

SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 1988

After Church Services  
Following Lunch  
In the Church Hall

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\* NOTE: \*  
\* Please bring this Report-Booklet with \*  
\* you after reading its contents carefully. \*  
\* THANK YOU. \*  
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# PRAYERS OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH

## Before a Meeting

O Jesus, wisdom of the Father,  
grant me wisdom, that I may al-  
ways think, speak, and do that  
which is good in Thy sight; save  
me from evil thoughts, words, and  
deeds. Have mercy upon Thy  
creatures and upon me, a manifold  
sinner.

## 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.

Խմանաւ թիւն Հօր Յիսուս, սուր ինձ  
խմանաւ թիւն, դբարիս խորհիլ և խօ-  
սիլ և գործել առաջի քո յամենայն  
ժամ. 'ի չար խորհրդոց, 'ի բանից և 'ի  
գործոց փրկես զիս.  
Եւ սղորմես քո արարածոց և ինձ  
բարեմակցիս .

## ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

### NOTICE

The regular annual Parish Assembly meeting will take place on Sunday, January 31, 1988, following church services and a complimentary (pot-luck) lunch.

You are urged to attend and participate actively in this very important meeting. This is your chance to comment on the activities of the Parish Council and of the other church organizations and elect new members to the Parish Council. Please, read the enclosed reports before coming to the meeting.

Although all parishioners are urged to attend, according to the Church by-laws, only those parishioners who have paid their 1987 dues can vote. If you have not yet paid your dues, you can still pay them on or before January 31, 1988 and vote.

Yours respectfully,

*Rev. Krikor Hairabedian*

Rev. Krikor Hairabedian, President

*Garbis H. Meguerian*

Garbis H. Meguerian, Chairman

Enclosures:  
Agenda  
Reports  
Financial Statement

S.S. JOACHIM & ANNE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

JANUARY 31, 1988

AGENDA

1. Lunch following church services
2. Opening prayer
3. Roll call and verification of quorum
4. Election of officers of the Assembly Meeting
5. Appointment of parliamentarian and Ballot Committee
6. Discussion of annual reports:
  - a. Parish priest
  - b. Parish Council
  - c. Treasurer's and auditor's
  - d. Women's Guild
  - e. Sunday School
  - f. Choir
  - g. ACYOA Srs.
  - h. ACYOA Jrs.
  - i. Newsletter
  - j. Senior Citizens
7. Report of the Diocesan Assembly delegate
8. Introduction of candidates by the Nominating Committee for the following positions:
  - a. Parish Council: 5 members
  - B. Nominating Committee, 1988: 3 or 4 members
  - C. Auditing Committee, 1988: 3 members
9. Elections
10. New business
11. Announcement of election results
12. Prayer and adjournment

Annual Parish Assembly

Sunday, Feb. 8, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Garbis Meguerian. The roll call was read, 55 members being present quorum was established.

The following members were elected officers of the Assembly:

Dr. Heratch Doumanian - Chairman  
Sonya Doumanian - Secretary  
Dr. Raffy Hovanessian - Parliamentarian

The ballot committee consisted of :

Mr. Robert Auer  
Mrs. R. Auer  
Mr. Gary Mazian

In order to expedite matters, the annual reports of the different committees were mailed to all the members, in a booklet form, prior to the meeting.

The election agenda was changed with 2/3ds majority vote. The chairman then started with the nomination procedure.

A. The following were elected on the Parish Council:

Van Giragossian by 44 votes  
Robert Alcocer by 52 votes  
Karneg Boyajian by 45 votes  
Susan Boyajian by 47 votes

B.

DR. Raffy Hovanessian was elected delegate by 35 votes  
Mr. Kegham Giragossian was elected alternate delegate by 19 votes.

C. The following were elected as auditing committee:

Marty Randall by 33 votes  
Denise Stachowiak by 43 votes  
Andy Sahagian by 47 votes.

D. The following were elected on the nominating committee:

Peggy Belcher  
Greg Hakelmazian  
Dr. Norair Madanian

The chairman then entertained suggestions from the floor. Mr. Andy Sahagian proposed to have a more professional approach for the elections. He proposed that ballots of the slated nominees be handed out prior to the meeting, and few lines of space be left for the nominees from the floor, on the day of election. Small boxes in front of each name to be checked during elections.

The chairman then proceeded on with the discussion of the annual reports. Garbis Meguerian read the treasurer's report. There were discussions by : Sarkis Boyajian, who wanted an explanation on the \$20,000 under Budget Revenues 1987 of the Women's guild. Liz Sahagian explained that the \$10,000 was a carry over from the previous year. The budget is actually \$10,000 not \$20,000. Kegham Giragossian had several questions. He wanted explanations on the following:

- 1-Budget expenses- \$26,000 for building and grounds. Garbis explained that this amount covered the complete renovation of the roof, improvement of the vantillation system of the kitchen, improvement of the heating system of the church hall, trimming of the trees, and finally sealing of the parking lot.
- 2-Budget expense- \$2,500 for delegate expense 1987, vs. \$1,209 actual expense in 1986. Garbis explained that the amount alocated depends on 1. On the location (distance) where the Diocesan Assembly is held, and 2.If and when a delegate wants to tax dedupt the expense.
- 3- Budget expense- office equipment \$1,500. Garbis said that this covered part of the expense of the computer purchase.
- 4- Paintings- The status. They are completed and will be consecrated in June.

