

SAINTS JOACHIM & 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, February 4, 1990

After Soorp Badarak
and Lunch
in the Hovanessian Cultural Hall

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ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

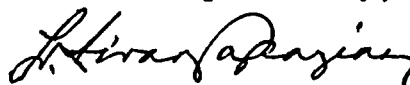
NOTICE

As was announced in the Church calendar of the December '89/ January '90 newsletter and in the Sunday bulletins during January, the regular annual Parish Assembly meeting will take place on Sunday, February 4, 1990 following Church services and a complimentary lunch.

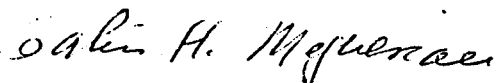
You are urged to attend and participate actively in this very important meeting. This is your chance to comment on the activities of the Parish Council and of the other Church organizations and elect new members to the Parish Council. Please read the enclosed reports before coming to the meeting.

Although all parishioners are urged to attend, according to the Church by-laws, only those parishioners who have paid their 1989 due can vote. If you have not yet paid your dues, you can still pay them on or before February 4, 1990 and vote.

Yours respectfully,



Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian,
President



Garbis H. Meguerian, Chairman
Parish Council

Enclosures

23 January 1990

STS. JOACHIM & ANNE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
PALOS HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 1990

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. Auditor and Budget
 - D. Women's Guild
 - E. Sunday School
 - F. Choir
 - G. ACYOA Jrs.
 - H. Newsletter
 - I. 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, 1990: 3 or 4 members
 - C. Auditing Committee, 1990: 3 members
9. Elections
10. New business
11. Announcement of election results
12. Prayer and adjournment

PRAYERS OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH

Before a Meeting

O Jesus, wisdom of the Father,
grant me wisdom, that I may always
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.

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Saints Joachim & Anne Armenian Apostolic Church

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Pastor

Rev. Fr. DIRAN PAPAŽIAN, Archpriest

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SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1989

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Dr. Garbis Meguerian, Chairman of the Parish Council and immediately after the Invocation by Fr. Diran Papazian, our new pastor, the quorum was established. Accordingly, 43 members were present out of a total membership of 93. Mr. Sarkis Boyajian was elected Chairman of the Assembly. Mrs. Anahid Ann Pridjian was elected Secretary of the Assembly.

Corrections and additions were made to the minutes of the prior Annual Assembly (1987).

1. Funeral services for Dr. Robert E. Alcocer were conducted on April 30, 1988;
2. Peggy Belcher was Chairlady of the Women's Guild for four months (omission by error); and
3. Onnig Madanyan was and is a member of the A.C.Y.O.A Juniors (omission by error).

A motion was made by Dr. Raffy Hovanessian to accept the minutes of the prior Annual Parish Assembly (1987) as corrected and amended. Dr. Ara Yeretsian seconded. Motion was passed.

Chairman Sark Boyajian proceeded with the discussion of the annual reports.

- I. Treasurer's Report - Garbis Meguerian presented the budget for 1989.
 1. A. Discussion about the "Altar Fund" followed. Dr. Raffy Hovanessian moved that the Altar Fund be renamed as "Greg Srabian Altar Fund" and be deposited into a separate account.
 - B. Vicky Hovanessian moved to accept the budget as presented, Greg Srabian seconded. The motion passed.
- II. The Audit Report, by Andy Sahagian, stated the Treasurer's Report as represented, was in agreement with the records and was accurate. Dr. Hovanessian moved to accept the report, Marty Randall seconded. Motion passed.
- III. Women's Guild Report by Anna Giragosian -
 1. Welcomed Fr. Diran Papazian to our parish;
 2. Thanked Guild ladies and all Church ladies for their cooperation, goodwill and assistance;
 3. Some outstanding Bazaar bills were not accounted for in the 1988 Women's Guild Treasurer's report. So their transfer of funds to the Parish Council will be \$2,000 less than reported in the budget.

- IV. Choir Report by Dr. Susan Mardoian -
 - 1. Choir needs new members;
 - 2. Choir needs a substitute Choir Master during her absences.
- V. Senior Citizens report by Alice Boyajian -
 - 1. Seniors raised \$1,500;
 - 2. They were transferring \$1,200 to the Parish Council.
- VI. Parish Newsletter Report by Lorene Skinner -
 - 1. Newsletter will resume publication;
 - 2. Parish Christmas Greeting Cards, "in-lieu-of personal Christmas cards", generated \$1,200;
 - 3. Easter lilies generated \$175.
- VII. Diocesan Assembly Report by Dr. Raffy Hovanesian -
 - 1. The report was given at the Special Assembly meeting in June;
 - 2. No further important action was taken since then;
 - 3. Anticipates "unity" to be the "theme" and the "mood" of the next Diocesan Assembly meeting.
 - 4. Dr. Ara Yeretsian moved to accept the report, Harry Hazian seconded. Motion carried.

