

STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

A N N U A L P A R I S H A S S E M B L Y

Sunday, January 28, 1996

Please bring this booklet with you to the assembly.

Annual Parish Assembly Meeting Agenda

Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Apostolic Church
12600 South Ridgeland Avenue, Palos Heights, IL 60463

The Pastor and Parish Council of Sts. Joachim and Anne would like to invite the general membership to its' annual Parish Assembly Meeting which will take place at the church on the following date:

January 28, 1996 at 12:00 noon

The meeting will be preceded by a light lunch.

1995 dues must be paid in full in order to vote at this Parish Assembly.

Agenda

The following is the meeting agenda:

1. Opening Prayer.
2. General Role Call and establishment of a quorum.
(1/3 of dues paid members constitutes a quorum - article 17)
3. Election of Chairman and Secretary for meeting.
4. Review of organizational reports.
5. Review of 1995 Budget.
6. Elections:
 - new trustees - elect 5 (two year term - articles 14g and 25)
 - nominating committee members - elect 3 (one year term - article 14b)
 - auditing committee - elect 1 (three year term - article 14f)
7. Items from the floor (majority vote needed to add item to agenda - article 16)
8. Final Prayer

Pastor and Parish Council. 1/8/96

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1995 Pastor's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With the close of 1995 I have completed my first years' service to the Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Apostolic Church community. I assumed this pastorate upon the appointment of His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian effective January 1, 1995. My first Badarak as pastor of this community was performed on January 1, 1995.

Following is my first pastoral report to you covering the period of January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995. I will endeavor in the following pages to present a synopsis of my work during this last year.

- Worship and Liturgy

The Lord directed the celebration of the Lord's Supper during the Thursday night dinner prior to His crucifixion. From the formative early Christian church until today the Badarak has been the central defining liturgical gathering of the Armenian Church. It is through the Badarak that we receive God's sacramental gift of spiritual nourishment and healing. In accordance with the teaching of our Lord and the Holy Tradition of the Armenian Church it has been my pleasure to preside over regular Sunday Badarak services.

In addition to Badarak, other liturgical services were performed. These include special festal blessing services, hokehankeests, the Holy Week services and Lenten Services.

At each liturgical gathering I have endeavored to present a message to our faithful explaining the meaning of the day's gospel reading and how it applies in our daily lives. In addition, at the request of our Parish Council, I have developed and presented instructional Badaraks approximately every 2 months. I also edited/prepared a number of texts for our altar servers and faithful to use during the worship services.

I am very appreciative to those altar servers who served regularly this year.

Nazar Halajian
Dr. Norayr Madanyan
Arakel Arakelian
Kevork Arakelian

Also my thanks to choir director Susan Mardoian, organist Martha Auer, and to all our choir members for their dedicated service.

On those occasions when I was unavailable to perform Badarak, I arranged for a visiting clergyman to preside over the liturgical services of the day.

- Baptisms, Wedding, Funerals

In 1995, in addition to Sunday Morning Service, Badarak, Hokehankeests and special festal services, I presided over or participated in the following sacraments/rites as pastor of Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Apostolic Church:

Baptisms

2/25/95	Madeline Grace Michaels
5/28/95	Gabriella Santucci
7/23/95	Liana Varjabedian
7/23/95	Kenneth David Albanese
8/19/95	Alexandar Scott Yaylayan
10/8/95	Alexandra Tamar Brandt

Weddings

4/22/95 Brian Nishan Nigohosian and Patricia Curtin
 7/22/95 Jennifer Winternheimer and Vince Volpe
 9/23/95 Garo Srabian and Karen O'Brien
 11/24/95 Peggy Joyce Enokian and Robert Lee Mason

Funerals

2/10/95 Nectar Arakelian
 3/29/95 Marty Semerjian
 5/5/95 Vira Ourfalian
 8/19/95 Arakel Hovanessian
 10/13/95 Lucia Andonian Bargamian
 11/7/95 Haiganoush Bogosian

In addition, upon special invitation of area parishes and with the approval of our Parish Council, I presided on two occasions as visiting pastor for baptisms in Waukegan, IL and Cleveland, Ohio.

- Additional Pastoral Ministries

In addition to church services the priestly functions include sick calls at hospitals or homes, visitations of shut-ins and those in nursing homes, grave blessings at cemeteries, home blessings and home visitations. To date I have visited the majority of dues members of our community, some repeatedly, and visited a number of potential members as well. Those whom I have not yet visited are either currently scheduled for a visit or will be contacted for a visit in 1996. I have visited the sick as requested, and performed a number of house blessings as well. I thank all those who contacted me with news of someone in need of a visitation. Please contact me to schedule a house blessing/visitation, or to inform me of someone sick or in need of a visit.

In addition, each of the wedding services performed was preceded by a minimum of three pre-cana (pre-marital) counseling sessions. I have also responded to requests for private/family counseling as needed. I also held several weeks of altar server training.

Office hours have been kept four days and one evening a week. During which time I see to the many responsibilities of the office operation which include but are not limited to: Maintaining existing and developing specified church mailing lists: reading, sorting, filing and responding to mail; visiting post office as needed; maintaining/acquiring office equipment and supplies; preparing Sunday Bulletins and flyers, running off copies, participating in the Parish Greeting Card, and Ani preparation (including data entry, article writing, page layout, and coordination with printer). My thanks to Laura VanderMeer and Gladys Avakian for donating their time to help with data entry/copying.

I attended the 1995 Diocesan Clergy Conference, Diocesan Assembly, Special Assembly for the election of delegates to elect the Catholicos, area clergy meetings with Armenian and non-Armenian clergy, Midwest Regional Council Meetings, as well as a Midwest Women's Guild meeting and a Midwest Scripture Seminar. I enjoyed teaching classes at Hye Camp as well. Upon the Chancellor's request, I served as a proxy and prepared a report for the Diocesan Chancellor Fr. Garabed Kochakian for a Chicago area meeting of a special committee of the National Council of Churches. And attended a meeting of area ethnic media with Governor Jim Thompson. I also met with area Armenian groups regarding the possibility of organizing an April 24, 1995 pan-Armenian celebration - which ended up not occurring, and with area diocesan clergy took part in organizing and attending a joint genocide commemoration at St. Gregory the Illuminator Church, Chicago. I also attended the Evanston Anniversary dinner.

