. Gregory Church (various)	39
Total Revenue from Hall Rentsl - 1997	\$ 34,135.00
Total Revenue from Hall Rental - 1998	<u>22,808.83</u>
Difference	\$ -11,326.17
	-33.2%

Such a reduction from the previous year is due to the retirement of Pasquale Caterers by completing their bookings during the course of the year.

Pasquale Caterers (Lee Pasquale and Gena Aveni) after a quarter of a century working with St. Gregory have retired from the Catering business.

Raymond and Louise Pasquale (Exquisite Catering) have continued this family tradition, signed a contract agreement for 1998 with St. Gregory with its recent renewal for the year 1999.

MEMORIAL FUND
OF
ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH

A brief history of this Fund began with its formation in January 1, 1987 with the approval and authorization by the Parish Council.

Under the Article III of the Guidelines revised 8/8/89 ... THE OBJECTIVES and RESPONSIBILITIES are:

- I. To coordinate with the Parish Council the revenues and gifts which are directed to the Fund.
- II. To inform parishioners (at least 2 times per year in Paros and/or with mailings) of the existence of the Memorial Fund and encourage them to make contributions.
- III. To prepare a list of sacramental vessels, vestments, altar furnishings, religious paintings and other items or improvements needed for the church and provide this list to Parish Council. A list of suggestions will be available for selection by donors as well as approximate cost.
- IV. To supervise and assure the fulfillment of the wishes of donors after consideration by Parish Council.

As of this date, the names of seventy-six (76) benefactors are permanently displayed in the sanctuary narthex on brass name plates engraved and mounted on imperial mahogany granite from the Mt. Rushmore Range.

MEMORIAL FUND
BENEFACTOR PROGRAM

To be eligible as a benefactor, the deceased or the family members representing the deceased person must have donated any one of the following items as listed below to the St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church an amount to total or the equivalent of \$750.00 or more (can be paid over a period of up to 3 years in 3 equal installments of \$250.00).

- I. Family members of the deceased who have donated monies to the church for this specific purpose (to be listed as a benefactor)
- II. The church when included as a beneficiary in the last will and testament of the deceased.
- III. Physical, real property or negotiable investment securities as donated to and accepted by the church by the deceased or family members in the name of the deceased.
- IV. The church as being listed the beneficiary of any interest earned from monies donated to an endowment fund.

In lieu of flowers donations of the deceased to be given to the church will not qualify the deceased as a benefactor of the church. Any monies given the church in honor of a deceased person by a survivor shall be accepted and received as a donation in memory of the deceased person.

(Memorial Fund Cont'd)

Annually, on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day, a special Requiem Service will be administered in our church recognizing each and every benefactor.

It is imperative that any request from the family or close relatives of the deceased be submitted in the form of a written note or letter, requesting the deceased be listed as a "Benefactor of the Church".

All questions and arrangements can be answered and made through our pastor, Very Rev. Fr. Simeon Odabashian.

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1999

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1997</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>1998</u> <u>Proposed</u>	<u>1998</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>1999</u> <u>Proposed</u>
1997 Diocesan Convention	14,964	100	100	0
Baptism, Wedding & Funerals	1,565	2,000	1,350	1,300
Candle Sales	1,935	2,000	2,149	2,100
Christmas Offering	2,140	2,000	3,750	3,500
Church Donation	3,527	3,000	8,222	5,200
Easter Donation	635	1,000	1,930	1,500
Endowment Fund Earnings *	2,219	2,500	3,540	3,500
Fund Raising Events: Net of expenses - see Below				
- Lahmajoun Sale	352	400	-	400
- Picnic	3,211	4,500	5,799	4,500
- Reverse Raffle	0	3,000	3,880	3,500
- Rug Sale	0	0	5,266	0
- 1998 Centennial Event				3,300
Hall Donations	2,500	500	500	500
Hall Income	31,925	35,000	24,164	25,000
In Lieu of Flowers	5,625	5,700	6,515	6,000
Interest, Bank	222	200	47	0
Martyr's Day	0	200	-	0
Membership Dues	17,005	17,500	13,512	13,500
Miscellaneous Income	436	200	1,597	1000
Ordination	610	0	-	0
Organization Assessments	561	575	808	800
Parish Annual Assembly	165	100	-	0
Paros Donation	1,613	2,000	2,955	2,500
Plant, Pumpkin & X-Mas Tree Sale	4,000	4,500	4,000	3,000
Plate Collection	3,157	3,000	3,365	3,000
Requiem Service	1,415	1,500	1,355	1,250
Roof income	2,605	200	175	0
Special Events	0	23,075	847	0
Stewardship	0	0	16,110	17,000
Total Income	\$ 102,386	\$ 114,750	111,935	\$ 102,350

Automobile Transfer of Funds

Transfer of Charter One -- CD into Operating Acct.				
Transfer from Memorial Fund into Operating Acct.				
Transfer from National City -- CD into Operating Ac	\$ 15,000		15,000	
Gross Cashflow Income	\$ 117,386		126,935	

* Interests as follows: Mrs. Osky Balderian Acct: \$1,169.24; M/M. Kevork Arslanian Acct: \$1,050.00.