ELECTIONS

The following four were elected on the Parish Council:

Karneg Boyajian	33 votes
Van Biragosian	33 votes
Anahid Pridjian	32 votes
Edna Dumanian	22 votes

Alice Madanyan 11 votes (next highest vote getter)

The following were elected to the Auditing Committee:

Andy Sahagian	36 votes
Paul Simonian	36 votes
Irene Merijohn	36 votes

The following were elected to the Nominating Committee:

Virginia Bogosian	36 votes
Hardy Semerjian	36 votes
Sarkis Boyajian	36 votes
Isabelle Gederian	36 votes

NEW BUSINESS

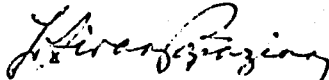
- I. Meetings - Quarterly meetings of the Parish Council proposed by Sona Diorio. No discussion.
- II. Scholarship - Establish a Scholarship Fund for our Sunday School students for St. Nerses Seminary. Proposed by Sona Diorio. Recommended by Dr. Susan Mardoian.
- III. Computer - Purchase a new computer with the C.D. money. Moved by Harry Hazian, seconded by Andy Sahagian. Opposed by Chuck Gederian. Motion carried.

- IV. Communion - Possibility of taking Communion through the back of the hand instead of in the mouth. Proposed by Joyce Alcocer. Agreed by Fr. Diran Papazian, asking that those with special concern should get in touch with him so that he may have a prior knowledge.
- V. Visitation - Need to visit the sick and the mourners. Recommended by Martha Auer. The pastor should be notified.
- VI. Special thanks to Hagop Hakalmazian and Mardy Semerjian for their endless and tireless efforts and services to our Church.

Closing words and Benediction was given by Fr. Diran Papazian.

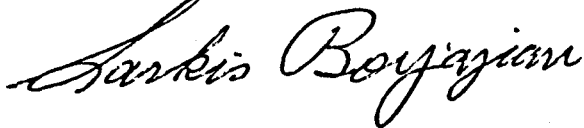
The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

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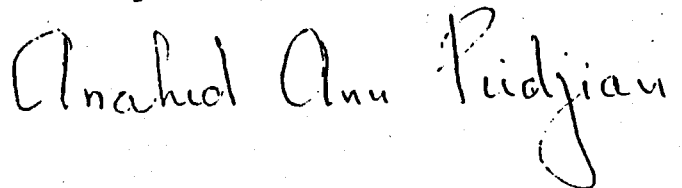


Rev. Diran Papazian,
President

Sarkis Boyajian,
Chairman



Anahid Ann Fridjian,
Secretary



PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT
1989

Submitted to the Parish Assembly of
Sts. Joachim & Anne Armenian Apostolic Church
Palos Heights, Illinois
Sunday, February 4, 1990

Dear Parishioners:

With the close of the year 1989, your pastor has completed his first full year term in the parish. Upon your invitation and by the approval of our Diocesan Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, I assumed the pastorate of this young parish of Sts. Joachim & Anne. After an initial contact, an interview was held with the representatives of the Church on August 23, 1988 and after several visits to the parish as guest celebrant, I was able eventually to move here. I arrived on January 7, 1989 and on the very next day, Sunday January 8th, I officiated on the Feast of Holy Theophany, as my first official Badarak as duly installed Pastor of the Church.

Herewith, I submit for your review a comprehensive account of my pastoral activities and accomplishments in the parish during my first year. Pastor's general work can be viewed summarily through the following categories:

WORSHIP AND LITURGY

Worship hour is from 10:00-12:00 on Sunday mornings. Soorp Badarak was conducted every Sunday and the sermons were delivered in two languages, Armenian and English to satisfy the varied needs of the congregants, with the few exceptions when Pastor could not be here for various reasons. The exceptions were for the following Sundays: Pontifical visit and "Mission of Mercy" on the occasion of the Armenian earthquake, New York on February 5th; Silver Anniversary of St. Gregory of Narek of Cleveland, April 9th; Annual Diocesan Assembly and Clergy Conference in New Jersey on May 7th; Waukegan mission as guest clergyman at St. George Armenian Church on two occasions, May 2nd and September 24th; and the rest were during Pastor's vacation, July 2nd, August 27th and September 3rd.