• Additional Pastoral Ministries

As Pastor and ex-officio president of the Parish Council I attended all Parish Council meetings during the course of 1995. I enjoyed working with each member of this Parish Council and wish to extend my appreciation to all those who dedicated their time for the maintenance and building up of God's holy church. As anyone knows who has served on Parish Council, the service required of Parish Council members is demanding as the needs of the church are on-going. Let us continue to encourage and pray for God to guide the decisions of the Parish Council in 1996.

• Church Auxiliary Organizations

The Ani Newsletter

The church newsletter was published four times in 1995. My thanks to Sona Diorio, Virginia Bogosian, Maria Sawaye, and Lorene Skinner for all their help this year. The Ani takes a great deal of preparation and their hours of dedication are greatly appreciated. My position was that of editor/columnist for the Ani. The Ani staff would like to remind everyone that submissions to the Ani are always welcome and encouraged.

Basketball

After soliciting for and developing a list of 15 men interested in a church Basketball group, a group was organized and area gym rented (for \$15 an hour). The first two sessions averaged 12 participants. Then Sunday School ended and summer started. The next eight session averaged four participants. The lesson I took from this is that a men's basketball club may be possible at Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Apostolic Church, but not during the summer. Possibly in 1996 or 1997 we can try to form this group again.

Bible Study

We had a number of Topical Bible Studies this year, the subjects of which included: Gossip, Just War, Jack Kevorkian, Abortion, The meaning of Messiah, and O.J Simpson. I was impressed with the interest in the common challenge to understand how to apply the word of God in our daily lives.

Choir

The Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Apostolic Church had a great undertaking in 1995 as it hosted the Diocesan Choir Assembly. It was a pleasure to participate along with this dedicated group of volunteers who put on a tremendous Asseby which was well received. I enjoyed being a part of the planning and appreciated the opportunity to present a religious education session to the participants.

Sunday School

The Sunday School continued to have another productive year. I enjoyed working with directors Anna Giragosian and Alice Boyajian as well as all the Sunday School teachers in the many yearly Sunday School projects. Also, I began to teach a lesson to the students during Sunday School Assembly once a month. I commend all those involved in the Sunday School for playing such a vital role in the spiritual education of our children. Their work is vital to our youth and they need our continued support.

Vacation Bible School

July 14-15 were the dates of this year's Vacation Bible School. It was a pleasure to participate in this renewal of a summer religious/social program for our youth. My thanks

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to the many teachers who donated their valuable time to making this program the success it was. The thirty children participating enjoyed themselves and we are considering an extended program for 1996.

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild is the backbone of our parish. Their dedicated service is an example of Christian ministry as their projects not only provide needed revenue for our church, but also a forum wherein Christian friendships flourish. I enjoyed participating in the various Women's Guild activities and encourage all women to join the Women's Guild. Let us keep the Women's Guild in our prayers and as we continue to seek out potential new members for this vital organization. My special thanks to Elizabeth Sahagian for her help throughout this year in acquainting me with the various Women's Guild activities, and to Alice Boyajian for her dedicated service in organizing so much of the cooking.

Youth Retreat

The 1995 ACYOA Midwest Retreat was held at Sts. Joachim and Anne on March 11. I thank former Midwest Regional Coordinator Sonia Harlan for her help in organizing this event. I enjoyed preparing and presenting this retreat attended by 22 area young Armenian adults.

• Membership

During 1995 Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Apostolic Church welcomes 12 people as new dues-paid members of our community:

Rev. Fr. Tavit and Dr. Tirouhe Boyajian
Duke Doumanian
Jay Harlan
Greg and Helen Matoesian
Ann Raptzian
Garo and Karen Srabian
Kevork Sultanian
Marcelle and Sebouh Terzian

• Conclusion

Being new to this community I have been continually impressed with the spirit so present here. There is a zest for the church at Sts. Joachim and Anne and a dedication to preserving that which has been passed down to us through the generations. We have been blessed to have received a rich heritage and have a sacred responsibility to continue to participate in the Lord's work. It has been a pleasure to join you in the Lord's ministry, and I thank God and you for giving me the opportunity to serve you this year.

As we enter into 1996 I encourage you to participate in the many religious, cultural, and social programs which will be available throughout the year. The more faithful and dedicated we are individually the more our church grows. Approaching each of our lives from a solid biblical foundation will only lead to a prosperous church, strong family, and fruit-bearing year for us all. Let us pray God preserves our church and re-dedicate ourselves to serving him with zeal for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
Rev. Fr. Tavit Boyajian
Rev. Fr. Tavit Boyajian

REFLECTIONS OF 1995

AS WE GATHER TO CHART OUR COURSE FOR 1996, IT IS ONLY PROPER FOR US TO LOOK BACK AT 1995 TO REFLECT ON THOSE ACTIVITIES THAT CONTINUE TO TAKE US TO NEW HEIGHTS. I SAY NEW BECAUSE, TRULY WE HAVE TAKEN OUR CHURCH TO A HIGHER LEVEL OF INSPIRATION, DEVOTION, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY COOPERATION!

AS A SMALL PARISH, WE CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A BUSY CALENDAR OF EVENTS. I SAY EVENTS BECAUSE WE JUST DO NOT DO SIMPLE THINGS. THEY REQUIRE A GREAT EXPENDITURE OF OUR PEOPLES ENERGY AND TIME TO ACHIEVE OUR "PARTICULAR"(SELF INFLICTED) GOALS.