1998 Annual Picnic Income was \$ 9,235.75. Expenses were \$3,436.82 for a Net Profit of \$5,798.93. (\$1900 in income figure was from picnic sponsors)
Outstanding expense of \$698.00 still owed to Diocese

1998 Reverse Raffle Income was \$9,511.00. Expenses were \$5,631.30, for a Net Profit of \$3,879.70.

1998 Rug Sale Income was \$13,177.05. Expenses were \$7,911.33, for a Net Profit of \$5,265.72

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1998

Expenditures

	1997 <u>Actual</u>	1998 <u>Proposed</u>	1,998 <u>Actual</u>	1999 <u>Proposed</u>
Auto & Property Insurance	3,034	3,200	2,871	3,000
Automobile Expense	517	3,500	1,023	4,000
Bank Service Charges	216	200	119	0
Candles	876	1,000	817	850
Capital Improvements	3,826	2,000	275	1,000
Church Expense	0	0	1,350	1000
Clergy Benefits	2,486	2,500	2,939	3,000
Clergy Travel/Expenses	891	1,000	442	500
Cultural Day	384	0	-	0
Diocesan Dues	7,976	9,000	9,380	9,670
Donations	100	100	-	0
Flowers, Altar/Funeral	378	300	268	300
General Maintenance Labor	5,688	5,000	3,990	5,000
General Maintenance Supplies	4,705	4,000	3,282	4,000
Hall Furnishings	3,291	500	2,300	500
Hall Repairs	1,671	1,000	1,211	1,500
House Repairs	296	300	1,090	300
Hye Camp Expense	629	500	350	500
Landscaping & Snow Removal	3,342	3,500	2,868	3,000
Louma Assessment, Etchmiadzin	279	300	-	0
Maintenance Cleaning (Hall)	5,667	6,000	3,163	3,500
Maintenance Cleaning (House & Church)	3,110	3,200	3,150	3,200
Maintenance Contracts	301	0	647	0
Martyrs Day Expense	129	0	-	0
Miscellaneous	453	500	111	500
Office Expenses	2,617	700	856	700
Ordination Expense	830	0	-	0
Organist	1,125	1,500	2,025	2,100
Parking lot Maintenance	0	2,000	2,643	0
Paros	5,206	4,000	4,632	4,700
Pest Control	330	200	132	150
Postage and delivery	1,294	1,300	1,568	1,600
Pastor's Stipend	22,453	26,600	20,007	20,400
Payroll Taxes	8,656	5,000	8,731	9,000
Roof expense	14,310	9,000	5,280	500
Septic Tank - Grease Trap	155	200	495	500
Sewer Tie Property Taxes	0	0	902	950
Special events	976	200	554	600
Supplies - Hall	674	750	766	780
Trash Removal	1,652	1,600	1,596	1,600
Utilities (see next Page for detail)	13,853	14,000	12,702	13,000
Visiting Clergy	817	0	387	450

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

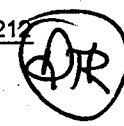
\$ 125,191 \$ 121,800 104,923 \$ 102,350

Capital Improvements from memorial fund

\$ 360 288

TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ALL ACCOUNTS

\$ 125,551 105,212



ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1999

Statement of Activity for 1999 for all Accounts

	1997 <u>Actual</u>	1998 <u>Actual</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Operating Income (Not including Transfers from CD's)	99,585.00	108,060.00
Interest Income (All Accounts including Endowment)	<u>8,518.41</u>	<u>9,456.09</u>
TOTAL INCOME	108,103.41	117,516.09
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Operating Expenses (Not including Transfers from CD's)	109,850.00	97,430.00
Capital Improvements		
Miscellaneous - Church Candles	876.00	817.00
Roof Expenses	14,310.00	5,280.00
Church Coat Rack (paid from Memorial Fund)	360.00	
Church Garment Repair & Memorial Name Plate		288.47
Septic Tank - Grease Trap	155.00	495.00
Sewer Tie in - Property Taxes	-	<u>902.00</u>
Total Capital Improvements	<u>15,701.00</u>	<u>7,782.47</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	125,551.00	105,212.47
NET PROCEEDS	(17,447.59)	12,303.62

