

SAINIS JOACHIM & ANNE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1986

After the Church Services

Following the Lunch

In the Church Hall

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*      Please bring this Report-Booklet with
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THANK YOU

PRAYERS OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH

Before a Meeting

Jesus, Wisdom of the Father,
Give me wisdom
To think and talk and do that which is good
Before you always;
From evil thoughts, words and deeds
Deliver me;
And have mercy upon your creatures
And upon me who am most sinful.

Nerses the Graceful

Joghovee Usguseleh Arach

Imasdootiun Hor Hisoos,
Door intz imasdootiun
Uzbaris khorhel yev khosel yev kordzel
Arachi ko hamenain jham;
Ee char khorhurtotz, ee banitz yev ee kordzotz
Purgia zis.
Yev voghormia ko araradzotz
Yev intz bazmameghis.

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ANNUAL MEETING PARISH ASSEMBLY

S.S. JOACHIM & ANNE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

AGENDA

FEBRUARY 9, 1986

1. Brunch immediately following church services
2. Meeting called to order
3. Opening prayer
4. Roll call and verification of quorum
5. Election of officers of the annual assembly
6. Appointment of Parliamentarian and Ballot Committee
7. Minutes of the last parish assembly
8. Annual reports: (Please read all the reports and minutes of the last assembly meeting prior to the meeting. They will not be read at the meeting in order to have a shorter and more constructive assembly.)
 - a. Parish Priest
 - b. Parish Council
 - c. Report from the Treasurer (including 1985 report and 1986 budget)
 - d. Women's Guild
 - e. Sunday School
 - f. Choir
 - g. ACYOA Srs.
 - h. ACYOA Jrs.
 - i. News Letter
 - j. Senior Citizens
9. Diocesan Assembly Delegates
10. Introduction of the candidates-by Nominating Committee
11. Positions available:
 - a. Parish Council: 5 members
 - b. Nominating Committee 1986: 4 members
 - c. Auditing Committee 1986: 3 members
12. Election for 1986
13. Welcome to new members
14. New business
15. Announcement of election's results
16. Prayer and adjournment of meeting

M I N U T E S
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
February 3, 1985

In accordance with the By-Laws, of the SS Joachim & Anne Armenian Apostolic Church of Palos Heights, Illinois, the Chairman of the Trustees, Mr. Dennis VanderMeer called the meeting to order at 1:45 p. m.

Roll call of members took place. 56 Members were present, comprising the required quorum.

Chairman called for nomination for the office of Chairman of the Meeting:

Van Giragosian - declined
Kachie Bogosian - declined
Gary Mazian - accepted

Nomination for the office of Secretary of the meeting:

Gladys Avakian - declined
Gloria Nigohosian - declined
Susan Boyajian - declined
Lorene Skinner - declined
Lottie Mikaelian - accepted

Mr. VanderMeer, as Trustee Chairman welcomed those in attendance, reviewed the year's activity for 1984 and gave some personal observations, i. e. tithing - cohesion - love and communication within the parish membership.

At this point, Mr. Gary Mazian took charge of the meeting and asked for reports from the sub-ordinating organizations:

Sunday School - Mrs. Alice Boyajian
Women's Guild - Mrs. Elizabeth Sahagian
Newsletter - Mrs. Lorene Skinner

Mr. Robert Auer asked for a round of applause for Lorene Skinner for an excellent job on the monthly newsletter. Lorene reported the Parish Christmas Card project earned \$792.00 for 1984.

Choir - Ms. Susan Boyajian
ACYOA Jr's. - Linda Mazian
ACYOA Sr's. - Kevin Giragosian

Mr. Mazian thanked all organizations, on behalf of the trustees for all their assistance and efforts in the past year resulting in another successful year.

Mrs. Lottie Mikaelian of the Auditing Committee reported all finances and records were found to be in good order.

Treasurer, Mr. Andrew Sahagian reviewed the 1984 Financial Statement and presented the 1985 Budget. Virginia Bogosian commended the treasurer

for a well written and detailed financial report. Trustees also extended their thanks.

Mr. Robert Auer moved to approve the 1985 Budget. Seconded by Mr. VanderMeer. Motion carried.

Mr. Kegham Giragosian expressed grateful thanks, on behalf of the Trustees, to Mr. VanderMeer for all his efforts and leadership as Board Chairman.

Mr. Giragosian was called upon to give a report on the Clergy Acquisition Program. He stated a general mailing including a pledge card was mailed to all parishoners, and that a committee was formed to contact those who had not responded. At a general meeting of parishoners earlier, it was decided approximately \$40,000.00 to ~~\$50,000.00~~ would be necessary to cover the yearly cost of maintaining a priest. *Agm*

Pledges to date, totaled \$30,948.00. At this point, Mr. Karnig Boyajian questioned Mr. Giragosian, as to whether church members understood this pledge would not be a one time contribution, since this would be a dangerous understanding because, as costs go up, the pledges would need to be adjusted accordingly. As well as, their pledges should be cast in stone, so to speak.