Dr. Aram Semerjian proposed to look into an A shape roof instead of flat roof. Andy Sahagian requested an explanation on alter fund under 1987 budget revenues. Garbis explained that the \$1,500 is donated by Greg Serabian to build a new Alter. This proposal has not been discussed or approved by the Parish Council yet. Neverthe less the \$1,500 stays in the treasury even if the proposal fails to be approved. Marty Randall of the auditing committee explained thatthere is a \$160 discrapancy. The budget at hand as of Dec. 1986 is \$32,217.18. Raffy then moved to accept the treasurer's report as corrected, this was seconded by Aram Semerjian. All were in favor.

#### Pastor's Report :

Sarkis Boya jian proposed to have the names written under the Sacraments and Funeral services. It is not enough to mention just how many, names should be mentioned too.

There were no discussions of the annual reports of the following:

Parish Priest

Parish Council

Women's Guild

Sunday School

Choir

ACYOA JR. and SR.

Newsletter  
Senior Citizen

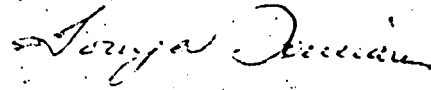
New Business

IN view of the necessity for the capital improvement for the hall building for the kitchen and the parking lot, Garbis Meguerian proposed that a building fund be created retroactive to Jan. 1, 1986. Into the building fund should be transferred monies received from the Baptist Church, \$50.00 from the \$150.00 membership dues, and any other unspecified donations at the discretion of the Parish Council. It was explained that initially dues were raised to \$150.00 in order to cover the cost of the building of the new church. This proposal was made in motion by Karn Boyajian, and was seconded by Marty Randall. The motion was passed unanimously. Der Hair adjourned the meeting with the Hair Mer at 2:30 p.m.

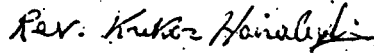
Respectfully submitted

Sonya Doumanian,

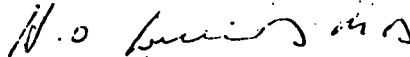
Secretary.



Rev. Krikor Hairabedian, President



Dr. Heratch Doumanian, Chairman



Dear Parish Members,

I would like to welcome all of you to our annual Parish Assembly. I wish for a fruitful and constructive meeting.

This is my third pastoral annual report. I will touch upon some basic areas of my ministry without going into details.

First I would like to thank God for a blessed 1987 year which we enjoyed together as the special family of Sts. Joachim & Anne Armenian Apostolic Church.

#### A - SUNDAY WORSHIP:

Sunday is the day when the faithfuls come together to worship the Lord of our fathers. It is a privilege for us to share God's blessing during the Divine Liturgy. My desire is that we can internalize the inspiring experience of His presence in a very unique way.

I have delivered two sermons on every Sunday, one in Armenian and one in English. On some Sundays I have developed the same theme with two different approaches. I am very pleased of your appreciative attitudes in sharing with me the Sunday messages.

It has been my plan to start the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 A.M. and end around 12:00 noon. Sunday morning worship is a celebration. I expect to see the family unit together sharing and enjoying the sacramental presence of our Lord from the beginning to the end. Only two hours out of the 168 hours of the week will be spent.

I am very happy that a dependable group is serving on the altar regularly. They are the following:

Nazar Halajian  
Norayr Madanyan  
Shant Madanyan  
Daniel Hairabedian

Also we have several students from our Sunday School and Armenian School who are holding candles and the processional cross during the Divine Liturgy.

Many thanks to our choir members who are faithfully attending every Sunday from the beginning of the services, honoring and praising the God of our fathers with their voices under the direction of Susan Mardoian as Choir Director and Martha Auer as Organist. To have dependable and conscientious choir members, choir master and organist is a joy and great relief to a pastor.

#### B - SACRAMENTS AND FUNERAL SERVICES:

During the 1987 year we have had the following:

WEDDINGS: 5 (five) The names of the Brides and Grooms have been given chronologically.

Gregg Hakalmazian & Maureen Polisano	-- January 24, 1987
Brian Mikaelian & Marisa Gederian	-- April 26, 1987
Levon Nazarian & Claudia Pridjian	-- June 27, 1987
Paul David Mardoian & Susan A. Boyajian	-- October 3, 1987
Bryan Nigohosian & Mary Beth Seaman	-- December 6, 1987



BAPTISMS: 13 (Thirteen) The baptized names are given chronologically by date of baptism.