OUR ORGANIZATIONS, WOMEN'S GUILD, SUNDAY SCHOOL, CHOIR, NEWSLETTER STAFF, PICNIC COMMITTEE, ALL PERFORMED THEIR RESPECTIVE DUTIES FLAWLESSLY AND CONTINUE THE TRADITION OF SERVING THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH. THEIR UNSELFISH DEDICATION TO OUR CHURCH CONTINUES TO BE THE FOUNDATION UPON WHICH WE BUILD YEAR AFTER YEAR .
WE CAN NEVER FULLY EXPRESS OUR SINCERE THANKS FOR THE WORK YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED WITH SUCH A SMALL GROUP OF WORKERS!

WHILE WE ALWAYS REJOICE IN THE ARRIVAL OF THE NEWEST CHERUBS TO OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY, WE DID PAY OUR LAST RESPECTS TO SEVERAL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF OUR COMMUNITY. TO THOSE SONS AND DAUGHTERS WE ONCE AGAIN PAY OUR DEEPEST RESPECTS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES. THEIR STRENGTH, DEVOTION AND STANDARDS HAVE LEFT US WITH A LEGACY THAT WILL REMAIN WITH US FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS.

TO THE YOUNG MOTHERS AND FATHERS OF OUR CHURCH, WE ARE EVER MINDFUL OF THE GREAT RESPONSIBILITIES THAT LAY AHEAD FOR YOU AND ARE WILLING TO HELP YOU MEET THOSE CHALLENGES. THAT IS ONE OF THE GREATEST ATTRIBUTES OF OUR COMMUNITY!

TO THE NEWLY WEDS OF OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY THE MESSAGE IS THE SAME! WE ARE THRILLED YOU HAVE STARTED YOUR LIVES TOGETHER WITH US AND WE WILL ALWAYS BE HERE TO HELP YOU IN ANY WAY THAT YOU WILL

ALLOW US "TOO"

SPECIAL EVENTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AN AREA WHERE WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SHOW HOW "WE" LIKE TO DO THINGS. IT ALWAYS AMAZES ME HOW OUR DIVERSE AND EXPANDED CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ALLOWS US TO DO SO MANY DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES. OF NOTE: THE CHOIR ASSEMBLY. WE PROVIDED A GREAT PROGRAM FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP AND THE OTHER CHURCHES OF OUR DIOCESE. AS A SMALL CHURCH WE HAVE NOW HOSTED THE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY ALONG WITH THE CHOIR ASSEMBLY. PRETTY IMPRESSIVE! ALONG WITH OUR REGULAR EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS: SLIDE SHOWS ON ARMENIAN, LECTURES, SPECIAL TRAINING SEMINARS FOR OUR CHOIR, SUNDAY SCHOOL FATHERS BREAKFAST AT EASTER, LENTEN DINNERS, ASPETS (KNIGHTS OF VARTAN) BREAKFAST, BAZAAR, RUMMAGE SALE, TWELVE MONTH DINNER, RETREATS, AND OTHER CHARITY PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY OUR SISTER CHURCHS. ALL OF THESE ARE PREPARED AND SUPPORTED BY OUR CHURCH FAMILY.

HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT SEVERAL SPECIAL PROGRAMS THAT WERE REALLY INDICATIVE OF THE GREAT WARMTH AND HEART OUR CHURCH FAMILY HAS. THESE ARE MY TOP THREE AND ORDER DOES NOT RELEGATE IMPORTANCE OF ONE OVER THE OTHER.

1. ANNIVERSARY DINNER--WE RAISED \$8,000.00DOLLARS FOR OUR CHURCH AND WE'RE ABLE TO SAY THANK YOU TO TWELVE DEDICATED MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH! THESE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY DURING W.W.II WERE UNSELFISH IN THEIR SERVICE TO THIS COUNTRY AND RETURNED TO SERVE UNSELFISHLY IN OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY! WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO REPAY THEM BUT LET US NEVER FORGET THE SACRIFICE THEY MADE FOR OUR COUNTRIES FREEDOM AND OUR RIGHT TO WORSHIP AS WE CHOOSE.

2. CHOIR ASSEMBLY AND DINNER. ONCE AGAIN OUR COMMUNITY HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW CASE THEIR GREAT ABILITY TO UNDERTAKE PROGRAMS THAT APPEAR TO BE TOUGH FOR OTHER COMMUNITIES YET SO SIMPLE FOR US. THATS NOT TO SAY IT IS SIMPLE. IT TAKES A GREAT DEAL OF WORK BUT, WITH OUR WOMANS GUILD AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS FROM OUR CHURCH WE PRESENTED A PROGRAM THAT LEFT THE CHOIR MEMBERS FROM OTHER CHURCHS "SINGING" OUR PRAISE. ON SUNDAY OUR CHURCH HALL WAS TRANSFORMED INTO AN ATMOSPHERE OF A FINE RESTAURANT. THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF THE WOMENS GUILD AND THE MEN WHO SERVED DINNER THE

PROGRAM WAS ONLY SURPASSED BY THE VOICES OF THE VISITING CHOIR MEMBERS WHO BROKE OUT INTO SPONTANEOUS SONG AND CHEER FOR OUR SUMPTUOUS DINNER. DO YOU THINK THEY WERE JUST HAPPY OR WAS IT THE WINE?

3. CHURCH PICNIC. THIS PROGRAM, IF MISSED, IS ONE OF WARMEST AND FUN-FILLED DAYS OF OUR CHURCH'S ACTIVITIES. PREPARED BY MEMBERS AND NON MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH, WE ARE ALLOWED ANOTHER GLIMPSE INTO THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY INSIDE OF OUR OWN CHURCH. WE ARE A WORLD CHURCH WITH RESPONSIBILITIES TO A WORLD COMMUNITY BUT ON THIS DAY WE SAVOR THE FOODS AND TRADITIONS THAT MAKE US THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE THAT WE ARE. THE SMELLS, THE SOUNDS, THE LAUGHTER, THE SPIRIT OF "COOPERATION" AMONG EVERYONE IS A SITE TO SEE. TO A GREAT COMMITTEE WE SAY THANK YOU! TO THE CHURCH COMMUNITY THAT SUPPORTED OUR EFFORTS WITH A RETURN OF \$11,000.00 DOLLARS FOR OUR CHURCH WE SAY THANNNNK YOXXXXOU!!!