Mr. Giragosian answered that he made it plain to all contacted by phone and those present, that the pledges would not necessarily be a one time commitment, rather would depend on the actual clergy acquisition, and the church's financial picture on a year to year basis. Mr. Giragosian expressed grateful thanks to all who thus far pledged monies for this most important program, which we all hope will increase church attendance and aid in co-ordinating all committees and programs.

Mr. Sahagian, Treasurer, requested time on the floor to discuss Student Dues. He explained that since the Diocesan Dues were calculated on the number of paying members at a specified dollar amount, the Student Dues of \$20.00 per year were too low. After general discussion, Mr. VanderMeer moved to increase student dues to \$50.00 per year. A second by Mrs. Elizabeth Sahagian. Motion carried.

Chairman called on Mr. Karnig Boyajian to present the Building Committee Report. Mr. Boyajian reported there was a deficit of \$50,000.00 to cover unfinished work. Mr. Sarkis Boyajian moved to approve the Building Committee Report. A second by Mr. Auer. Motion carried.

Mr. Kachie Bogosian mentioned that the committee should disband itself after it feels it has accomplished and completed the work. Discussion followed.

Mr. Kegham Giragosian moved that the following items on the list of unfinished work be completed by the building committee as mandated by the parish members and then disband.

Entrance and Exit Signs
Custom Tapes for Bell
Donors Plaque
Lettering on Altar Facade
Grounding of Cupula

There was no second and no action taken.

Dr. Meguerian moved the Building Committee work be considered completed without the above five items listed and the committee disband. The balance of uncompleted work be handled by the trustees. Mr. Giragosian seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Mardy Semerdjian asked for a rousing applause for the fine work, long hours and effort of the committee.

Mr. Mazian called on the Chairman of the Nominating Committee to present the slate of candidates for the office of Trustee for the year 1985.

The following slate of candidates was presented:

Charles Terzian - Kachie Bogosian - Ken Tarzoff - Moore Fundukian
Gary Mazian - Paul Simonian - Craig Enokian - Gregory Hakalmazian

There being no further nominations from the floor, Mr. Kegham Giragosian moved nominations be closed. A second by Mr. Robert Auer. Motion carried.

Election by secret ballot took place. Votes were counted as follows:

Charles Terzian - 42 -
Kachie Bogosian - 32 -
Ken Tarzoff - 38 -
Moore Fundukian - 6
Gary Mazian - 46 -
Paul Simonian - 22
Craig Enokian - 1
Gregory Hakalmazian - 9

Nominating Committee presented the following slate of candidates for service on the Nominating Committee for the ensuing year: (4 required)

Irene Merijohn - Dennis VanderMeer - Edma Doumanian -
Lottie Mikaelian - Martha Auer - Virginia Bogosian and
Peggy Belcher

Election by secret ballot took place. Votes were counted as follows:

- continued -

Irene Merijohn - 40
Dennis VanderMeer - 33
Edma Doumanian - 29
Lottie Mikaelian - 28
Martha Auer - 21
Virginia Bogosian - 26
Peggy Belcher - 15

Nominating Committee presented the following slate of candidates for service on the Auditing Committee: (3 individuals required)

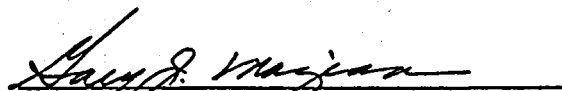
Denise Avakian - Martin Randall - Charles Gederian and
Gregory Hakalmazian

Election by secret ballot took place - Votes were counted as follows:

Charles Gederian - 45
Gregory Hakalmazian - 17
Denise Avakian - 46
Martin Randall - 33

There being no further business to come before the meeting at this time,
Mr. Robert Auer moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Harry Mazian.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 5:00 p. m.


Lottie Mikaelian, Secretary


Gary Mazian, Meeting Chairman

PASTORAL REPORT
1985

Dear Parishioners:

As the pastor of the Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Apostolic church, I welcome you all to our annual parish assembly. I wish you a successful, constructive, and peaceful meeting.

This is my first annual report. In fact, this report reflects five months of my ministry (August to December). Without going into much detail, I will share with you some basic concern areas of my ministry.

I would like to give thanks to God, who has blessed us richly and made the year; 1985, fruitful, constructive, and meaningful.

1-SUNDAY WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS

Sunday is God's special day when faithfuls come together to worship Him, in Christ. Thank God, every Sunday we are enjoying God's blessings during the Divine Liturgy. My desire for you was also to internalize the inspiring experience of His presence, in a more special way.