Steven Scott Jones	— March 15, 1987
Aaroon Edward Jones	— March 15, 1987
Brittany Nicole Gifford	— March 29, 1987
Megan Ally Patena	— May 3, 1987
Dana Maria Giragosian	— May 17, 1987
Jason Ronn Hagop Nalbandian	— May 24, 1987
Sevan Paul Sultanian	— June 21, 1987
Nicholas Adam Clare	— July 12, 1987
Andrew Ara Pridjian	— July 25, 1987
Ryan Jon Gawron	— September 20, 1987
Nicholas Alan Simonian	— October 18, 1987
Rachel Mary Green	— November 27, 1987
Sean Rostam Dinyari	— November 27, 1987

FUNERALS: 5 (Five) The funeral services which were conducted by me are the following:

Virginia Samarjian	— January 10, 1987
Margaret Terzian	— February 11, 1987
John Boghossian	— July 30, 1987
Caroline Elizabeth Winter	— August 4, 1987
Eugene Christensen	— November 1, 1987

#### C - PARISH COUNCIL:

As the pastor and the president of the parish council I have enjoyed serving our Lord and to the parish needs together with the parish council. The parish council, through the year, worked honestly and sincerely to meet the many needs of the parish. Each and every member of the council deserves mine and our thanks and comments for their unselfish service under the careful and wise chairmanship of Dr. Garbis Meguerian.

To serve God and through Him to serve to each other's needs is an honor and privilege. May we see many members of our church come forward to do so for His great glory and the growth of our faith-community.

#### D - WOMEN'S GUILD:

To preside over the Women's Guild meetings and to be the part of their plans and goals for the parish is another pleasant and encouraged experience for me.

The chairlady, Peggy Belcher, and the elected officers were always receptive of my pastoral fellowship and guidance. I had no problem to identify myself as their pastor and they made me feel needed.

Witnessing to their many hours, weeknights, Saturdays of kneading and rolling dough and baking, I believe strongly that we should provide them the needed help in order to facilitate their task in relation to our bazaars and many orders of Armenian baked goods.

Once again, I would like to encourage all the ladies of our parish to join the Women's Guild and take part in the growing needs of our church.

E - ACYOA JRS:

We have a fine group of teenagers in our ACYOA JR Group who are meeting, and organizing activities under the leadership of the dedicated advisors Anna Giragosian, Violet Bargamian, Paul Simonian and Daniel Hairabedian, as Midwest Youth Coordinator. Lately, upon my invitation, Sam Arzumian joined the leadership group being charge of the ACYOA JRS sports activities. The chairperson of ACYOA JRS is Jennifer Winternheimer.

We are very much concerned with their spiritual, cultural and social needs and to the best of our ability are working towards these goals. I will encourage all our teenagers to be members of ACYOA JRS and take steps in the growth of our youth body.

F - SUNDAY SCHOOL

As in the past, this year too, our Sunday School new superintendent, June Randall, along with the teaching staff, has done a tremendous work.

Sunday School is one powerful extension of the church to reach our children for Christ. It will be a grave mistake to keep our children out of Sunday School and discourage the dedicated teachers who are willing to spend their comfort, time and energy for the sake of our children.

It is Jesus' command to lead our children to Him and Sunday School is the channel for it.

I am very pleased at the response I receive from Sunday School and am deeply moved by their regular approach to Communion and attendance during my sermon time. Also, I would like to commend June Randall for her constant and christian approach and recognition of my position as the spiritual servant of the church, and sharing my guidance in her Sunday School hour.

G - NEWSLETTER:

As the editor of our church newsletter, I appreciate very much the valuable service of our assistant editor-Lorene Skinner, proofreader-Sona Diorio, and typist-Rose Hairabedian. They honestly deserve all the credit our newsletter is earning.

We are planning to add some sections such as "Question and Answer" corner, small puzzles and childrens corner in order to relate our newsletter to every member of our community, young and old. We are open for your comments.

H - VISITATION TO HOMES AND HOSPITALS:

To the best of my knowledge I have visited the patients of our parish in hospitals and in nursing homes.

It is Biblical to inform our pastors of our family members who are sick at home or in hospitals and ask prayer.

Also, I would like to stress the importance of pastoral routine visitations. These visitations will take at the most one hour, which will give me the chance to know you and help you to know me better as your pastor. These routine visitations should not have anything to do with dinners or lunches. the main purpose is to have a short friendly fellowship. Therefore, I will start calling upon you for these short visitations, beginning in the month of February.

### I - BIBLE STUDY:

On Thursdays from 7:30 p.m. to 8:40 p.m. we had English Bible Studies with an average of 8-12 members in my home. After Lent we will continue having the Bible Studies in the church on the same day and hours.

Our Bible Studies are in a very friendly atmosphere. There is no pressure at all. The pressure is on me. I prepare myself spiritually and intellectually to share the topic or the study of the day. I relate the scripture to the teaching of our church and to our personal needs.