Breakdown of Utility Disbursements by Building

	<u>Hall</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Electric	2,248.25	796.83	848.78	3,893.86
Gas	2,117.71	1,807.58	1,397.69	5,322.98
Telephone & Ads	333.35	2,688.70		3,022.05
Water	221.10	242.04		<u>463.14</u>
TOTALS				12,702.03

	<u>1997 Balance</u>	<u>1998 Opening</u>	<u>1998 Shares</u>	<u>1998 Value</u>
National City Bank - Investments				
NCB - Armada Money Market	-	-	48.30	48.30
NCB - Vanguard American Fund	-	2,500.00	251.00	3,117.42
NCB - First Trust Target 10	-	2,500.00	262.00	2,612.14
Totals		5,000.00		5,777.86

	<u>1997 Interest</u>	<u>1997 Balance</u>	<u>1998 Interest</u>	<u>1998 Balance</u>
National City Bank - Money market	1,014.32	17,355.76	209.74	12,565.50
Third Federal Bank - CD (Memorial Fund)*	2,230.33	41,387.93	721.30	-
National City - CD (Memorial Fund) Transferred 5/4/98		-	2,007.74	44,116.97
Third Federal Bank - CD	2,832.76	55,668.01	2,930.31	45,235.96
TOTALS	6,077.41	114,411.70	5,869.09	107,696.29

Checking Accounts		12,947.59		29,910.55
TOTALS - All Accounts		<u>127,359.29</u>		<u>137,606.84</u>

*Memorial Fund - Income: \$750 in Memory of Hripsime Aurslanian; Expense: \$288

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH PARISH COUNCIL - 1999									
Statement of Account Balances									
	Star Bank	NCB	NCB	Third Federal	NCB	Third Federal	Endowment	NatCity	
	Checking	Checking	MMA	CD	CD	CD	Fund	Investments	TOTAL
				(Memorial Fund)	(Memorial Fund)				
Bank Statement Balance at 12/31/97	12,947.59	-	17,355.76	41,387.93	-	55,668.01		-	127,359.29
Adjustments/Checks & Deposits Not Yet Cleared									
Transfer of Account									
Net Proceeds less Interest Income									-
Interest Income			209.74	721.30	1,257.74	2,930.31	2,219.00		7,338.09
Donations - M. Aurslianian					750.00				
Transfers	(6,301.11)	21,720.11	(5,000.00)	(42,109.23)	42,109.23	(13,200.00)	(2,219.00)	5,000.00	-
Penalties						(162.36)			(162.36)
Treasurer's 1998 Closing Balance	-	29,910.55	12,565.50	-	44,116.97	45,235.96		5,777.86	137,606.84
Adjustments/Checks & Deposits Not Yet Cleared		1,077.88							1,077.88
Bank Statement Balance at 12/31/98		30,988.43							30,988.43
Note: The \$13,200 from the Third Fed CD was used for the purchase of the parish car. The operating account is repaying this "loan" back to the CD on a quarterly basis.									
Memorial Fund Activity:									
1/1/98 Balance	41,387.93								
Donation from Meshac Aurslianian	750.00								
Interest	1,979.04								
Bank Balance		44,116.97							
Memorial Fund Activity in Operating Account:									
Donation from D/M Simon Ohanessian	2,000.00								
Donation from Bagdasarian Families	1,000.00								
		3,000.00							
Expenses:									
General Labor & Supplies for Church	(1,496.18)								
Garment Repair & Memorial Name Plate	(288.47)								
		(1,784.65)							
Operating Account Owes Memorial Fund (paid on 1/22/99 chk #15299)		1,215.35							

Audited & Approved 1/21/99
Mona Karpel
S. Ohanian
M. Ohanian
David Speers

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH
ACYOA JUNIORS 1998 TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of January 1, 1998	\$388.07
Income	
Poon Paregentan	\$360.00
Palm Sunday	\$166.00
Interest	<u>\$ 13.63</u>
	\$539.63
Total Starting Balance & Income	\$927.70
Disbursements	
Christmas Party (1997)	\$ 87.50
Hye Camp	\$200.00
Orphan Sponsorship	<u>\$184.00</u>
	\$471.50
Balance as of December 31, 1998	\$456.20

Respectfully submitted,

Elise Arpajian
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Mona Karoghlanian
Elise Arpajian
M. Arpajian

Note: The 1997 ending balance should have been \$388.07 since the Christmas expense was paid in January 1998.