Every Sunday, I have delivered two sermons, in Armenian and in English, developing the same topic through entirely different approaches. I am very pleased of your appreciative attitude in sharing with me my sermons.

It gives me great pleasure to have the entire Sunday School in attendance during my English sermon. This gives me the opportunity to relate my faith, knowledge, experience and my fellowship with them and to create in them the precious love of God and working trust in Him.

I have always started the Divine Liturgy exactly at 10:00 am on every Sunday. It is my wish that you all can come together at the right time, and bring with you the whole family.

I am most happy that a good group is serving on the altar regularly and conscientiously. They are the following:

Nazar Halajian
Norayr Madanyan
Daniel Hairabedian
Shunt Madanyan

Also, several Sunday school boys, who are holding the candles and the cross during the Divine Liturgy.

Also, special thanks to the choir members who are attending the Sunday church services and praising the Lord with their beautiful voices under the direction of Susan Boyajian and Martha Auer as organist.

2-SACRAMENTS AND FUNERAL SERVICES

During 1985(August-December), we had:

3 baptisms
5 funerals

I am looking forward to having more weddings and baptisms.

3-PARISH COUNCIL

Once every three weeks, I presided over the parish council meetings. We have had constructive and pleasant meetings under the chairmanship of Kegham Giragosian.

It was the parish council's aim to meet the many needs of the parish. Our co-operation in every matter of the church was fruitful, and the meetings always ended with smiling faces and prayer.

It is my wish to see that many respectable members of our church, men and women, come forward to serve as parish council members for the glory of God and the growth of our community.

I would like to comment on each and everyone of the parish council members who in time served, sacrificed, and met individually as a group to fill the needs of the parish as a whole.

4-WOMEN'S GUILD

With pleasure, I have also presided over the monthly meetings of our Women's Guild. I have always shared my pastoral guidance whenever needed and participated in their activities and programs.

I would like to comment the hard-working ladies of our parish under the chairmanship of Elizabeth Sahagian, a lady with whose yearly calendar was full of successful programs together with the executive body members sacrificing their comfort, time, and money to help our parish become financially and socially strong.

I would encourage the ladies of our parish to join the Women's Guild and serve the community's needs.

5-ACYOA SRS.

Our ACYOA is an important part of the parish. I have presided over their meetings and shared my pastoral fellowship and spiritual leadership.

The chairlady, Gail Giragosian, is doing her best for the group together with the executive body.

I would like to thank the ACYOA Srs. for the welcoming dinner that they gave for me and my family members.

I believe we have a beautiful group, and in the long run, we'll see them participating in many areas of our parish life.

I would like to encourage all our youth to join the ACYOA Srs. and be a part of a growing youth group.

6-ACYOA JRS.

I am enjoying the fellowship of our ACYOA Jrs. Shunt Madanyan, chairman, and Anna Giragosian, advisor, along with me are enjoying many fun-filled and Christian based activities. It is my wish to see that those who are between the ages of 13 and 17 come and join us.

I would like to also thank the Juniors who helped the Seniors in preparing the Monte dinner given in my honor.

7-SUNDAY SCHOOL

As in the past, this year too, the Sunday School did a wonderful service for our children. The superintendent, Alice Boyajian, and all the teachers are commendable. I have kept a close fellowship with the staff and have given my pastoral guidance during their meetings.

Upon my desire, the whole Sunday School, together with the teachers, come to the church and share with me my English sermon. Also, they regularly receive the Holy Communion.

I am very pleased for the pleasant co-operation of the Sunday School with me and wish them God's continuous guidance and blessings.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them for to such belong the Kingdom of Heaven." It is a privilege and honor to serve in Sunday School and lead the pupils to Jesus.

8-News Letter

As the editor of our church news letter, I am receiving the precious help of Laureen Skinner, co-editor, and Sona Diorio, proof-reader.

For many years before I came, these two ladies, with the help of the reporters, have done a great job putting the news letter together.

You can direct all the criticisms concerning the news letter to me, and you can direct all the comments to them, as they are my co-workers.

9-VISITATIONS TO HOMES AND HOSPITALS

During the last five months, I have visited many parishioners. In addition, I paid visits to hospitals and nursing homes.

It is very important to keep me informed concerning the sick members of the parish and the elders who cannot attend the church services. It is my pleasure to visit you and share my fellowship with you.

10-BIBLE STUDIES

I have given great importance to the Bible studies during my ministry because it is one major way to secure our Christian knowledge, experience and fellowship. I have had and still continuing the English Bible study on Tuesday nights at 7:30 pm. For those who are participating, we are having enlightening and inspiring sessions. I am conducting the Bible studies within a friendly atmosphere. No homework! No pressure! We feel as we are at home discussing with our family members. I believe this fellowship is very important for the spiritual growth of the whole parish, because its objective is to know more about God the Father in the glorious person of His son Jesus, through the working power of the Holy Spirit.