The Bible study is one easy and powerful way to discuss freely and share with each other all that God intends us to know, for the Bible is His Book to us. Please come not necessarily to learn from me but also to teach. I am eager to learn from you.

### J - ARMENIAN SCHOOL:

I am continuing the Armenian schools in Munster and Merrillville. Check the days and hours with me if you are interested.

A group of Armenian boys and girls are willing to learn to read and write Armenian and it is my duty to respond to their desire. I am willing to start in Palos Heights also, if I can have a few boys and girls.

### K - YOUNG ADULTS:

To continue the ACYOR Seniors group, we needed some boys and girls 18 years old and up. Those who were in the Senior group were for many years and their age was suitable more for a Young Adult Group, and we, the former seniors, decided to have in the future an organized Young Adults group of singles and married members.

Under my leadership, Daniel Hairabedian, and a small concerned group, we organized in 1987 the following activities:

- 1) On April 11, 1987, Faith Alive program from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We had lectures, devotions, singing, and question-answer period. Around 18 people were present.
- 2) On August 5, 1987, a video tape presentation on the Armenian Apostolic church-refreshments afterwards. A good group was present.
- 3) On December 13, 1987, the movie "Jesus" was presented following a pot-luck dinner. It was a good movie and well attended.
- 4) One of the 5 Lenten dinners was organized and served by our Young Adults.
- 5) During the year more than 25 young adults were invited to each of the three meetings that were organized. Unfortunately, only a few showed up and we discussed with them the coming events. Our next scheduled activities are:
  - a) Slide presentation during Lent
  - b) Instructed Divine Liturgy

Therefore, we don't have ACYOR SR group (in two years our juniors will become Seniors - patience!). The understanding was to work with the core group, the former seniors, together with our Youth Director, Daniel Hairabedian to organize activities, religious, social-cultural, until the interest and the need for such a group is grown and forms an official body.

IN CONCLUSION:

I thank God for your cooperation and many encouragements in my pastoral ministry. You can be sure of my loyalty and love for God and for you. I ask for your constant prayers and moral support in my servings for the great glory of God and for the strength of our community.

IN CHRIST,

*Fr. Krikor Hairabedian*

FR. KRIKOR HAIRABEDIAN, Pastor

## REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

1987

### INTRODUCTION

The newly elected and in-office members of the Parish Council met briefly on February 10, 1987, to elect officers and thereafter met at least once a month to plan, organize and oversee the various projects and activities of the Church. The 1987 Parish Council consisted of:

Rev. Fr. Krikor Hairabedian	President
Garbis H. Meguerian	Chairman
Dennis Vander Meer	Vice-Chairman
Rosy Yeretsian	Treasurer
Robert Alcocer	Assist. Treasurer
Sonya Doumanian	Recording Secretary
Elizabeth Sahagian	Corresponding Secretary
Karneg Boyajian	Buildings & Grounds
Susan Boyajian	Membership
Van Giragosian	

### PRINCIPAL-ACTIVITIES-AND-ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. The activities of the Parish Council continued to be run mainly through 3 Committees: Membership (Susan Boyajian - Chairlady); Finance: (Meguerian - Chairman); Buildings and Grounds (Karneg Boyajian - Chairman). Also, to better inform the Parish Council of the plans and activities of subordinate organizations, the following Liaisons were appointed: Sahagian - Women's Guild; Vander Meer - Sunday School; Doumanian - Jr. ACYOA; Choir - Susan Boyajian; Young Adults - Van Giragosian.

2. The "Husband and Wife Sunday Greeters", which is well received by the parisheners, continued in 1987 but not on regular basis.

3. In 1986 the Finance Committee had analyzed the Diocesan list of "1986 Parish Assessment and Adjustment" and had found that our parish assessment was way out of line in comparison to the assessments of other parishes: \$85.14 per member vs. an average of \$62.56 per member. Our Parish was assessed \$8,344 for 1986, which was \$2,894 greater than our 1985 assessment of \$5450. We then informed the Diocese of our analysis results and offered to increase our last year's assessment by \$709 because we now had our own priest. Early in 1987 the Diocese rejected our offer. However, we continued paying monthly installments based on an annual assessment of \$6160.

4. At the 1987 Diocesan Assembly in May of 1987 we proposed that the current formula for the diocesan assessment of parishes be replaced by a simpler formula based on the number of voting members of each parish. Unfortunately, our proposal was not accepted. However, the Assembly decided to appoint a committee to study the matter.

5. A special parish meeting was held on May 31, 1987 to hear the report of the parish delegate to the Diocesan Assembly, Dr. Raffy Hovanessian. Also,

some budgetary questions were discussed at the meeting.

6. Buildings and Grounds Committee took care of the necessary repairs to the buildings and equipment. Shrubs damaged by the fire were replaced; parking area was resurfaced and remarked, and the south periphery of the church lot was cleared; and the landscaping in general was improved. Also, the heating system of the Church hall was modified to better distribute heat to the floor level.