Besides the regular Sunday services, all of the traditional ceremonies were conducted according to the liturgical season. Holy Theophany and the "Blessing of the Water" ceremony, at which time Leo Doumanian, son of Dr. & Mrs. Heratch Doumanian, was the Godfather of the Baptismal Cross, January 8; Closed Badarak and Sunrise Service on Lenten Sundays; Vigil services on Wednesday nights during the Lenten period with appropriate pastoral reflections in tune with the penitential character of the Lenten season, February 5-March 18; Palm Sunday celebration and the ceremony of "Opening of Gates", March 19; Holy Week Observances with "Feet Washing" ceremony on Maundy

Thursday and "Burial service of our Lord" on Good Friday, March 20-24; Easter Eve Candle Light Mass, March 25; Easter celebration, March 26; Armenian Martyr's Day with "Blessing of Madagh", April 23; "Litany for Pontiff" on the Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin, May 28; Feast of the Assumption and "Blessing of Grapes", August 13; the Feast of the Exaltation of Holy Cross and "Processional Antasdan", September 17. The Memorial Days of five major feast days (Merelotz) were observed with General Requiem Services (Hokehankist). Also we had Christmas caroling on December 24, Christmas Eve day, following Soorp Badarak with a timely Christmas message.

Pastor made a special trip to New York to participate in the Funeral Services of one of our most illustrious churchmen, Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, Patriarch-Elect of Jerusalem and founder of St. Nersess Seminary, September 8-9, 1989. His 40th day was commemorated in our Church with a special Hokehankist on October 15th.

SACRAMENTS AND RITES

Through the year, the following Sacraments and rites were administered and duly recorded in our Parish Registry.

BAPTISMS: Six (6) Baptisms were performed as follows:

<u>Names</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Janell Renee Doumanian	June 4
Rachel Talene Mardoian	June 18
Alexan Isahag Yerevanian	July 30
Jessica Ann Tarazoff	August 6
Miles Craig Capen	August 12
Arek Sissag Varjabedian	September 17

FUNERALS: Two (2) elderly parishioners were the loss of our community.

<u>Names</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Paul Boghosian	May 26
Charles Prijian	July 25

NOTE: I conducted the funeral services from the Church for the first deceased, however due to circumstances, there was no proper funeral services for the second deceased.

Besides the above funerals, I conducted the funeral service of Rachel Pilobosian at St. George Armenian Church in Waukegan on November 3rd on special request.

Pastor participated in the elaborate Funeral Services of Alderman George Hagopian, October 4th and 5th, conducting at the wake service at Columbian Funeral Chapel, Chicago and took part in the Funeral Services with area clergy at St. Stanislaw Catholic Church in Chicago.

Pastor also participated in the Funeral Services of Margaret Adjemian, sister of benefactor Alex Manoogian on December 26th at St. John's Armenian Church in Southfield Michigan.

WEDDINGS: Wedding Bells did not toll this year in our parish, therefore there were no matrimonial service performed in our Church. I participated in a wedding service at St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church in Chicago on August 19th by special invitation of the pastor of the church, Rev. Fr. Vahram Hazarian.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES

Beside the sacerdotal or priestly functions, the pastoral ministries encompass also sick calls at hospitals or homes, calls of shut-ins at nursing homes, grave-blessing at cemeteries, home blessing, home visitations. Patients were visited when informed. Over 30 homes were visited and several times of that number considered repeat visitations. Pastor's ambition is to visit every parishioner and every Armenian in our community which of course can be accomplished with the help of parishioners.

The pastoral works were carried in a conscientious manner. Pastor has attempted to respond positively to all kinds of invitations by the parishioners on different occasions.

I urge you all to feel free to contact the pastor for any reason, be it a sick call, a graduation, birthday, for counseling purposes or purely social visits. It is important that parishioners maintain contact with the pastor and report situations needing pastoral attention be it happy, or sad occasions.

PARISH COUNCIL AND CHURCH AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

PARISH COUNCIL

The administration of the parish is governed by the Parish Council, which is elected by the dues-paying church members during the Annual Parish Assembly. The Parish Council is the Executive Body of the parish and Pastor is the ex-officio president of the Parish Council, as well as president of all the Auxiliary organizations within the parish. The operation of the Church office, to meet the day-to-day affairs of the parish, is maintained by the Pastor, assisted by the Church secretary.

The Parish Council members worked conscientiously to meet the needs of the parish, particularly to oversee financial matters, by raising funds and appropriating the budget. The Parish Council functioned quite normally under the leadership of Dr. Garbis Meguerian as Chairman.

Our Annual Parish Assembly was convened on February 26, 1989 to review the activities of 1988. A special mid-year Parish Assembly met on June 25, 1989 to give a report to the parish on the Diocesan Assembly and Clergy Conference hosted by St. Stepanos Armenian Church, Elberon, New Jersey during May 1-7, 1989. Dr. Raffy Hovannessian, our Church delegate gave a full report on the state of affairs of the Diocese, as well as Dr. Garbis Meguerian in the capacity of Parish Council Chairman. As for the parish priest, Fr. Diran Papazian, he gave his report concerning both Clergy Conference and Diocesan Assembly.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild, without any exaggeration, is the backbone of our parish. With their untold hours of toil, especially for two major money-making affairs of our parish, Picnic and Bazaar during summer and autumn, the members as a unified body outdid themselves. The Guild functioned under group leadership, led by Janna Simonian as Acting Chairperson.