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH
ACYOA SENIORS 1998 TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 1997 Ending Balance \$383.88

December 31, 1998 Ending Balance \$383.88

* Check number 170 in the amount of \$100 has been voided, causing the \$100 difference in the 12/31/97 ending balance.

Respectfully Submitted

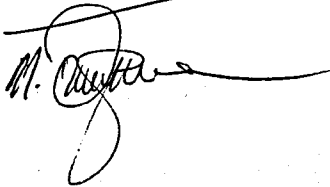


Cynthia R. Russell,
Treasurer

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Mona Karoqlanian

S. Trakian



**ST. GREGORY OF NAREG CHOIR
1998 TREASURER'S REPORT**

OPENING BALANCE Jan.01.1998		367.93
INCOME:		
Donations	50.00	
EXPENSES:		
Donation to Holy Trinity Church Booklet	100.00	
CLOSING BALANCE Dec.31.1998		317.93


Respectfully
Dn. Serop Demirjian

Audited & Approved
2/7/99
Mona Karohtama
Stratikian
A. M. M.

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK CHURCH SCHOOL
1998 Treasurer's Report

Balance as of December 31, 1997 \$213.07

Receipts:

Registration Fees	\$125.00	
Pasta Dinner Donation	\$135.00	
Misc. Income/Donations	\$187.49	
Bake Sale	<u>\$122.00</u>	
		<u>\$569.49</u>
		\$782.56

Disbursements:

Gifts/Supplies	\$614.80	
Lent Donation to Diocese	<u>\$ 37.49</u>	
		<u>\$652.29</u>

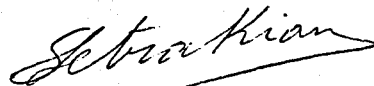
Balance as of December 31, 1998 \$130.27

Respectfully Submitted,

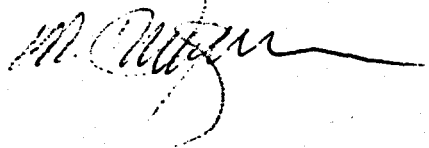


Leslie Bagdasarian
Treasurer

Audited and approved 2/7/99



Mona Karaplanian



ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH
LADIES AUXILIARY 1998 TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of January 1, 1998 **\$ 3,708.44**

Income

Rummage Sale	\$ 1,699.00
Dues	\$ 150.00
Interest	<u>\$ 59.14</u>
	\$ 1,908.14

Total Starting Balance & Income **\$ 5,616.58**

Disbursements

St. Gregory of Narek – 1997 Assessment	\$ 725.06
St. Gregory of Narek – Donation from Rummage	\$ 1,500.00
Women's Guild Central Council Dues	\$ 28.00
Women's Guild Central Council (CASP)	\$ 200.00
Church Women United	\$ 30.00
In Lieu of Flowers	\$ 60.00
Postage & Mailing	\$ 120.00
Easter Lilies	\$ 55.20
Rummage Sale Ad	\$ 30.05
Misc.	<u>\$ 60.51</u>
	\$ 2,808.82

Balance as of December 31, 1998 **\$ 2,807.76**

Bank Accounts

Checking	\$ 374.87
Savings	<u>\$ 2,432.89</u>
	\$ 2,807.76

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Mona Karaplanian

H. Prokian

M. Arslanian

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Arslanian

Grace Arslanian, Treasurer

ST.GREGORY OF NAREK SOCIAL CLUB
TREASURER'S REPORT 1998

STARTING BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 1998..... \$638.28

INCOME:

Dues..... \$348.00
Socials..... \$326.22
Total Income..... \$674.22

DISBURSEMENTS:

Socials..... \$120.71
Postage..... \$103.40
Church dues..... \$ 83.00
Bank service charges. ~~\$ 65.84~~
Total Disbursements.. \$372.95

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1998..... \$939.55

Cartha Ohanessian
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Treasurer
January 16, 1999

Audited & approved 1/24/99

Sevatrikian
Mona Karaplanian
M. Vazian

**St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church
Women's League Project
1998 Treasurer's Report**

BALANCE 1/1/98		\$ 50.00
 INCOME		
Centennial Celebration		\$5,761.00*
Ticket Sales	\$2,690.00	
Donations	445.00	
Auction Receipts	2,128.00	
Cash Bar	409.00	
Credit Card Account Deposit	<u>89.00</u>	
Total Income	<u>\$5,761.00</u>	