7. A display case was installed in the Church lobby. The case will display on plaques the names of past and present officers of the parish organizations, financial supporters and memorials. A committee is currently working on criteria.

8. The third annual dinner-dance was held at the Palos Country Club on February 14, 1987. It's theme again was "Puttin' On The Ritz". Because of various activities in the Armenian community of Chicago the attendance was short of our expectation. However, those in attendance had a very good time. The 1988 annual dinner-dance is planned for February 13th at the Olympia Country Club.

9. Our Church cooperated with St. Gregory and St. James Churches in commemorating the 71st Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide on Sunday, April 26, 1987, with Divine Liturgy at St. Gregory the Illuminator Church and an appropriate program after lunch.

10. Our second annual golf outing took place again at Westgate Golf Club. More than forty people participated in this function of good fellowship.

11. The annual Church picnic was held on Sunday, July 26, 1987, on the church grounds. It was very successful and netted about \$5,500 thanks to the tireless efforts of the Picnic Committee headed by Marty Randall and to the support of our members and friends.

12. A new schedule for rents and fees was worked out.

13. Since the side altar paintings by Mr. Mark Akgulian were not acceptable to the Parish members and Mr. Akgulian was not willing to redo them, the Parish Council commissioned Mrs. Dorothy Kishibay to paint three paintings: one for each side altar and another one for the candles niche. Mrs. Kishibay offered to donate her labor to the Church and charge us only for materials and for incidental expenses. Mrs. Kishibay has painted the beautiful side altar paintings of St. Mark Armenian Church in Springfield, Mass. 14. The fourth annual anniversary dinner celebrating the consecration of our new Church took place on November 22, 1987. After Divine Liturgy and a lunch served by the Women's Guild a very appropriate program was presented with Mrs. Dorothy Kishibay as guest speaker.

14. The Parish Council presented a khachkar to Alice Boyajian at a luncheon on Sunday, September 13th in appreciation of her 16 years of dedicated service as Superintendent of our Sunday School.

15. Our thanks to Mr. Harry Mazian for the copying machine which he donated to the Church. This copying machine, our Macintosh computer and Miss Rose

Hairabedian were instrumental in cutting down our printing expenses by about 50 %.

CONCLUSION

The Parish Council is gratified with the 1987 accomplishments which contributed to the effective running of church affairs. However, these accomplishments could not have been achieved without the cooperation of Father Krikor and the enthusiastic support of our parish members, which are greatly appreciated. Our special thanks go to the the members of the various Council Committees and to the energetic members of our Women's Guild who devoted tireless efforts and time to make our lunches successful and contributed to the financial well being of our Church by organizing the rummage sale and the bazaar.

Garbis H. Meguerian  
Chairman

BUILDING FUND - STATUS AS OF 12/31/1987

	1986	1987	TOTAL
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<b>A. REVENUES</b>			
1. Altar Fund	1,500	5,000	6,500
2. Sales of Windows	0	5,500	5,500
3. Insurance Collected	0	2,700	2,700
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	1,500	13,200	14,700
 <b>B. EXPENSES</b>			
1. Side Altar Paintings		350	350
2. Capital Expenses		3,120	3,120
3. Fire Damage Repaired		1,620	1,620
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	0	5,090	5,090
 <b>C. BALANCE</b>			
	1,500	8,110	9,610
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1988 BUDGET - EXPENSES

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	ACTUAL 1986	BUDGET 1987	ACTUAL 1987	BUDGET 1988
CLERGY				
Stipend	23,000	23,000	23,412	23,000
Housing & Other Exps	12,000	13,300	10,440	14,395
Travel Expense	446	1,000	1,815	1,000
DIOCESAN DUES	6,160	6,160	6,960	6,160
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Telephone	994	1,000	1,066	1,100
Supplies	2,002	1,900	2,484	1,500
Newsletter/Flyers	1,657	1,500	879	900
Equipment	2,213	1,600	1,087	1,000
Contributions	1,161	900	923	1,150
Other	583	500	2,657	500
DELEGATE EXPENSE	1,209	2,500	1,181	1,600
BUILDING & GROUNDS				
Mortgage	9,123	8,400	9,123	8,400
Utilities				
Gas	1,695	1,900	1,281	1,400
Electricity	5,430	6,000	7,848	8,000
Water	387	600	182	500
Repairs & Maintenance	8,903	26,000	10,403	7,500
INSURANCE	1,287	1,300	1,527	1,600
PAINTINGS/PLAQUE IN LOBBY	2,000	2,500	2,694	300
CHURCH AFFAIRS				
Coffee Hour	14	50	126	50
Other	0	0	241	0
	80,264	100,110	86,329	80,055