AS A PARISH COUNCIL, I HAVE SEEN OUR GROUP GROW IN MANY WAYS. MOST COMFORTING AND ENCOURAGING HAS BEEN THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND RESPECT THAT EVERYONE HAS DEVELOPED FOR EACH MEMBER. THIS BEING OUR FIRST YEAR WITH OUR NEW DERHYR ALONG WITH THE MANY ACTIVITIES WE UNDERTOOK PROVIDED FODDER FOR MANY LIVELY DISCUSSIONS. YET, THE SPIRIT WAS ONE OF WHAT WAS BEST FOR OUR CHURCH AS A WHOLE. MOST IMPORTANTLY THOUGH, IS THAT YOU AS PARISH MEMBERS SHOULD BE SECURE IN YOUR KNOWLEDGE THAT WE AS COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE UNDERTAKEN OUR RESPONSIBILITIES WITH A GREAT SENSE OF URGENCY AND OBLIGATION TO MEETING THE NEEDS OF ALL OF OUR PARISH MEMBERS. OUR CHALLENGE, HAS BEEN TO DO IT IN THE MOST FINANCIALLY SOUND AND EXPEDITIOUS MANNER POSSIBLE. WE ARE EVER MINDFUL OF THE GREAT CONFIDENCE YOU HAVE ENTRUSTED US WITH. IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS AWESOME RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE AS A PARISH COUNCIL COME TO YOU VIA SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS TO PRESENT INFORMATION, DISCUSS ISSUES, AND ASK YOUR GUIDANCE IN OUR DECISION PROCESS.

IF YOU MISSED THE MEETINGS, YOU MISSED A LOT. THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PARISH COUNCIL, MEMBERSHIP, OTHER CHURCHES, AND THE DIOCESE ARE VERY STRONG. IF YOU HAVE FAILED TO USE THEM DURING 1995 WE CAN ONLY ASK THAT YOU RECONSIDER YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN 1996. WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE AN OPEN DOOR POLICY TO ALL AS WE MOVE INTO 1996.

I ASK THAT WE AS A CHURCH REMEMBER OUR SICK, OUR SHUT-INS, OUR MEMBERS THAT HAVE LOST LOVED ONES, AND THOSE FAMILY MEMBERS THAT LABOR AS SINGLE PARENTS. IN OUR DAILY PURSUIT OF LIFE WE SOMETIMES FORGET THAT OTHERS MAY BE CARRYING A GREATER BURDEN. LET US EACH REACH OUT AND HELP THEM!

OUR GREATEST JOY OF 1995 STILL AND FOREMOST IS OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM. WHAT MEMBER COULD COME INTO OUR CHURCH ON SUNDAY AND NOT BE OVERJOYED AT THE SIZE AND QUALITY OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM. ALICE BOYAJIAN AND ANNA GIRAGOSIAN, ALONG WITH THEIR EAGER STAFF HAVE BROUGHT A LIGHT INTO EACH AND EVERYONE OF OUR FAMILIES. YOUR GREAT EFFORTS WITH OUR MOST FRAGILE AND IMPORTANT MEMBERS ALWAYS CAUSES US TO STOP AND BE THANKFUL FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS DEDICATION.

AS A PARISH, FATHER TAVIT BOYAJIAN , HIS WIFE, TIROUHIE AND SON GREGORY HAVE BEGUN THEIR JOURNEY WITH US. WE EXTENDED TO THEM A WARM WELCOME AND THEY IN LIKE KIND HAVE BECOME OUR BELOVED PASTOR AS WELL AS ONE OF OUR FAMILY. WE LOOK TO HAVE THEM WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. ANYTHING MORE THEN THIS WOULD ONLY CAUSE THEM TO BLUSH. IT IS SUCH A PRETTY COLOR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE OF GOD AND STEP OF FAITH INTO OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY.

AS ALWAYS, I HAVE TALKED TOO LONG. MY THOUGHTS ARE FROM MY HEART. I AM SO PROUD OF OUR COMMUNITY. I APOLOGIZE FOR ANYTHING I MAY HAVE MISSED. 1996 WILL BE ANOTHER GREAT YEAR FOR PALOS HEIGHTS.

MY BEST TO EVERYONE IN "96". GOD DOES "GREAT THINGS WITH LITTLE CHURCHES". CAN YOU NOT FEEL IT? IT IS BREATH TAKING.

RESPECTFULLY,

M. DENNIS VANDER MEER
PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

WOMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL REPORT
1995

OFFICERS

ELIZABETH SAHAGIAN
ISABEL GEDERIAN
LOTTIE MIKAELIAN
ANNA GIRAGOSIAN
ELISABETH ARAKELIAN
ALICE BOYAJIAN

CHAIRMAN
VICE-CHAIRMAN
RECORDING SECRETARY
TREASURER
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
ADVISOR

MEMBERSHIP

WE HAD 30 PAID MEMBERS AT THE END OF 1995. GUILD MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ALL WOMEN WHO ARE MEMBERS OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE PARISH.