11-ARMENIAN SCHOOL

I am happy to say that we have two Armenian schools. One in Munster, Indiana with 5 students, and one in Dolton, Illinois with 6 students.

It gives me great pleasure in seeing that our youngsters are learning to read and write and speak in Armenian. They are also learning the prayers, sharagans, and songs of our Armenian church.

INTRODUCTION

The Parish Council met 13 times in 1985, to plan, organize and oversee the numerous projects and activities for the year. Presented later in this report are the major accomplishments of the year.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

President:	Rev. Fr. Krikor Hairabedian
Chairman:	Kegham Giragosian
Vice Chairman:	Charles Terzian
Secretary:	Margaret Lave
Treasurer:	Andrew Sahagian
Asst. Treasurer:	Arman Simonian
	Kachie Bogosian
	Raffi Hovanessian
	Gary Mazian
	Kenneth Tarazoff

PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. At the February 1985 parish assemble meeting, after a report was submitted that enough pledges were secured, the members voted to secure a full time pastor. Upon notifying his eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, our Primate, of our decision, he appointed the Reverend Father Krikor Hairabedian to our parish. Your parish council met with Father Hairabedian and after considerable discussion voted unanimously to approve his appointment. Thus, as of August 1, 1985, S.S. Joachim & Anne Armenian Apostolic Church of Palos Heights had at long last achieved a truly cherished dream. It had secured the services of it's first full time pastor. This action was one of the most notable accomplishments in the short history of our church.
2. Participation in the planning and the augmentation of the commemoration of Armenian Martyrs Day in cooperation with our sister churches, St. Gregory and St James and six other organizations. The commemoration ceremony was held on April 24, 1985 at the Daley Civic Center in downtown Chicago with the cooperation and support of the City of Chicago. Among the many noteables on the speakers platform was Mayor Harold Washington whose kind words regarding the Armenian Community were very heart warming. In attendance were close to 1,000 people.
3. A personal loan of \$15,000.00 made to our church in 1984 was paid off in full.
4. Certain items of construction of our new church were completed, such as: 1. The installation of our lighted identity sign; 2. Flood lites for the church facade; 3. Installation of the balance of

- of stained glass windows; 4. The commissioning of artist Mark Akgulian to paint in oil the religious pictures for our two side altars and our candle alcove.
5. A number of new members were added to our church roster bringing our total membership to 113.
 6. A full time maintenance man was hired whose responsibilities will include weekly cleaning of our facilities and care of the side-walks in the winter.
 7. A highly successful semi-formal dinner dance was held at Ridge Country Club in May of 1985. It's theme was "Puttin' On The Ritz" and everybody in attendance did just that. It was so successful that we plan to make it an annual affair.
 8. Our first annual golf outing was held at Westgate Golf Club. It was so well received that we plan to also make it an annual doing.
 9. Our annual picnic was held in August of 1985. Although it rained most of the day, it turned out to be the most profitable and successful picnic to date thanks to the untiring efforts of our members and friends.
 10. Our 2nd Annual Anniversary Dinner celebrating the consecration of our new church was held in November, 1985. During the program we honored Father Haik Donikian of St. John's Church in Detroit, Michigan, and Father Vahram Hazarian of St. Gregory's Armenian Church in Chicago for their years of devoted service to our parish.

There were many other accomplishments during 1985 too numerous to report. Needless to say, our parish is now physically complete making it the most dynamic, enthusiastic and energetic parish in the entire midwest. We are all proud of our achievements. However, the responsibility of maintaining what we have created is as large a responsibility as it's original creation. Not only must we work hard at improving what we have, we must remember that the physical aspects of our church are meaningless unless the spiritual involvement is present. What we have created is a House of God, a place for us to come together to pray. What we must remember is that God must be in our hearts always. Without this faith, our church is incomplete.

Your parish council thanks you for your cooperation and faith in it's decisions. We wish you many many years of continued health and prosperity through our church and through the prayers of our own Reverend Father Krikor Hairabedian.