1988 BUDGET - REVENUES

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	ACTUAL 1986	BUDGET 1987	ACTUAL 1987	BUDGET 1988
DUES	18,500	12,000	12,912	13,000
PLATE COLLECTIONS & CANDLES	6,130	6,000	3,995	4,000
SACREMENTS AND RITUALS	1,575	1,500	1,740	1,500
CHRISTMAS OFFERING	790	900	740	750
EASTER OFFERING	1,415	1,400	835	900
AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS				
ACYOA Sr.	1,500	***	806	***
Sunday School	500	200	500	200
Women's Guild	10,000	20,000	10,040	10,000
Sr. Citizens	100	100	0	100
Choir (Safekeeping)	***	***	663	***
CHURCH AFFAIRS				
Picnic	6,200	7,000	5,107	6,000
Anniversary Dinner	187	200	0	200
Dinner-Dance	1,470	1,500	3,661	2,000
Lenten Meals	768	800	512	500
Other	***	***	1,335	***
DONATIONS				
Religious Gifts	32,505	13,000	19,630	21,400
In Lieu of Flowers	1,875	1,000	3,505	1,000
In Lieu of X-mas Cards	895	900	1,560	800
Other	1,530	1,000	5,733	2,000
OTHER INCOME				
Baptist Church	8,352	8,350	8,354	8,350
Interest	1,637	1,600	2,493	2,700
Hall Rental	***	***	725	400
Other	4,297	500	636	500
	100,226	77,950	85,482	76,300

1987 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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BALANCE SHEET

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CASH ON HAND - DECEMBER 31, 1987	\$32,217
OPERATING REVENUES	\$85,482
BUILDING FUND BALANCE	\$8,110
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	\$125,809
TOTAL EXPENSES	(\$86,329)
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BALANCE ON HAND - DECEMBER 31, 1987	\$39,480
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NOTE: There is also a CD in the name of Sts Joachim & Anne at Palos Bank & Trust valued at about \$1,935 that matures in June, 1989.

Auditing Committee Report  
1987

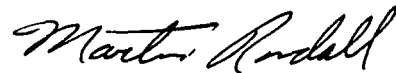
The Auditing Committee found the church ledger and bank book in fine working condition. We have Signed the ledger as of December 31, 1987. The bank book and church ledger are in agreement.

We met twice in January to make the necessary adjustments and corrections to the ledger. We would like to recommend that the Treasurer either use two separate ledgers ( one for receipts and one for disbursements ) or divide one ledger into two parts ( front for receipts and back for disbursements ).

I would like to thank Denise Stachowiak, Andy Sahagian, Chuck Gederian, and Rosy Yeretsian for their assistance in going over the ledger and bank book.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martin Randall



## DIOCESAN REPORT

The 85th Assembly of Diocese took place on May 7-9, 1987 in Springfield, MA.

The St. Joachim & Ann Church was represented fully by its Delegate, Parish Priest & chairman of Parish Council Representatives, Ladies Guild & Sunday school were also present.

Elections of the Diocesan Council was very hotly contested especially for the clergy representatives - Finally V.R. Father Ghavont Samourian & Arten Ashjian were elected.

The Budget approved for 1988 was \$1,966,000 and issue which kept on being discussed is the poor funding of the ACYOA & youth activities.

Mention was also made of the need for more direct control of the Diocese both East & West in the Saint Nerces Seminary. Change of By laws is necessary for that. It was felt that the Saint Nerces Board should report directly to the Diocesan Assembly. Proposed composition of Board - East six Delegates; Five Delegates West & one from Canada.

It was very heartening to hear that the ACEF - under Col. Victor Arzumanian has been flourishing and has reached an endowment of \$6,000,000. Diocese & Churches received approximately \$375,000 in 1987.

Unity of the churches was again an issue and it was voted to continue talks with the Basis of 1982 guidelines. No meeting of the unity committees had occurred in 1987.

86th Diocesan Assembly is in Cambridge, MA - May 12-14, 1988.

*R. A. Hovanesian*

R. A. Hovanesian, M.D.

## WOMENS GUILD REPORT

### OFFICERS:

Peggy Belcher	--	Chairlady
Janna Simonian	--	Uice-Chairlady
Anna Giragosian	--	Treasurer
Lottie Mikaelian	--	Recording Secretary
Izabelle Gederian	--	Corresponding Secretary
Sona Diorio	--	Advisor

1987 was another busy year for the Women's Guild, with the Rummage Sale and the Bake Table at the Picnic. We had the pleasure to be the hostess church for our two sister churches for Women's Saints Day and prepared one of the weekly Lenten Dinners. Through the efforts of Sona Diorio, we always have beautiful altar flowers. Last and by no means least, is the Annual Church Bazaar. I am hesitant to call it a women's guild activity, but rather a Women of the Church function. This year we had the coming together of all the women in our parish for one common goal--the Bazaar. It was a heart-warming feeling and without my two co-chairwomen, Irene Arakelian and Violet Bargamian, the Bazaar as we know it, may not have been possible. It was a very hard job and there may be changes in the future.

With the dwindling of active members in the Guild it is harder and harder for us to function in our past capacities. We now, more than ever, need the support of the Parish Council if we are to continue. We have spiritually been nourished under Der Hayr's guidance at our monthly meetings. His understanding has helped us through some rough and rocky times.