MAJOR FUND RAISERS

BAZAAR CO-ORDINATORS

RUMMAGE SALE
MAKING LAHMAJOON
12 MONTH DINNER
LENTEN DINNER
PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE
PICNIC BAKE TABLE
ALTAR FLOWERS
HYE JINKS TALENT SHOW

SONA DIORIO, KATHY HAJAVED AND ALICE MADANYAN
SONA DIORIO, CHAIRMAN
ALICE BOYAJIAN, CHAIRMAN
ISABEL GEDERIAN, CHAIRMAN
GROUP EFFORT
GROUP EFFORT
LAURA VANDER MEER AND BEVERLY MILLER
SONA DIORIO
DICK ATKIAN, CHAIRMAN
BOB AUER, MASTER OF CEREMONIES

CONFERENCES

WE PARTICIPATED IN A MIDWEST WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING IN JANUARY, HOSTED BY THE ST. GEORGE ARMENIAN CHURCH, WAUKEGAN, IL. OUR PRIMATE, ARCHBISHOP KHAJAG BARSAMIAN PRESIDING. THIS MEETING WAS COORDINATED BY THE MIDWEST REGIONAL FACILITATOR, MRS. SONIA HARLAN

WE WERE REPRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL WOMEN'S GUILD ASSEMBLY IN CHELMSFORD, MA. WHICH IS HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY. OUR DELEGATE WAS ELIZABETH SAHAGIAN.

RELIGIOUS

MAKING MAHS IS IN THE CAPABLE HANDS OF ALICE BOYAJIAN. WE PARTICIPATED AT A SCRIPTURE SEMINAR LED BY FR. VAHAN HOVHANESSIAN, WHO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE NEW ARMENIAN VERSION BIBLE. THIS SEMINAR WAS HOSTED BY ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH IN RACINE, WI.

SOCIAL SERVICES

OUR GUILD DONATED 14 DOZEN LAHMAJOON TO THE MIDWEST HYE CAMP. WE SPONSORED ONE CHILD UNDER THE CASP PROGRAM. (CHILDREN OF ARMENIA SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM). UNSOLD ITEMS FROM OUR RUMMAGE SALE WERE DONATED TO A BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTER.

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FELLOWSHIP

WE SPONSORED A TALENT SHOW IN WHICH BOTH YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART PARTICIPATED TO THE DELIGHT OF THE AUDIENCE. REFRESHMENTS WERE SERVED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING. WE ALSO SERVED SNACKS AFTER BADARAK AT SPECIAL PARISH FUNCTIONS, AS WELL AS, ON EASTER SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY.

SOCIAL

GUILD MEMBERS AND SPOUSES HAD A MIDYEAR OUTING IN THE SUMMER. WE SECURED TWO ROWS AT A PERFORMANCE BY THE CIRQUE DU SOLEIL IN CHICAGO. THIS EVENT WAS COORDINATED BY LAURA VANDER MEER. WE ALSO ATTENDED A CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY AND GIFT EXCHANGE AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT. THIS PARTY WAS COORDINATED BY LOTTIE MIKAELIAN.

PARISH SERVICES

THE ARMENIAN GIFT AND BOOKSTORE IS SPONSORED BY THE WOMEN'S GUILD AND IS CHAIRED BY ELIZABETH SAHAGIAN. IT HAS BEEN IN "BUSINESS" FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS. ITS PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WITH SOME GREAT GIFT IDEAS AT ATTRACTIVE PRICES. THE MERCHANDISE IS PURCHASED FROM THE DIOCESAN BOOKSTORE.

SPECIAL THANKS

WE WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO ALL FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS . ALL THOSE WHO HELP IN THE KITCHEN, ALL THOSE WHO HELP TO SET UP TABLES, OR THE RACKS FOR OUR RUMMAGE SALE, ALL THOSE WHO DONATE CLOTHING OR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: WITHOUT YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT WE COULD NOT BE SUCCESSFUL.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ELIZABETH SAHAGIAN

JAN. '96

1995 WOMEN'S GUILD FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>NET</u>
Altar flowers	\$230.00	\$115.00	\$115.00
Bake	4,236.00	1,152.79	3,083.21
Dues, WGCC, Delegate \$	280.00	173.00	107.00
Gift shop	1,260.00	1,698.18	438.18 -
Hye Jinks	254.00	11.00	243.00
Superbowl party	75.00	-	75.00
12 month dinner	862.00	310.45	551.55
Lenten dinner	223.00	64.75	158.25
Easter lilies	714.00	318.50	395.50
Bazaar 1994	66.00	-	66.00
Bazaar 1995	13,257.45	3,926.38	9,331.07
Rummage	842.00	-	842.00
Miscellaneous , (postage, picnic, donations)	163.04	203.96	40.92 -
Interest ckecking acct.	194.40	-	194.40
Gift to church	-	18,000.00	18,000.00 -
Sponsor Hye Camp, camper	-	55.00	55.00 -
Diocesan assembly ad	-	50.00	50.00 -
CASP cans	-	50.00	50.00 -
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	\$22,656.89	\$26,129.01	\$3,472.12 -
Balance 1/19/95			\$ 17,446.66
			<u>3,472.12-</u>
Balance 1/7/96			\$ 13,974.54

Superintendents: Alice Boyajian
 Anna Giragosian

Treasurer: Karen Nalbandian

Music: Joyce Michaels
 Annette Sultanian
 Christine O'Shea

Sunshine Person: Carol Vorperian

Curriculum: Isabella Gederian

Mailing Crew: Tirouhi Boyajian
 Anna Giragosian
 Karen Nalbandian

<u>TEACHERS</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
Melissa Atkian Martin (Jr) Randall	pre-school 3-4 yrs	10	Sunshime
Judy &Kevork Arakelian Gloria Nigohosian	5 - 6 yrs	12	Rainbow
Debbie Boyadjian	7 - 8 yrs	13	Stars
Tirouhi Boyajian Susan Boyadjian	9,10,11, 12,	11	Mt. Ararat
Anna Giragosian	13 & up	6	ACYOA JRS.