A new election of officers was held on October 10, 1989 and by emergence of two chairpersons, Isabelle Gederian and Alice Boyajian, the Guild will be led by co-leadership, after having been officially installed for the new term beginning in January 1990.

ACYOA

A handful of teenagers in our parish constitute our ACYOA Juniors. The group, so far has been functioning under the leadership of Anna Giragosian as their advisor. Sebouh Arakelian is the chairman. The group is presently undergoing some organizational development and seeking improvement. Hopefully, in 1990 the group will emerge stronger as a result of reorganizational efforts.

ACYOA Juniors, urged by Pastor, indicated their desire to participate in a Walk-a-thon for Hunger in the southwest suburbs, sponsored by Church World Service and organized by CROP (Christians Rural Overseas Project) supported by over 30 Christian denominations and other worldwide Christian organizations throughout U.S.A.

CHOIR

Our Church Choir is composed of a small group of dedicated members who faithfully attend Church every Sunday and sing Soorp Badarak. The Choir Director is Susan Mardoian and Assistant Choir Director is Greg Srabian. The organist is Martha Auer.

As Altar Servers, we have acting deacons (stall-bearer) Nazar Halajian and Norayr Madanyan. Incense-burners, who are in-training for Deacon's part, are Shunt and Onnig Madanyan, brothers. Our two acolytes who served faithfully are John and Leo Doumanian, brothers.

Choir, together with Deacons and Altar Servers, are very important in the liturgical function of the Church. Obviously, the Choir needs improvement and Altar Servers need more training. In the case of the Choir, one way for improvement is to increase membership and to hold regular rehearsals; and in the case of Deacons and Altar Servers more practice and learning is advisable. St. Nersess Deacon's Training Course in the summer is undeniably a great help and it will be wise to send our Altar Servers and Acolytes there for concentrated training.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

In any parish, Sunday School is the joy of the parish, but we want it to also be our pride. Our children need to receive Christian education and learn about our Christian heritage. We are fortunate in having a dedicated teaching staff led by June Randall as Superintendent. Parental cooperation in bringing their children with regularity and punctuality is essential for the well-being of the school. This is needed in our parish. I hope the parents will sense the gravity of the situation and remedy it by their promptness. We have a fine staff, let us encourage them to do their job which is indispensable for our children.

As an innovation this year, "Breakfast with Der Hayr", on special occasions, proved to be enjoyable for the children. This will be continued. "Grandparents Day" on the opening day of Sunday School for the new academic year, also proved to be enjoyable. For the arrangement of both projects, we are indebted to June Randall.

HAYGIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL

One of my greatest joys is to teach Armenian language to an eager group of children of some of our parishioners who live in Munster and Merrillville, Indiana. Once a week, I visit each group, separately, on different days to teach them their mother tongue, having been greatly encouraged by the accomodation of their parents. It is extremely satisfying to witness their steady progress to the extent that their participation in our Church programs with their recitations is a real delight to the audience. The group constitutes the Haygian Armenian School.

SENIOR CITIZENS

This is a group of the elderly people of our parish who come together once a month for a "Kheyma" luncheon in the church hall and to enjoy each other's fellowship. The luncheon is followed with games. We are grateful to Alice Boyajian who graciously prepares the luncheon every month, with her great zest and cheerful disposition. The group is getting bigger all the time, attracted by the delicious "kheyma", since age is not a binding prerequisite to attend the luncheon.

PARISH PUBLICATIONS

Every Sunday a bulletin is prepared for announcements of parish affairs, services, Scriptural Readings and Sermon themes and distributed to the worshipers. Also, on Christmas and Easter, special bulletins are prepared and mailed. From time to time, flyers are printed and mailed for special affairs.

The parish NEWSLETTER is published on a regular bi-monthly basis and mailed to the community. Great care is taken to make the Newsletter presentable both in its appearance and contents. Regular features are: Pastoral Reflections; parish events in both words and pictures; sacraments and rites; Church gifts; community news, etc. The Newsletter staff is composed of the following members: Editor - Der Diran Papazian; Co-editor - Lorene Skinner; Typist - Annette Sultanian; Proof and Labels - Sona Diorio. Certainly the Newsletter staff is doing a very commendable job.

The Newsletter is now called "ANI" in honor of the millenium of the Cathedral of Ani, the capital city of the Bagratide Dynasty in the 10th century. The cover is designed by Lynn Simonian-Capen, a graphic artist. We appreciate Lynn's willingness to offer her talented service to the Church.