The 1988 Board remains unchanged from 1987.

Respectfully,

PEGGY BELCHER

December 28, 1987

WOMEN'S GUILD TREASURERS REPORT

	INCOME	DISBURSEMENTS	
Altar Flowers	\$ 580.00	\$ 242.00	\$ 338.00
Hoki Jash	200.00	--	200.00
Bazaar	13,691.91	2433.32 *	11,258.59
Rummage Sale	831.32	58.42	772.90
Picnic	--	140.41	<140.41>
Easter/Palm sunday	485.55	18.42	467.13
Special Dinner	729.00	122.42	606.58
Dances	--	--	--
Miscellaneous	555.50	337.30	218.20
Dues	80.00	--	80.00
Interest	129.31	--	129.31
Kitchen & Batch Supplies	--	<u>2426.65</u>	<2,426.65>
TOTALS	\$17,282.59	\$5,778.94	\$11,503.65
BALANCE FROM 1986			\$ 2,529.42
BALANCE ON HAND 12/18/87 CHECKING BOOK			\$14,033.07

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Anna Giragosian - Treasurer

# SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday School Enrollment: 24  
Regular Attendance: 10-12 (Average Attendance 50%)

TEACHERS: Dennis VanderMeer  
Gail Giragosian  
Robin Nigohosian  
Lynda Mazian  
Roberta Hairabedian  
Rose Hairabedian

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Gen. Semerdjian

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Der Hayr Hairabedian

SUBSTITUTES: Joyce Alcocer  
Alice Boyajian  
Isabelle Gederian

## TREASURERY REPORT:

Savings Account:	\$ 975.44
Checking Account:	<u>1390.28</u>
	\$ 2365.72

Check to Trustess (1/31/88)	\$ 1000.00
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BALANCE --- \$ 1365.72

## ACTIVITIES:

Dinner for past Superintendent  
Halloween Party  
Christmas Program & Dinner  
Lenten Dinner  
Palm Sunday Breakfast  
Parents Day Program



## COMMENTS & CONCERNS:

1. Need for more adults willing to work with students. We would like to have more than four classes.
2. Need for parents to see their responsibility to bring their children to God's House.
3. Need to show children that God does influence our lives and all decisions that we make.
4. We need to provide an adequate heating system for the classrooms during the severe cold months. (Possibly more space heaters.)

At this time I would like to thank all the children who come regularly to Sunday School, because they are the future of our church. I would also like to thank the devoted parents who bring their children to Sunday School regularly. I would like to thank all the teachers for their cooperation and dedication to our children. I would also like to thank Der Hayr for his support and spiritual guidance to the staff, the children, and myself.

Respectfully Submitted

JUNE RANDALL -- Superintendent

## 1987 CHOIR REPORT

1987 was a quiet year for our choir, besides on Sundays for soorp Badarak.

Easter plate collection was \$116.00. Fifty dollars of that was sent to the AACCA (Association of Armenian church Choirs of America.) The donations each church choir sends to the Association are the funds by which the Association operates, i.e., hosts seminars, workshops, publishes music and bulletins, and provides scholarships.

The annual AACCA Assembly took place this year in Detroit, Michigan, November 17th weekend, hosted by the St. John's church choir. It consisted of workshops and choir rehearsals and the final culmination of all 50 choir delegates from our Diocese singing together in the Badarak that Sunday. Susan, our choir director, was the delegate representing our church.

In honor of the 40th Anniversary of AACCA (1986), the Association sponsored a raffle fundraiser. We, as a choir, bought a \$100.00 raffle ticket, and to our surprise won a \$500.00 cash prize. It'll be put to good use this coming year.

We welcome people who enjoy singing to come join us on Sundays to sing and partake in the Badarak as a choir member. (There are plenty of shabigs!)

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN B. MARDOIAN  
Choir director

January 31, 1988

1987 Annual Report

ACYOA JRS.

Chairperson: Jennifer Winterheimer

Vice Chairperson: Dominick Diorio

Secretaries: Amy Vander Meer  
Jason Vander Meer

Treasurer: Tom Williams

Other Members: Mike Arakelian  
Sebough Arakelian  
Carolyn Avedumian  
Leah Arzumanian  
Bradley Bargamian  
Kevin Bargamian  
Elona Simonian

President: Rev. Fr. Krikor Hairabedian

Advisors: Anna Giragosian  
Violet Bargamian  
Paul Simonian

Sports and  
Activities : Sam Arzumanian  
Director

Youth Director: Daniel Hairabedian

January 31, 1988

Finances

Previous Balance: (12-31-86)	\$ 1,460.14
Total interest (12-31-86/10-20-87):	\$ 62.05
Total Deposits (12-31-86/10-20-87):	\$ 171.00
Total Earnings:	\$ 233.05
Current Balance:	\$ 1,693.19