Substitutes: Isabella Gederian, Karen Nalbandian,
 Alan Simonian, June Randall, Amy Vander Meer

Our schedule for 1995

10:00 a.m. morning worship
 10:30 a.m. classes
 11:15 a.m. go into church, communion
 & sermon
 11:45 a.m. rap-up class work &
 refreshments

1995 calendar:

Sunday, January 1	Family come to church together
January 8	Armenian Christmas Program & Dinner
January 15	Sunday school
January 22	Sunday School
January 29	Sunday School
February 5	Sunday School
February 12	School School
February 19	School School
February 26	Sunday School Lent begins Monday, Feb. 27th
March 5	Sunday School
March 12	" "
March 19	" "
March 26	" "

April 2	Sunday School
April 9	Sunday School - Palm Sunday Brunch & Bake Sale
April 16	EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY DAY
April 23	Sunday School
April 30	Sunday School
May 7	Sunday School
May 14	Sunday School - Mother's Day
May 21	" "
May 28	Family Day
June 4	Closing Day/Program/Salute to the Graduates/dinner
June 11	Family Day
June 18	FAMILY Day - Father's Day
Septemger 10	Opening Day = Registration- cook-out
September 17	Sunday School
September 24	Sunday School - Knights of Vartan breakfast
October 1	Sunday School
October 8	" "
October 15	" "
October 22	Classes only/Choir convention lunch
Friday, October 27	Halloween Party 6:30 p.m.
October 29	Sunday School
November 5	Sunday School
November 12	" :
November 19	Sunday School - anniversary dinner
November 26	" "
December 3,	Sunday School
December 10	Breakfast with Santa - 9:30 a.m. reservation only
December 17	Sunday School
December 24	Sunday School
December 31	Sunday School
Saturday, January 6, 1996	10:00 a.m. church Christmas - Program practice
January 7, 1996	Christmas program & Dinner/Armenian

Our Sunday School consists of a little over 30 families. We are very proud of the parents and supporters that have made the commitment to attend their church school to learn and be a part of their roots.

Our thanks to you all.

Alice Boyajian & Anna Giragosian
 Sunday School Superintendents

Sunday School Treasurer's Report on following page

SAINTS JOACHIM and ANNE ARMENIAN
CHURCH SCHOOL
1995 TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance forward from 1994 \$3,679.89

INCOME

Sunday School Collections	811.77
Sunday School Birthday Cake	27.30
Interest Earned	75.41
Lenten Collection Boxes	69.78
Sr. Citizens Birthday Cake	168.10
1995 Christmas Dinner	1,370.00
less expenses	416.19
	953.81
Lenten Dinner	(68.00)
Palm Sunday Bake Sale	662.40
Palm Sunday Brunch	1,042.00
less expenses	46.39
	995.61
End of Year Dinner	782.00
less expenses	184.12
	597.88
Opening Day Cookout	370.00
less expenses	23.85
	346.15
Halloween Party	397.84
less expenses	154.75
	243.09
Breakfast with Santa	310.00
less expenses	114.10
	195.90
TOTAL INCOME	5,079.20

EXPENSES

Administrative Supplies	67.75
Mailings	319.58
Classroom Supplies	181.14
Vacation Bible School Supplies	128.65
Staff Gifts	159.80
Mother's Day/Father's Day Gifts	93.20
Student Gifts (1/8/95 & 1/6/96 XMAS)	381.80
Birthday Basket	79.30

Benevolence	355.38	
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,766.60	
1995 PROCEEDS	3,312.60	
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	6,992.49	
MONIES TURNED OVER TO PARISH COUNCIL		3,000.00
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Balance at December 31, 1995		\$3,992.49

Respectfully submitted

Karen Nalbandian, Treasurer

Senior Citizen's Report

January 4th Senior Citizen's started the new year with an Armenian Christmas giftexchange. A small gift of appreciation was presented to Alice Boyajian for her unfailing dedication to the Seniors.

January 6 a check for \$200 for the Armenian Orphans

January 24 a check in the amount of \$1400 was presented to Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Apostolic Church.

September 1st a check for \$150 toeward the Choir Assembly. We have purchased some equipment for the kitchen, and plan to replace other equipment.

As of January 1995 we had a balance of \$3040.88

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Semerdjian
Treasurer

1995 CHOIR REPORT

1995 was a very busy year for our choir. We were organizing the 49th Annual Assembly of the Association of Armenian Church Choirs. It was a well organized and fruitful Assembly for the 35 delegates who attended from our Diocese. Social affairs of the weekend included a Friday night Armenian dance and a gala Banquet Saturday. The grand finale , which was most enjoyed by our choir, was the Sunday Badarak including the delegates as part our choir. The beautiful music and sharagans flowed and filled us with the spirit.

Again, much thanks to the choir and friends who made this event a memorable success.