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF OUR CHURCH

The Sixth Anniversary Celebration of the Consecration of our Church was for us a major event, with the weekend activities on November 18-19, 1989, presided by the Diocesan Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. His Grace was celebrant and preacher on Sunday, and during the liturgy, he ordained clerks (Tbir) for serving on the Holy Altar. The four ordained clerks were: John and Leo Doumanian, brothers, Brian Nigohosian and Bob Auer. In addition to the ordination of clerks, Dr. Norayr Madanyan received the right to wear a stall as stole-bearer. Surpazan also consecrated three recently acquired oil paintings, two for the side altars on the sanctuary and one for the Votive candles corner. The artist who executed the paintings and donated them to the Church, Mrs. Dorothy Kishibay, was present, with her husband, at the festivities. A fitting dinner/program followed the Church services.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HOURS

Throughout the year, we had many opportunities for Church Fellowship. Lenten Suppers, sponsored and prepared by our Church Auxiliary organizations, are particularly popular. Sunday Coffee Hours are appreciated by everyone, affording opportunity for people to enjoy each others company. Other affairs sponsored by the Parish Council or Auxiliary organizations are mentioned in their reports.

WOMEN'S FIRST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Women's Guild Central Council sponsored its first Regional Conference for the midwest region on October 7, 1989, hosted by our Women's Guild. Seven Midwest Church Guilds were represented at the conference. Yeretsgin Rosalie Papazian was the featured speaker. As clergymen, we enjoyed the participation of Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian, of St. Mesrob Armenian Church in Racine Wisconsin, who presented an illustrated lecture and Deacon Serop Aljalian, the newly appointed Deacon-in-charge of Holy Resurrection Armenian Church, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

HYE CAMP

Hye Camp is a unique program in all our Diocese and is operated under the direction of the Midwest Regional Council. Our Church was deeply involved in all phases of Hye Camp. Anna Giragosian, as the Director, was responsible for the overall operation and many other parishioners volunteered their services. Yeretsgin Rosalie was on the staff as a teacher, together with Der Hayr. Hye Camp is in Elkhorn, Wisconsin and was in operation during July 29-August 5, 1989.

ARMENIAN EARTHQUAKE

The Armenian Earthquake, on December 7, 1988 was the most devastating occurrence for Armenia which claimed the sympathetic attention of the international community. Its repercussions in the Armenian life all over the world was very apparent. Our Diocese was heavily involved in the Earthquake Relief efforts. Our Church tried to do its share and is continuing to do so.

Pastor attended the historic pontifical mission of the two Catholicoses in New York, February 5-12, 1989. It was his privilege to participate in the "Mission of Hope and Recovery" initiated by the hierarchical heads of our Church.

Locally, we held religious services in our Church on each of the successive milestone of the tragedy. Our Church played host to the Armenian earthquake children who were receiving medical treatment in Chicago, accompanied by their guardians, on two occasions; on a Lenten vigil service preceded by Lenten supper on March 3rd and on the observance of the Armenian Martyr's Day, April 23rd.

Pastor, himself, was personally involved by his participation in community affairs. He gave the Invocation for a Charity Benefit Dinner Dance, proceeds going to the earthquake relief fund, in Schererville, Indiana on March 7th. He gave interviews to students and reporters and addressed hundreds of students at Chicago Christian High School and accepted their gift of \$500.00 towards the Earthquake relief.

Our parish's participation in our Diocesan Relief activities with a sum of approximately \$28,000.00 is very laudable indeed for a parish of our size, especially if we consider the fact that Chicago AGBU raised \$1,000,000 and the participation of our parishioners was very significant.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Pastor was active in the area of Public Relations. As an active member of the Moraine Valley Clergy Association and in this capacity, he is involved in community activities, sponsored by the Clergy Association, such as pastoral clinical workshops, campus ministry at Moraine Valley Community College, spiritual retreat, etc.

Pastor, along with other clergy, serving Palos Heights area, was guest of honor at a dinner program by the Kiwanis Club, at the Trinity Christian College, May 17, 1989.

As a result of Pastor's promotional activities and lengthy interviews, our Church had extensive coverages with pictures in area newspapers, WORTH-PALOS REPORTER (May 18, 1989) and THE STAR (July 13, 1989).

Pastor also participated in a TV program on Metrovision on "Conversation on Faith" on June 15 & 22, 1989.

GUEST CLERGYMEN

We were fortunate enough, in this remote corner of our Diocese to receive the visitation of several clergymen, some of whom participated in our Church services.

Very Rev. Jirayr V. Tashjian from Paris, France, sang Badarak songs in our Choir and participated in the Yerevanian's Baptism on July 30th. Very Rev. Mesrob Dz. V. Semerdjian of Hartford, Connecticut spent a week in our parish and gave a lecture in our Church hall on October 25th, and participated in Church services and delivered sermon on October 29th. V. Rev. Shnork V. Kasparian of Belleville, Illinois, October 29th; Rev. Fr. Krikor Hairabedian, our former pastor and presently of Bayside, New York, November 13th; and Rev. Fr. Garen Gdanian, recently retired of Troy, New York, December 3rd.