Kegham Giragosian
Chairman- Parish Council

Margaret Lave
Secretary

SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE ARMENIAN CHURCH

1986 BUDGET

	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>1984</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>1985</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>1985</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>1986</u>
REVENUES				
Priestly Pledge			25700	31000
Parish Dues	10895	13500	8204	13500
Plate Collections, Candles	3279	4000	5087	5500
Sacraments, Ceremonies	1270	1000	1240	1000
In lieu of Flowers	350	400	8782	1000
Christmas Offering	285	700	682	700
Easter Offering	885	900	1230	1000
Baptist Church Payments	8355	8350	8352	8350
Organization Contributions				
A.C.Y.O.A. Srs	--	7000	6000	1000
Sunday School	500	500	--	--
Women's Guild	8900	9000	2000	20000 *
A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs				1000
Affairs				
Annual Picnic	8078	8000	8985	9000
Anniversary Dinner	211	500	328	300
Misc. Luncheons	173	250	--	--
Dinner Dance	--	2500	5141	3000
Miscellaneous	--	500	--	--
Close Out of Building Fund			2595	--
Bank Interest	281	300	779	800
Donations- Other				
Lieu of Christmas Cards.	1512	750	721	750
Miscellaneous	192	200	2087	500
Miscellaneous	429	1000	468	500
	<u>45595</u>	<u>59350</u>	<u>88381</u>	<u>98900</u>
Loan Taken	15000		--	--
Advance Repayment A.C.Y.O.A.	<u>1000</u>		<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
	<u>61595</u>	<u>59350</u>	<u>88381</u>	<u>98900</u>

* 10,000 1985 contribution
10,000 1986 estimate
 20,000

SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE ARMENIAN CHURCH

1986 BUDGET

	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>1984</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>1985</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>1985</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>1986</u>
<u>Expenses</u>				
Clergy				
Stipends	2,175	2,500	10,200	23,000
Housing, Car Expenses			4,720	12,000
Moving Costs			2,375	-
Travel	1,511	1,600	844	-
Clergy Home Parish	2,730	2,900	1,250	-
Diocesan Dues	5,652	6,200	5,598	6,800
Utilities				
Gas	2,221	2,400	2,020	3,500
Electric	4,567	4,900	4,531	6,000
Water	371	400	302	400
Telephone	404	400	684	900
Mortgage	8,419	8,400	8,422	8,400
Repairs & Maintenance	2,486	7,000	5,600	6,000
Insurance	2,927	1,300	1,281	1,300
Supplies-Church, Office	1,598	2,000	1,410	2,000
Postage	552	600	600	1,000
Newsletter	584	600	532	800
Delegate Costs	2,503	2,500	1,267	1,000
Donations	786	900	332	900
Refreshments after Church	98	150	63	100
Miscellaneous	970	4,000	2,059	3,000
St. Nercess Seminary	-	600	525	-
Interest on Loan	-	1,800	1,800	-
Office Equipment	-	-	-	2,500
	<u>40,554</u>	<u>51,150</u>	<u>56,415</u>	<u>79,600</u>
Loan Payable (June)	-	15,000	15,000	-
Bldg. Fund Purch. & Trans.	8,840	-	13,442	3,500
	<u>49,394</u>	<u>66,150</u>	<u>84,857</u>	<u>83,100</u>

S. S. JOACHIM AND ANNE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

1985 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BALANCE SHEET

Cash on Hand - December 31, 1984.....	\$ 12,392
Total Revenues	<u>88,381</u>
Total	\$100,773
Total Disbursements	<u>84,857</u>
 TOTAL BALANCE ON HAND - 12-31-85	 <u><u>\$ 15,916</u></u>

NOTES: 1) There is also a CD in the name of S.S.Joachim and Anne at Palos Bank & Trust, valued at \$1,578 that matures June, 1989.

2) Balance on Hand consists of:

a) Operating Funds	4,186
b) Priestly Fund	<u>11,730</u>
	<u><u>15,916</u></u>

SS JOACHIM & ANNE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT ENDING DEC. 31, 1985

List Of Officers: Elizabeth Sahaian---Chairlady
Peggy Belcher-----Vice Chairlady
Marge Lave-----Treasurer
Lottie Mikaelian-----Recording Secretary
Alice Boyajian-----Corresponding Secretary

Paid membership for 1985 again numbered 16.

The year in review is highlighted as follows:

On January 6, the Feast of the Nativity was celebrated thru Soorp Badarak followed by a brunch.

In February we suffered the sad loss of a respected member of our community, Bob Lave, husband of Marge. The Guild Prepared a hokeejash for the grieving family and friends which set a precedent for subsequent requests from bereaved families.

In March we participated in the Women's Saints Day celebration hosted by our Sister Church of St. James in Evanston during which the Primate officiated.

In March also on the median day of Lent, a Lenten dinner was shared in our Parish, followed by services led by Father Hazarian.

In April three successful events were offered: an Easter bake sale (a first annual event), a fashion show entitled "Looking in Grandma's Trunk" chaired by Peggy Belcher and our annual rummage sale.

In May during the Diocesan Assembly held in Bayside, New York, hosted by Holy Martyrs, I was elected to the Ad Hoc Committee to establish a Women's Central Council for the Eastern Diocese. My duty is serving as chairlady of the Nominating Committee.

Our first annual dinner-dance was successfully held on May 11 and was a joint venture of the Parish Council and the Guild.