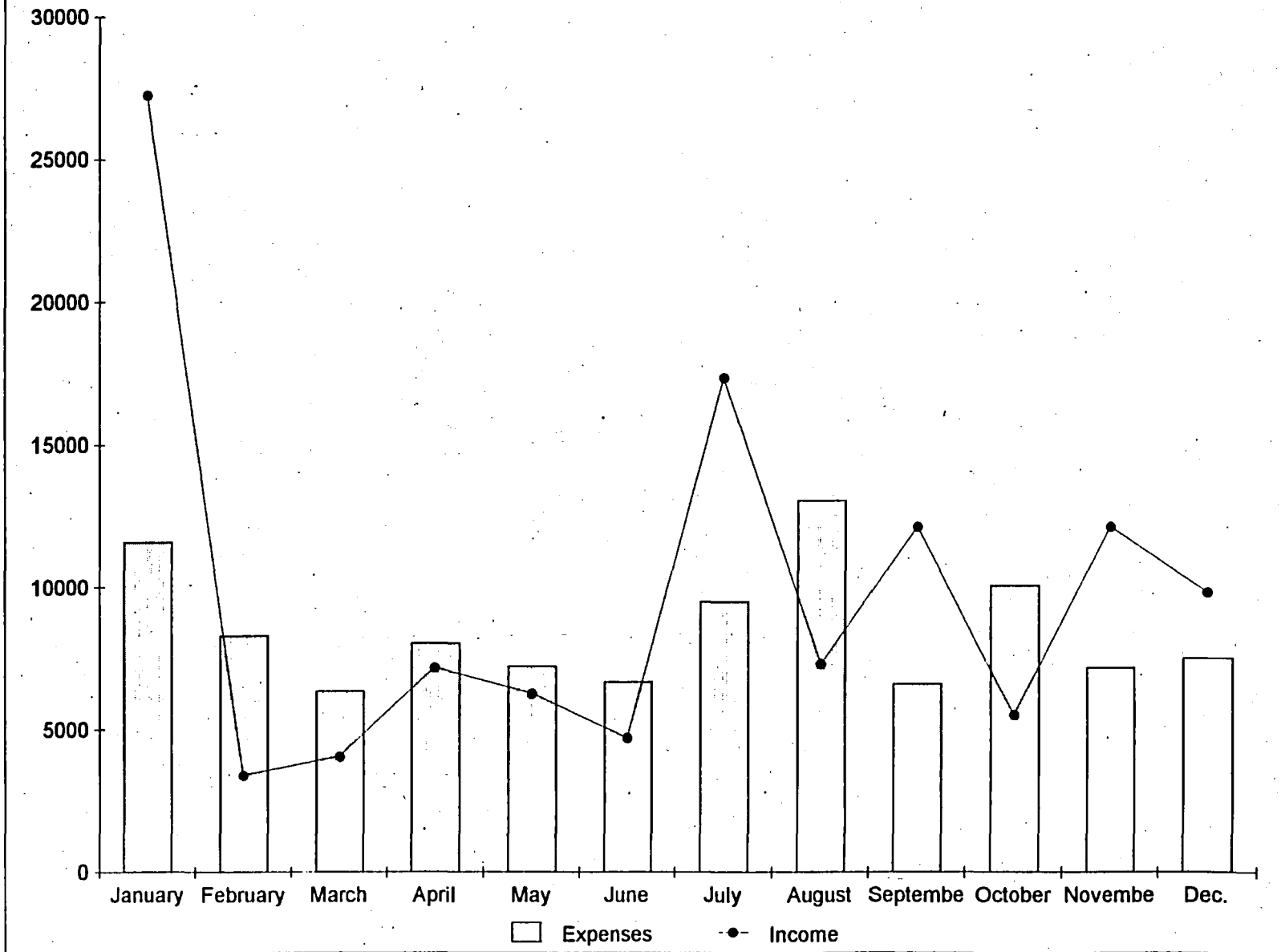
Cash as of Jan. 1995:	\$182.00
Sent to AACCA as plate collection:	\$100.00
Choir Assembly Revenues:	\$5895.54
Sent to AACCA:	\$2935.00
Total in choir account 12/31/95:	\$3042.00

Respectfully submitted,

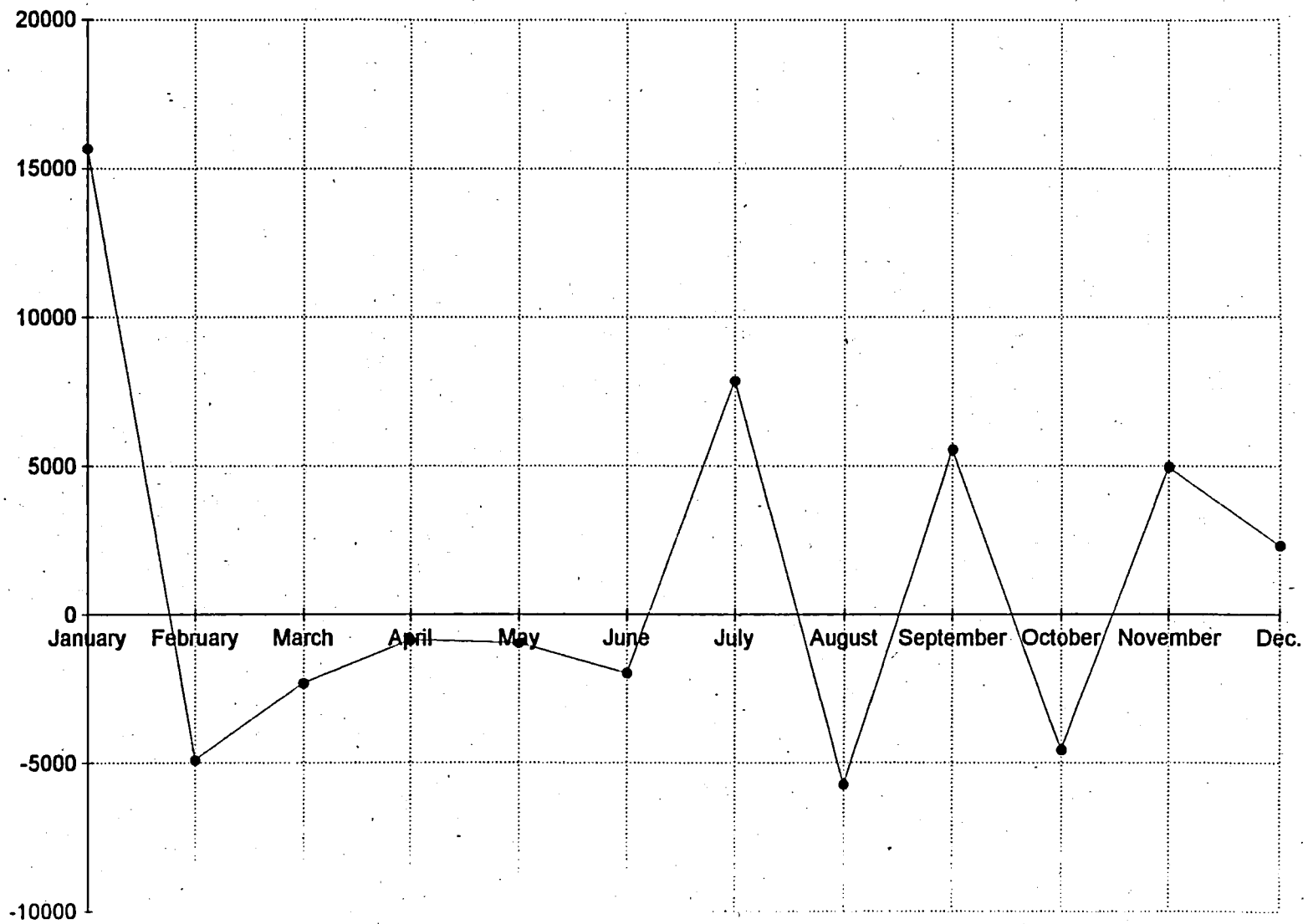


Dr. Susan B. Mardoian

1995 Income and Expenses



1995 Monthly Income or Loss



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SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANN
Transaction List
For Account CMA (Savings)
Sorted by Date