Besides out-of-town clergymen, we also had Rev. Fr. Vahram Hazarian as a guest clergyman, pastor of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church in Chicago, who participated in the Mardoian's Baptism, together with Deacon Serop Aljalian of South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

HELPING DEACONS

Deacons, with the rank of Archdeacon, who serve at St. James Armenian Church in Evanston, helped us from time to time whenever needed, with their participation of Soorp Badarak or merely conducting "Morning Service" and Midday Service" (Jashou) in the absence of Pastor. These Deacons are Krikor Mirijanian, Krikor Goshgarian and Dikran Kelekian. Our thanks to them and sincere appreciation for their kind service by lending their help. Our appreciation also to Very Rev. Varoujan Dz. V. Kabaradjian, pastor of St. James in Evanston, for his fine spirit of cooperation by releasing his deacons and accomodating us.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Pastor cheerfully accepted invitations throughout the year to attend community events. Pastor attended the Heritage Awards Dinner where Vicky Shoghag Hovanessian was recipient of the Heritage Award by the Illinois Democratic Council on Ethnic Americans which she accepted on behalf of the Armenian Community on July 8, 1989. We salute our parishioner.

Pastor attended, by invitation, the Seventh Anniversary Celebration Dinner of the Armenian Radio Hour of Chicago, founded by Mr. & Mrs. Siragon Kerkonian on October 29, 1989.

Pastor attended a Testimonial Dinner for Sarkis Soghanalian who received the Humanitarian Award of the Year by the Chicago AGBU on November 4, 1989.

Pastor attended a dinner in honor of Illinois Senator Paul Simon and his wife, given by Dr. & Mrs. Raffy Hovanessian with a select group of people in attendance at their residence on December 9, 1989.

Pastor also attended some other public function giving appropriate Invocations.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Two major events are in the making for 1990. The first one is the 50TH JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF PRIESTHOOD OF ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, slated for Sunday, April 1, 1990. This will be celebrated in the Midwest region on a grand scale, with the participation of all eight Churches of the region. The celebration is under the supervision of the Midwest Regional Council. Dr. Raffy Hovanessian was elected the General Chairman by the representatives of participating parishes.

The second is the COMMEMORATION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE during the week of April 24, 1990. This will be observed this year with the participation of all Armenian Churches, political groups and all other organizations, big or small of the Greater Chicago area, for the first time in history.

Our Church is participating with its representatives in the organizational meetings of both events.

EPILOGUE

Before, I conclude this report, I wish to express by heartfelt appreciation and acknowledgement to a number of people who, with their dedicated service to the Church with their time, talent, energy and treasure, contributed to the growth and life of this parish. My gratitude to the Parish Council members for their splendid spirit of cooperation, to the Choir Members, organist and Deacons for their diligence, to the members of all Church organizations and particularly to all Church volunteers, the "unsung heroes" of our parish, who work so hard to make Church operate smoothly.

My future plans include Bible Study Group, Armenian Language classes for adults and formation of young couples society.

I want you to know that I love this parish. I've already made some deep and lasting associations with wonderful people.

Thank be to God for the opportunity to serve for His glory, for the benefit of His people.

May God pour His blessings upon the community of Sts. Joachim and Anne, so that in turn the Church may continue to spread her blessings to her surroundings.

As we embark into a new year and begin the last decade of the 20th century, may it be a victorious march toward great accomplishments.

I look forward to the future with the sincere hope of serving this church, God willing, for His greater glory.

In these troubled times, we earnestly ask in our prayers, God's protection upon the Armenian people. Armenians, one of the oldest and noblest people in the world today, and the first Christian nation who outlived great empires, deserve heaven's protection from the barbaric hordes, constant menace to our safety.

Prayerfully yours,



Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian
Pastor

January 17, 1990
Palos Heights, Illinois

REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

1989

INTRODUCTION

The newly elected and in-office members of the Parish Council met briefly on March 14, 1989, 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 1989 Parish Council consisted of:

Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian	President
Garbis H. Meguerian	Chairman
Rosy Yeretsian	Vice-Chairman
Martin Randall	Treasurer
Elizabeth Sahagian	Secretary
Karneg Boyajian	Buildings & Grounds
Anahid Pridjian	Membership
Edma dumanian	Member
Van Giragosian	Member
Gary Mazian	Legal Affairs