BALANCE \$5,811.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Bank Fees		87.80**
Centennial Celebration		\$3,165.83
Band	\$ 600.00	
Catering	\$1,978.00	
Misc. Exp.	499.12***	
Related Credit Card Charges	<u>88.71</u>	
Total Disbursements	<u>\$3,253.63</u>	

Balance 12/31/98 \$2,557.37

* \$894.93 deposited in 1999

** Bank began charging account in March.

*** Includes all expenses including copying, rentals, paper products

Respectfully submitted,

Almira Yoel Wagley
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Audited & approved 2/7/99

Stratton
and for Mona Karoghlanian
Murad Demirjian

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH 1998 DUES PAID MEMBERS

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|-----|----------------------|------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Robert Abdalian | 51. | Nouritza Ghazarian |
| 2. | Anahid Aghajanian | 52. | James Gideon |
| 3. | Alice Ahlegian | 53. | Florence Goekjian |
| 4. | Archie Andonian | 54. | Alice Hacherian |
| 5. | Silva Andonian | 55. | Eileen Hacherian |
| 6. | Anita Arpajian | 56. | Jack Hacherian |
| 7. | Haig Arpajian | 57. | Jack Hatchadorian |
| 8. | Armen Arslanian | 58. | Mae Hathadorian |
| 9. | Carol Arslanian | 59. | Matthew Hatchadorian |
| 10. | Cheryl Arslanian | 60. | Harry Kananian |
| 11. | Grace Arslanian | 61. | Helen Kanian |
| 12. | Henry Arslanian | 62. | Vahag Kanian |
| 13. | Jeannie Arslanian | 63. | Jennie Kapoudjian |
| 14. | Kathie Arslanian | 64. | Anna Karayan |
| 15. | Kevork Arslanian | 65. | Mona Karoghlanian |
| 16. | Mary Arslanian | 66. | Edward Kondrajian |
| 17. | Nat Arslanian | 67. | Jill Maksoudian |
| 18. | Paul Arslanian | 68. | Papken Maksoudian |
| 19. | Russell Arslanian | 69. | Harout Margossian |
| 20. | Sharon Arslanian | 70. | Marty Meketarian |
| 21. | Ted Arslanian | 71. | Lucine Mirakian |
| 22. | Vergin Arslanian | 72. | Samuel Mirakian |
| 23. | Vladimir Arutyunov | 73. | Sue Mirakian |
| 24. | Dina Aurslanian | 74. | James Nardell |
| 25. | Harry Aurslanian | 75. | Margie Nardell |
| 26. | Jeannette Aurslanian | 76. | Cartha Ohanessian |
| 27. | Meshac Aurslanian | 77. | Simon Ohanessian |
| 28. | Richard Aurslanian | 78. | Eric Ohanian |
| 29. | Sandra Aurslanian | 79. | Erica Paroff |
| 30. | ***Alex Bagdasarian | 80. | Alice Patena |
| 31. | Alice Bagdasarian | 81. | Kimberly Reese |
| 32. | Ara Bagdasarian | 82. | Lisa Richardson |
| 33. | Jay Bagdasarian | 83. | Cindy Russell |
| 34. | Leslie Bagdasarian | 84. | Todd Russell |
| 35. | Robert Bagdasarian | 85. | Edgar Ryan |
| 36. | Thelma Bagdasarian | 86. | Wanda Ryan |
| 37. | ***Osby Balderian | 87. | George Sakian |
| 38. | Helen Baltayan | 88. | Jean Sakian |
| 39. | John Borazanian | 89. | Sam Sarkissian |
| 40. | Zevart Borazanian | 90. | Nina Setrakian |
| 41. | Ralph Chakerian | 91. | Sebuh Setrakian |
| 42. | Edward Davidian | 92. | Gayk Stepanyan |
| 43. | Steven Davidian | 93. | Arek Torosian |
| 44. | Louise Demirjian | 94. | Sona Torosian |
| 45. | Murad Demirjian | 95. | Debra Venditti |
| 46. | Serop Demirjian | 96. | Mary Vosgerichian |
| 47. | Sona Elloian | 97. | Anushavan Yeranossian |
| 48. | Thomas Elloian | 98. | Naz Yessayan |
| 49. | Carol Ghazarian | 99. | Janet Yoel |
| 50. | Krikor Ghazarian | 100. | Elizabeth Zadnik |

*** Deceased