In June we hosted a "Salute to the Graduates" dinner and Program.

In July our baking preparations were begun for the picnic.

In August we prepared and donated a lasagna dinner for Hye Camp.

In October our baking preparations were begun for another two-day bazaar successfully held in November. Also in November the Guild prepared a delicious anniversary dinner.

Through the year, refreshments were served following Soorp Badarak. This social fellowship has proven very welcome. I would like to extend my thanks to all who requested hosting the refreshments following hokeehankist services for their loved ones.

Although the Guild initiates preparations for our Parish functions nothing could be accomplished successfully without the help of non-members, Senior Citizens and both ACYOR groups so a big THANK YOU is sincerely given to all.

The most important highlight of 1985 was gaining our own spiritual leader. A hearty welcome to Father Hairabedian, his lovely Yeretzin, Sarah, and their family.

This coming year is certain to bring our Church Family spiritually closer through worshipping together and through sharing the many activities and programs being planned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sahagian

SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE ARMENIAN CHURCH
WOMEN'S GUILD TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1984		\$ 143.21
 <u>INCOME</u>		
BAZAAR PROCEEDS (NET)	9,950.00	
RUMMAGE SALE (NET)	762.34	
EASTER BAKE SALE (NET)	729.59	
DONATIONS (FROM FUNERAL LUNCHEONS)	1,139.65	
DUES	50.00	
MISC.	<u>103.00</u>	12,734.58
 <u>EXPENSE</u>		
TRANSFERRED TO TRUSTEES IN 1985	2,000.00	
GIFT TO CLERGY	180.00	
DIOCESAN DELEGATE EXPENSE	250.00	
ACYOA SENIORS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT - ADVANCE	302.65	
DINNER DONATION TO HYE CAMP	81.73	
MISC. EXPENSE - (COFFEE, PAPER GOODS, POSTAGE, CLEANING SUPPLIES, ETC.)	<u>273.70</u>	<u>3,088.08</u>
 BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1985		 \$ 9,789.71

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUPERINTENDENT.....ALICE BOYAJIAN

PROGRAM DIRECTOR.....JUNE RANDALL

TREASURER.....SUE SEMERDJIAN

TEACHERS: JILL BOYAJIAN
ISABELLE GEDERIAN
JUNE RANDALL
SUE SEMERDJIAN
DENNIS VANDERMEER

MUSIC: GEN SEMERDJIAN

ACTIVITIES: SPLASH PARTY FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN
HALLOWEEN PARTY

SPECIAL PROGRAM: CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND DINNER.

NET CASH BALANCE \$1,000.00
TRANSFER TO PARISH COUNCIL \$500.00.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL IS SMALL IN NUMBER THIS YEAR, BUT FOR THOSE WHO ATTENDED OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM CAN ATTEST THAT WE ARE SMALL IN NUMBER BUT GREAT IN QUALITY. WE HAVE A WONDERFUL GROUP OF CHILDREN WHO WORK WELL TOGETHER AND FEEL A GREAT SENSE OF BELONGING. WE WELCOME ANY OTHER CHILD NOT ALREADY PART OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TO JOIN US.

ALICE BOYAJIAN

DELEGATE REPORT

The 83rd Diocesan Assembly took place on May 2, 3, and 4 of 1985 at the Armenian Church of Holy Martyr's, Bayside, NY.

For a second time in a row Dennis Papanian and Raffi Hovanessian were elected chairman and vice chairman as Permanent Officers of the assembly.

Elections were very hotly contested this time-especially for clergy representatives on the Diocesan Council. Five ballots were needed to elect four representatives. The 1986 Nominating Committee was located in the Midwest and I was elected to chair that important committee.

It was difficult for the delegates to comprehend the reports of the different organizations since accurate statistics were not available. It was decided that in the future Sunday School students, teachers; ACYOA, and other reports-accurate number statistics will be supplied. Also, Father Dajad Davidian requested that comparative statistics would be of more help.

A proposal by the Parish of St. Gregory the Illuminator church of Chicago was passed allocating \$1000-one thousand dollars for Hye Camp Summer Project in Wisconsin.

The highly controversial issue of the "High Rise" project was again discussed at length. This is the project to build a high rise building on the grounds of St. Vartan Cathedral.

It is obvious that Board of Trustees are opposed to the project completely even to a feasibility study. The assembly simply voted to allow the high rise committee to continue its investigating and feasibility and report to the next Diocesan Assembly.

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The important subject of the unity committee report was short since there had been no real progress.