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. The activities of the Parish Council continued to be run mainly through 3 Committees: Membership (Anahid Pridjian - 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; Martin Randall - Sunday School; Fr. Diran - Jr. ACYOA and NEWSLETTER; Van Giragosian - Young Adults.
2. During 1989 the dues paying parish membership dropped to 91 because of deaths, moving out of the area and financial difficulties.
3. Religious gifts in 1989 were again less than previous years: \$20,460 vs. \$21,905 in 1988; \$24,525 in 1987; and \$27,385 in 1986. If the rate of decrease continues, in a few years our church will be subject to financial difficulties.
4. "The Husband and Wife Sunday Greeters" continued in 1989 although not on regular basis.
5. Pursuant to the resolution of the Parish Assembly a separate CMA account was established at Merrill Lynch under the name of "Sts. Joachin & Anne Armenian Church - Srabian Altar Fund".
6. Also pursuant to the resolution of the Parish Assmby an IBM compatible computer was purchased. The use of the computer has greatly facilitated the issuance of our Newsletter.
7. The Newsletter, recently named ANI, was issued bimonthly on regular

basis thanks to the tireless efforts of Laurene Skinner and our part-time secretary, Anette Sultanian.

8. The 74th Anniversary of the Genocide was commemorated on April 23, 1989, with Divine Liturgy and Memorial Service. After the Church services a memorial lunch was offered with an appropriate program. Mr. Haig Allahverdian was the speaker.

9. At a Special Parish Assembly on June 26, 1989, Dr. Raffy Hovanessian, our delegate to the Diocesan Assembly, reported on the actions of the May Diocesan Assembly.

10. Buildings and Grounds Committee took care of the necessary repairs to the buildings and equipments. The garbage area was fenced; the altar microphone was repaired and a new one was purchased; the secretary's office was equipped.

11. The annual Church picnic was held on Sunday, July 23, 1989, on the church grounds. It was very successful and netted about \$5,300 thanks to the tireless efforts of the Picnic Committee headed by Marty Randall and to the support of our members and friends.

12. The sixth Annual Anniversary Dinner celebrating the consecration of our Church took place on November 19, 1989. The featured speaker was Archbishop Torkom Manoogian; Ani Aznavoorian and Siragan Kerkonian entertained us and Mrs Dorothy Kishibay, the artist who painted and donated the side-altar paintings, was our special guest.

13. During Divine Liturgy preceding the Anniversary Dinner, Archbishop Manoogian consacrated the side-altar and the candle-niche paintings.

14. We are actively participating in committees making arrangements for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the ordination of archbishop Manoogian and for the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the genocide.

CONCLUSION

The Parish Council is gratified with the 1989 accomplishments which contributed to the effective running of church affairs. However, these accomplishments could not have been achieved without the cooperations of Father Diran 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

WOMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL REPORT
1989

OFFICERS:

Janna Simonian	-	Chairlady
Anna Giragosian	-	Treasurer
Lottie Mikaelian	-	Recording Secretary
Isabelle Gederian	-	Corresponding Secretary
Sona Diorio	-	Advisor

Our Women's Guild members were very active this past year with organizing and planning the many successful events that took place.

At this time, the guild members would like to thank all, church members as well as non-members, for their valued participation and help throughout the year.

Listed below are some of the guilds 1989 functions:

Thank You Bizarre Party	Annual Church Bazaar
Lenten Dinners	Church Anniversary Dinner
Palm Sunday Bake Sale	Host to Central Council
Night Out Theatre Party	Women's Guild Conference
Ladies Night Out - Floral Mystic	Altar Flowers
Rummage Sale	
Picnic Bake Table	

As in the past, our goal for 1990 is to continue to work for the good of our Church and to grow in membership.

Respectfully,

Isabelle Gederian
Corresponding Secretary

1989 WOMEN'S GUILD TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>NET</u>
ALTAR FLOWERS	400.00	30.00	370.00
BAZAAR '88	226.00	1,236.37	- 1,010.37 -
'89	16,208.47	6,356.06	9,852.41
RUMMAGE	827.11	12.92	814.19
SPECIAL EVENTS			
FISH LENTEN DINNERS	100.83	181.69	- 80.86 -
MID-WEST WOMEN'S GUILD CONFERENCE	226.00	413.67	- 187.67
BIZARRE PARTY		165.76	- 165.76 -
FLOWER MYSTIQUE		216.94	- 216.94 -
MISCELLANEOUS			
POST CARDS		7.50	
THEATRE PARTY	900.00	900.00	
WOMEN'S GUILD CENTRAL COUNCIL DUES '88 & '89		30.00	
HYE CAMP MEAL		90.00	- 127.50 -
KITCHEN & BATH SUPPLIES		133.56	- 133.56 -
DUES	110.00		110.00
TRANSFER FUNDS TO TRUSTEES		12,000.00	-12,000.00 -
INTEREST FROM CHECKING ACCT. DEC. '88	86.12		86.12
JAN - DEC '89	503.34		503.34
	<u>\$19,587.87</u>	<u>\$21,774.47</u>	<u>-\$2,186.60 -</u>
 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/88			 \$16,921.35
 BALANCE ON HAND AS OF 12/31/89			 \$14,734.75

Anna Giragosian
treasurer women's guild

SUNDAY SCHOOL
1989

STAFF:	Nursery Class	Nancy O'Rourke
	Primary Class	June Randall
	Intermediate Class	Susan Sahagian
		Lorene Skinner
	High School Class	Dick Atkian
		Sonia Harlan
		Yeretsgin Rosalie Papazian
	Music Director	Genevieve Semerdjian
	Superintendent	June Randall
	Treasurer	Irene Arakelian
	Secretary	Sue Semerdjian
	Spiritual Advisor	Fr. Diran Papazian

We began our Sunday School year in September with Grandparents Day. We honored 18 of our grandparents and senior citizens.