Date	Number	Payee/Description	Type	C	Amount	Balance	Account
		<Beginning Balance>				10,367.00	
01/01/95	14	cash - dividend	Deposit		1.69	10,368.69	Dividend
01/30/95	4	Dividend	Deposit		46.64	10,415.33	Dividend
02/28/95	6	Dividend	Deposit		44.41	10,459.74	Dividend
03/31/95	7	Dividend	Deposit		50.18	10,509.92	Dividend
04/04/95	3	WCMA Annual fee	Othr Pmt		-150.00	10,359.92	Merrill Lynch expense
04/15/95	1	Merryl Lynch	Othr Rct		25,000.00	35,359.92	Heritage-Checking
04/30/95	8	Dividend	Deposit		48.80	35,408.72	Dividend
05/31/95	9	Dividend	Deposit		180.93	35,589.65	Dividend
06/30/95	10	Dividend	Deposit		163.97	35,753.62	Dividend
07/31/95	11	Dividend	Deposit		156.26	35,909.88	Dividend
08/01/95	2	Merril Lynch	Othr Rct		13,000.00	48,909.88	Heritage-Checking
08/27/95	4	MemPlus Deposit	Othr Pmt		-8,000.00	40,909.88	SPLIT
08/30/95	13	Dividend	Deposit		209.92	41,119.80	Dividend
09/29/95	17	Dividend	Deposit		175.19	41,294.99	Dividend
10/18/95	15	Reversal annual serv	Deposit		150.00	41,444.99	Merrill Lynch
10/31/95	16	Dividend	Deposit		194.93	41,639.92	Dividend
11/30/95	18	Dividend	Deposit		184.01	41,823.93	Dividend

SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANN
Balance Sheet - Actual
December 31, 1995

ASSETS

Checking	
Heritage-Checking	\$ 18208.93

Total Checking	18208.93
Savings	
CMA	41823.93

Total Savings	41823.93

TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 60032.86
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CASH ON HAND DEC. 31, 1994	\$ 33,207.69
RESERVE DEC. 31, 1995	125,174.42

TOTAL	158,382.11
Expenses DEC. 31, 1995	140,178.93
Balance in Checkbook	18,208.93

Balance at Bank	18,208.93
Balance at Memphis	41,823.93

Total Money	\$ 60,032.86

REVENUES: 1995 and Projected 1996

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	1995	1995	1996
DUES	15800	13500	15000
PLATE AND CANDLE	2933	2200	3000
SACRAMENTS AND RITUALS	1449	2000	1500
X-MAS OFFERING	2875	1000	2200
EASTER OFFERING	2143	1500	2000
AUXILIARY ORGANISATIONS			
SUNDAY SCHOOL	3000	2000	2500
WOMEN'S GUILD	18000	12000	15000
SR. CITIZEN	1400	1500	1500
CHOIR		2000	2500
CHURCH AFFAIRS			
PICNIC (NET)	11000	11000	11000
ANNIVERSARY DINNER	8850	8000	8000
OTHER (LENTEN, COFFEE HR. ETC)	1607	1500	2000
GOLF OUTING	2495		
DONATIONS			
STEWARDSHIP	15110	15000	15000
IN LIEU OF FLOWERS	7195	4000	4000
IN LIEU OF X-MAS CARDS	1152	1500	1100
OTHER DONATIONS	8497	7000	7000
OTHER INCOME			
INTEREST	473	430	400
HALL RENTAL	1050	400	400
OTHER(adopt a bill, reimbursements)	1301	1000	1000
PARKING LOT REPAIR	3900	6000	3600
PARKING LOT RENTAL	5000		5000
SUM TOTAL	115230	93530	103700

EXPENSES: Actual 1995 and Projected 1996

	ACTUAL	PROJECTED	PROJECTED
	1995	1995	1996
CLERGY			
STIPEND AND EXPENSES (stipend = 22437.57 exp.=25317.88)	47755.45	47628	49180
TRAVEL / OTHER	418	1000	500
SECRETARIAL HELP	150		
DIOCESAN DUES	9364	10800	11000
OPERATING EXPENSES			
TELEPHONE	883	900	1000
SUPPLIES (school - 210 kitchen - 2381 church-1206 office - 2823	6620	6700	6700
NEWSLETTER / FLYER	1112	1960	2500
FURNITURE/COMP. EQUIP.	2360	2200	200
CONTRIBUTIONS	100	500	200
HONORARIUMS	450	500	600
OTHER EXPENSES (alter flowers, piano tuning, etc.)	923	500	600
EXPENSES OF DELEGATES	1761	2000	2000
BUILDING AND GROUNDS			
UTILITIES			
GAS	1682	2200	2000
ELECTRICITY	6994	5300	7500
WATER AND SEWAGE	491	600	600
MAINTENANCE (refuse-587, cleaning-2700, landsc.-2210 other-4223 includes 2600 painting, 425 floor, tiling , alarm detect etc.. repairs-959)	10679	13000	13000
EQUIPMENT		500	500
PARKING LOT REPAIR	1000	24100	31000
OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT			1500
INSURANCE	2278	2200	1800
CHURCH AFFAIRS			
GOLF & RECREATION	1590		
FAREWELL DINNER	1818		
ANNIVERSARY DINNER	850		850
OTHER (coffee hr.etc.)	353		550
CHOIR ASSEMBLY		2050	
SUM TOTAL	99631.45	124638	133780