The prepared budget for 1986 was approved with minor changes-this year's expenditures are $\frac{\$1,905,500.00}{\$1,905,500.00}$

Diocesan Delegate

R.A. Hovanessian

1985 CHOIR REPORT

Choir Director: Susan A. Boyajian
Organist: Martha Auer
Substitute Director: Violet Bargamian
Number of Members: 15
Choir Rehearsals: 7:30pm, First Wednesday of every month.
Treasury: None

Choir plate collections-being held for choir by Parish Council

1. Easter-\$300.00
2. Christmas-\$200.00

One half of choir plate collection is sent to the AACCA(Ass. of Armenian Church Choirs of America) to aid the Ass. in performing its many benefits for the choirs of our Diocese.

This past year has been a prosperous one for us. We have gained a leader and a friend, Der Krikor. Our choir has grown by 50% with many new choir members of whom we are thankful. We have learned new litanies and sharagans for major feast days. A few members participated in the Martyr's Day program on April 24, 1985 at the Civic Center along with choir members from our sister churches.

Susan, choir director, attended the AACCA Assembly, as delegate, on Nov. 8-10, in Houston, Texas. That was possible with the financial support of the Parish Council which was gratefully appreciated.

Our prospective future holds much for our choir such as:

1. A growing choir including junior members
2. Learning a variety of additional and appropriate litanies and sharagans
3. Continued support for the AACCA
4. Attendance of choir workshop and assembly at St. Gregory's in Chicago during the Fall of '86.
5. To establish a bank account in the name of Sts. Joachim and Anne Church Choir
6. To establish an executive body

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Boyajian, choir director

SS JOACHIM AND ANNE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

1985 SENIOR ACYOA ANNUAL REPORT

February 1985

Senior and Junior ACYOA sponsored annual Square Dance. 75 people attended this event which was held at the Church.

March 31, 1985

Palm Sunday Brunch to celebrate ACYOA Day. The brunch was served by some fathers of the parish. A short program followed which explained the meaning of the ACYOA.

April 24, 1985

The Armenian Martyr's Day Commemoration held at Daley Center in Chicago. Many of the members participated at this historical event.

June 1985

The annual elections were held and the officers voted in to office for 1985-86, were: Gail Giragosian, Chairperson; Tamara Lave, Vice-Chairperson; Brian Nigohosian, Treasurer; Susan Sahagian, Recording Secretary; Kevin Giragosian, Corresponding Secretary.

The weekend of the 28-30, marked the dates of the first Midwest Regional Volleyball Tournament. Palos initiated the event and hosted it. The games were played at Shepard High School and the social affairs at the Giragosian's and the Cultural Hall. It was an enjoyable weekend with seven competitive teams represented. They were Detroit ACYOA, Evanston ACYOA, Racine ACYOA, Chicago ACYOA, Loyola Alumni, Chicago AGBU, and Palos ACYOA. Detroit took the championship trophy and Palos took second place.

August 28 - September 2, 1985

The Senior ACYOA of SS Joachim and Anne participated at the General Assembly and National Sports Weekend held in Worcester, Massachusetts. Eight members represented Palos.

October 27, 1985

Monte Dinner to welcome Der Hayr and his family to our community. We had about 150 parishioners and guests. This dinner was co-sponsored by the Senior and Junior ACYOA's.

November 30, 1985

Midwest Regional Conference in Detroit, Michigan. The Archbishop Torkom Manoogian sat over the meeting which was attended by most of the Midwest Regional ACYOA Chairpersons and/or representatives. That evening was the annual November Dance at St. John's Ballroom where several hundred Armenian youths gather. Among them were several Palos ACYOA members.

January 10, 1986

Progressive Dinner with about 20 members and guests. The homes hosting the courses were: Giragosian's, Hairabedian's, Boyajian's, and Nigohosian's. Delicious!!

January 16, 1986

Daniel Hairabedian's talk on "The Big Deal About Jesus Christ". After the discussion refreshments were served to the 28 people who attended.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gail Giragosian
ACYOA Senior Chairperson
Palos Heights, IL

S.S. JOACHIM & ANNE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

1985 Annual report ACYOA Juniors

Chairperson	Shunt Madanyan
Vice Chairperson	Jennifer Winterheimer
Secretary - Recording	Amy Vander Meer
	Jason Vander Meer
Secretary -Corresponding	Jennifer Clausen
	Elona Simonian
Treasurer	Tommy Williams
	Dominick Diorio
Sergeant at arms	Onig Madanyan

Carolyn Avedumian
Sebouh Arakelian
Bradley Bargamian
Kevin Bargamian
Ruth Hairabedian

Advisors
Rev. Fr. Krikor Hairabedian
Anna Giragosian

February 16, 1985 Square Dance was held in our church hall. We had about 75 people turn out for an evening of fun.

April 7, 1985 Easter Sunday - We had colored and sold hard boiled eggs in the Armenian traditional fashion for the egg contest. Hav geet a hagh

May 1985 Started our in house ping pong tournament. Juniors only.

August 4, 1985 Helped with the parish picnic.