We had our annual Halloween Party with pinatas and plenty of food. The spooks and spirits were out in all their paint.

In November, the Sunday School choir performed for the Anniversary Dinner/Program which included the the presence of our Diocesan Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. During the same month, we also had our first "Breakfast with Der Hayr".

December was a busy time preparing for our Christmas program held on January 7, 1990. We had a marvelous turnout of approximately 140 family and friends.

Coming events include:

March 3, 1990	Lenten Breakfast with Der Hayr
April 8, 1990	Palm Sunday Breakfast
April 14, 1990	Easter Breakfast with Der Hayr
May 12, 1990	End of the Year Breakfast with Der Hayr
May 20, 1990	End of Year Dinner/Program

Comments and Concerns:

1. We want to thank the teachers and staff who have taken on the responsibility of the children of our Church, teaching the word of God. Their dedication will always be remembered by the children.
2. Special thanks to the parents and children who come regularly to Sunday School.
3. Our only real concern is the lack of attendance.

Respectfully Submitted in
the Service of Christ,

June Randall,
Sunday School Superintendent

CHOIR REPORT

1989

This past year, 1989, has been a quiet one for our Choir, except for a few additions and changes. Our Choir Director, Susan, had a child, thus her presence was minimal. Greg Srabian, our Assistant Choir Director, often substituted graciously. As usual, our devoted organist, Martha Auer, and other Choir members have kept the Church filled with music.

Genevieve Semerdjian substituted a few times on the organ and did a wonderful job. Shannon Atkian, our youngest Choir member and Sonya Doumanian, our newest soprano, have joined us this year. We welcome them and all others who have a desire to sing our Badarak.

Thank you to all who have been a part of the Choir and sharing your talents.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Mardoian

ACYOA JUNIORS

1989

Balance as of December 1988

\$2,409.28

INCOME

Bake Sale

\$ 707.05

Interest

31.32

Total Income

738.37

EXPENSES

Caroling refreshments

\$ 48.00

Christmas card/Church

25.00

Indicator

408.00

Miscellaneous

71.26

Total Expenses

552.26

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 1989

\$2,595.39

Respectfully submitted,

John Doumanian
Treasurer, ACYOA Juniors

NEWSLETTER

1989 ANNUAL REPORT

1989 represented the Newsletter's ninth year in publication. Current mailing reaches 325. In January, the staff gained two enthusiastic members with the arrival of our Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian and Church Secretary, Annette Sultanian.

Fr. Papazian immediately took on the responsibilities of Newsletter Editor by setting a goal to find a name for the publication.

With the necessary replacement of the (beloved) Macintosh computer, Annette was faced with learning and applying a new techniques of the Epson computer and printer during production time.

In 1989, a new format was established, Epson style. Mailings included the Parish Greeting Card with Christmas service information and five Newsletter issues: December '88-April '89, May-July, July-September, October- November and December '89- January '90.

The December '89-January '90 issue proudly carried the new COVER designed by Lynn Capen and the name "ANI".

Thank you to the Parish Council and members for the purchase of the new computer equipment and to Garbis and Hope Meguerian for their efforts and energy in making the selection.

The purpose of "Ani" is to spread God's word and to offer an invitation to all to attend Church and School services and activities, and to encourage strength in community thru our members and our ethnic heritage.

"ANI" Staff

Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian - Editor

Lorene Skinner - Co-Editor

Annette Sultanian - Church Secretary

Sona Diorio - Proof Reader & Labels

All Parishioners - Reporters

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorene Skinner
Lorene Skinner

SENIOR CITIZENS

1989

Senior Citizens luncheons are held on the first Wednesday of each month. Thirty to forty people enjoy lunch followed by "cards" for the men and "bingo" for the women. Irma Srabian calls "bingo" and Ann Raptzian shops for the bingo prizes that are enjoyed by all.

Birthdays are celebrated and often younger people come and enjoy the afternoon.

Our ladies help in baking and yalanchi making. They are famous for their kufta which are always sold out at the Bazaar.

Our treasurer is Araxie Samarjian and assistant treasurer is Nazar Halajian. Our balance at the end of 1989 is \$1,500.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Boyajian