Youth Activities

8 Members attended Hye Camp  
Assisted Parish Picnic  
Assisted Guild Bazaar  
Assisted Sunday School Halloween Party  
Serve and clean up of several dinners  
Christmas Caroling  
Hosted ACYOA JR. Mixer  
Host of Mid West Regional Meeting  
Love, Sex and Dating Seminar  
Group sports  
1987 Christmas Program

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Winterheimer

# 1987 NEWSLETTER ANNUAL REPORT

Total Expenses	\$ 1542.25
Total Income	<u>982.97</u>

OUTSTANDING 559.28

Expense Details page 2

February 1987 marked the date of the first computerized Newsletter. With Mr. Jay Harlan's instruction, prayer and Apple documentation, the Staff began on-the-job training. The Newsletter office moved from the Skinner home to its rightful place--Der Hayr's office. Rose Hairabedian graciously accepted the responsibility of typing and quickly adapted to the Apple system. Lorene Skinner focused on layout and bulk mailing. Sona Diorio agreed to continue "charge" of the mailing list (314 names), obtaining labels for mailing, and the task of proofreading.

Under the direction of Der Hayr Hairabedian the staff set goals for 1988:

1. To implement a NEWSLETTER MAILBOX.
2. To improve the general appearance of the Newsletter.  
(Mr. Arman Simonian has kindly offered to update the cover page.)
3. To adopt an address filing program for the church mailing list which will provide easy access to the mailing list for all organizations, provide labels, and allow easy change and corrections to be made to existing list.

On occasion Der Hayr calls upon helpers to assemble the Newsletter pages, collate, fold, staple and label. Helpers this year were Yeretsgin Sarah, Betty Arakelian, Alice Boyajian, Claire & Ruth Hairabedian, Hagop Hakalmazian, Susan Mardoian, Liz Sahagian, and Gen Semerdjian. Thank you.

And thank you one and all for your written contributions to the NEWSLETTER through 1987.

1987 NEWSLETTER ANNUAL REPORT

<u>NEWSLETTER ISSUE</u>	<u>PRINT SHOP</u>	<u>LABELS</u>	<u>POSTAGE</u>	<u>MISC.</u>	<u>MONTH TOTAL</u>	<u>INCOMING MONIES</u>
DEC.86/JAN.87	1986 Report					
FEB.	114.70		26.35		141.05	
MARCH	128.40		26.69	2.94	158.03	
APRIL	94.15		25.00		119.15	(offering Env.)
MAY	112.30		26.60		138.90	172.97 Lilies
JUNE	90.24		26.52		116.76	
JULY/AUG.	137.30		26.35		163.65	
SEPTEMBER	90.50		26.44		116.94	
OCTOBER	144.50		27.03		171.53	
NOVEMBER	159.80		27.03		186.83	
DEC.87/JAN.88	<u>162.50</u>		<u>20.91</u>	<u>46.00</u>	<u>229.41</u>	<u>810.00</u> Greeting
	1234.39	00.00	258.92	48.94	1542.25	982.97
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1542.25		
			TOTAL INCOME	<u>982.97</u>		
			OUTSTANDING	\$ 559.28		

PRINT SHOP: Includes printing of Newsletter from prepared layout (camera ready). (Camera Ready work eliminates typesetting and art work expense. Print Shop Expense may include collating, folding and stapling.

LABELS: Cost of Labels and Label Making (3.40 <sup>per mailing</sup> <sub>set</sub>) for the entire year were donated by Sona Diorio. Sona keeps the mailing list updated while taking masters to printer for label making.

POSTAGE: All 1987 mailings were sent Bulk Mail. Presently, the charge of bulk mail is .085 per mailing piece. Current church mailing includes 314 pieces (names) x .085 = \$26.69. If mailed first class cost would be 314 x .22 = 69.08 Bulk Mail offers a savings of \$42.69 per Issue. Minus yearly postal fees, a savings of over \$300 .

Postal expense information obtained from Jim Bowan, Worth Post Office.

MISC. : 2.94 enlargements on copier - 46.00 1,000 envelopes for special mailings, & Greeting Card Cover.

MONTH TOTAL: There are 10 issues of the Newsletter per year. July/August are combined and mailed in late June - December/January are combined and mailed in late November or early December.

INCOMING MONIES: Offering Envelopes are mailed thru the Newsletter in the Easter & Christmas Issues. Returned Offering Envelopes are directed to the Parish Council. All incoming monies are directed to the Parish Council as are all Newsletter Expenses.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lorene Skinner

## **1987 ANNUAL REPORT OF 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 with their baking in preparation for our Bazaar and Picnic.

Our treasurer is Araxie Samarjian, and our assistant treasurer is Nazar Halajian. Our balance for the yearly luncheons is \$1,500.00.

During the past year we contributed towards the purchase of a dough-kneading machine for the kitchen. Future monies will be earmarked for necessary kitchen items.

Respectfully Submitted,

ALICE BOYAJIAN