August 10 -17 Many of our members attended HYE CAMP as campers.

September 8, 1985 Organized a hike, swim and cook out party.

October 25, 1985 Ran the games for the Sunday School Halloween Party and provided the Magic Show and entertainment.

October 27, 1985 Jointly with the Seniors made and gave a Manti Dinner welcoming our new parish priest and his family - Fr. K. Hairabedian & family.

November 1,2,3 Participated in a week-end retreat at the Vander-Meer's home.

Noverber 9 & 10 Helped with the parish Bazaar.

November 24, 1985 We were responsible for serving the food at our 2nd anniversary dinner for the consecration of our church in a very professional manner.

1985 A.C.Y.O.A. TREASURERS REPORT

1985 Starting Balance \$2054.00

Income

\$436.00	A.C.Y.O.A. Day Brunch
\$285.00	Monty
\$ 95.00	Interest on A.C.Y.O.A. account
\$224.00	Closeout of Sports Weekend Account
\$100.00	Dues
\$145.00	Miscellaneous

1,385

Expenses

\$650.00	Pledge to S.S. Joachim & Anne
\$100.00	Yearbook subscription (1985 S.W.)
\$150.00	St. James A.C.Y.O.A. (B-Ball Tourney)
\$510.00	Volleyball Tournament
\$ 61.00	Dues (1985)

1,771

1986 Starting Balance \$1868.00

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December 21, 1985 Went caroling to nine location after which we
 had a pizza party.

Our most important role in our church is to attend Sunday School so
that we may learn the way of our Lord. To serve on the altar and
assist all the other organization in any way we can.

Balance on hand January 1985		\$272.63
<u>income</u>		
caroling '84 & '85	\$ 30.00	
cards & ornaments	16.35	
dues '84 & '85	57.00	
square dance	369.00	
Manti dinner	285.37	
Interest '85	49.76	
egg contest Easter	25.00	
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<u>Expenses</u>		
Ping pong equipment	\$21.31	
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Balance on hand January 1986		\$1083.80

Tommy Williams
ACYOA Juniors - treasurer

1985 NEWSLETTER EXPENSE REPORT

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>PRINTING</u>	<u>LABELS</u>	<u>POSTAGE</u>	<u>MISC. SUPPLIES, ETC.</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSE</u>
Dec./Jan. on 84					
Feb.	71.70	4.50	14.77 / 284		90.97
March/April	75.63	3.06	69.00		147.69
May	71.70	3.06	16.68	2.40	93.84
June	71.70	3.06	62.70		137.46
July	_____	_____	_____		_____
Aug.	_____	_____	_____		_____
Sept.	74.83	3.06	17.22 / 287	1.00	96.11
Oct.	74.83	3.06	61.90		139.79
Nov.	65.00	3.06	17.20		85.26
Dec./Jan Calendar	72.42 26.55	3.06	63.80		
Christmas Schedule Bulletin & Parish Greeting Card	10.87				176.70
				25.00 est.	25.00
<u>1985 TOTALS</u>	<u>\$ 615.23</u>	<u>\$ 25.92</u>	<u>\$ 323.27</u>	<u>\$ 28.40</u>	<u>\$ 992.82</u>
<u>1984 TOTALS</u>	<u>575.08</u>	<u>30.04</u>	<u>379.31</u>	<u>28.51</u>	<u>\$1012.94</u>

PARISH GREETING CARD

Parish Greeting Card Donations \$726.00 Forty-Three Individual & Families Participating - 1985 .

GROWTH RECORD

First Newsletter Edition 1980 Mailing List - 225, 1984 - 284, 1985 296 .

GOALS

Since the arrival of our Parish Priest, in July, Rev. Krikor Hairabedian & Family the growth potential of the Newsletter has almost doubled. We are moving along to that growth. Expect to see more content, a changing format, Armenian Letters for our Armenian readers, and the obvious direction of our inspired Editor, Rev. Hairabedian.

Thank you to the organizational sponsors for their increasing contributions, to the Trustees for their support, and to our readers for their sharpness in correcting the errors and the love they express in their encouragement.

With our growth our goal is to get more help in production; hands to fold and staple, sort for mailing. Thank you to my assistant, Sona Diorio; her suggestions, and staff responsibilities of Proof Reader & Circulation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorene Skinner
Co-Editor

SENIOR CITIZENS

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month to enjoy lunch and an afternoon of social activities.

Our ladies share their talents by helping the Women's Guild baking in preparation for our bazaar and picnic.

This past few months we are happy to have our own Treasurer, our able Roxie Samarjian who will be in charge of monies collected for lunch. Up to now all income was turned over to the Women's Guild.

After only two months we are happy to report our balance is \$156.00. We are happy to give the sum of \$100.00 to the Parish Council.

Alice Boyajian