

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 10, 1991

After Soorp Badarak
and Lunch
in the Hovanesian Cultural Hall

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ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

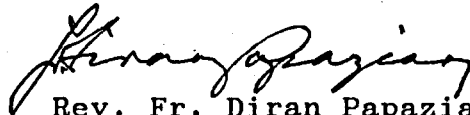
NOTICE

As was announced in the Church calendar of the January/February 1990 newsletter and in the Sunday bulletins during January, the regular annual Parish Assembly meeting will take place on Sunday, February 10, 1991 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 1990 dues can vote. If you have not yet paid your dues, you can still pay them on or before February 10, 1991 and vote.

Yours respectfully,



Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian,
President



Garbis H. Meguerian, Chairman
Parish Council

Enclosures

20 January 1991

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

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 1991

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 Budget
 - D. Auditor
 - E. Women's Guild
 - F. Sunday School
 - G. Choir
 - 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: 4 members
 - B. Delegate
 - C. Nominating Committee, 1991: 3 or 4 members
 - D. Auditing Committee, 1991: 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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**SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1990

On Sunday, February 4, 1990, following Soorp Badarak and after serving a light luncheon, the annual parish meeting was convened at Hovanessian Cultural Hall, presided by Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian, pastor. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M., immediately after the Invocation pronounced by the pastor, the quorum was established by the roll call and the verification of the members. Forty seven (47) members were present out of a total membership of ninety one (91).

The meeting was proceeded according to the agenda with some minor rearrangements. The booklet containing the meeting notice, agenda and the annual reports of Church organizations was previsouly sent to the parishioners by mail or distributed by hand.

(1) Election of Chairman and Secretary
Chairman - Greg Srabian
Secretary - Sonia Harlan

(2) Ballot Committee: Garbis Meguerian recommended that the Nominating Committee be accepted as the Ballot Committee. Members of that Committee are Sark Boyajian, Virginia Bogosian, Elizabeth Gederian and Martin Randall.

(3) Parlimentarian: Kachig Bogosian was appointed as Parlimentarian.

(4) Approval of last year's Annual Parish Assembly. A motion was made by Dr. Raffy Hovanessian to accept the minutes of the prior Annual Parish Assembly (1988) which was accepted with minor changes.

The assembly proceeded with the discussion of annual reports.

- A. Pastor's Report - unanimously approved, with a special appreciation for a job well done.
- B. Parish Council Report - was similarly unanimously approved with appreciation
- C. Women's Guild Report - unanimously accepted. A contribution of \$12,000 was transferred to the Church treasury.
- D. Sunday School Report - no treasurer's report was submitted, but when asked, it was stated that \$600 is in the account. The changes in the Sunday School schedule was clarified by June Randall, Superintendent. Chairman requested a formal report regarding the new schedule, as well as a treasurer's report to be submitted within two weeks.
- E. Choir Report - Vicky Hovanessian observed that the Choir needs more practice. Furthermore, it was observed that the Choir needs organizational structure. Sonya Doumanian accepted responsibility of notifying choir members of practices and meetings. Report was unanimously accepted.
- F. ACYOA Report - unanimously accepted
- G. "Ani" Newsletter Report - Rosy Yeretsian thanked the "designer" of the new cover and commented on the excellence of the newsletter. Report was unanimously accepted.
- H. Senior Citizen's Report - unanimously accepted. Nazar Halajian presented a \$1,200 to the Church.
- I. Auditor's Report - Andy Sahagian, a member of the Auditing Committee reported that his committee observed everything to be in order.
- J. Budget - The Budget was introduced by Garbis Meguerian, Chairman of Parish Council. After a lengthy discussion, a budget of \$90,523 was unanimously accepted. This represented a deficit budget with anticipated revenues of \$84,000.
 1. Srabian Altar Fund - total of \$29,531 in the account. This is a separate account according to the proposition which was accepted at last year's Parish Assembly meeting.
 2. Pledging - It was suggested to change the name of "Priestly Pledge" to "Religious Gift".
 3. Volunteer Work - Keg Giragosian suggested volunteer lawn care in order to save money. He was asked to oversee the project. Virginia Bogosian suggested that the Parish Council have one member to coordinate volunteer help.
- K. Diocesan Delegate Report - Dr. Raffy Hovanessian, our Diocesan delegate, had already given a full report during a special Parish Assembly meeting concerning the 87th Annual Diocesan Assembly. His report was unanimously accepted.
 1. Amendments to the By-laws - Any Diocesan amendments to the By-Laws should be sent in by march 2, 1990.
 2. Unification Committee - This committee was instructed to draw its By-Laws by February 24, 1990. It was also decided that April 24, 1990 commemorative events be done jointly as it is now being done on Diocesan, as well as

on regional levels. The 75th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide will be commemorated jointly with all churches and segments in the Chicago area during the week of April 24, 1990.

3. Earthquake Relief Fund - Considering the lack of an accounting report from the Diocese, it was decided that we make a formal request to the Diocese asking for an accounting report on a quarterly basis. Accordingly, it was moved (motion made by Virginia Bogosian) that delegate Dr. Raffy Hovanessian be entrusted with the authority to ask for this accounting at the Diocese Assembly in May. It was also moved (motion made by Vicki Hovanessian) that prior to that date, a letter be sent to the Primate asking for clarification as to why our parish has not received any communication from his office regarding this Fund. In a related motion (made by Keg Giragosian), it was decided that any communication about the Earthquake Fund be included in the Parish annual report from now on, as well as the Diocesan Delegate's report.

ELECTIONS

- A. Parish Council - The following were elected to serve on the Parish Council:

1. Hratch Doumanian - 46 votes
2. Greg Srabian - 45 votes
3. Gary Mazian (incumbent) - 47 votes
4. Martin Randall (incumbent) - 47 votes
5. Garbis Meguerian (incumbent) - 47 votes

The newly elected members are Hratch Doumanian and Greg Srabian. Those whose terms were expired and chose not to run were Rosy Yeretsian and Elizabeth Sahagian.

The following members will continue to serve their unexpired terms on the Council

1. Anahid Pridjian
2. Edma Dumanian
3. Karn Boyajian
4. Van Giragosian

- B. Nominating Committee - The following were elected to serve on a one year term

1. Sonya Doumanian
2. Sonia Harlan
3. Ara Yeretsian
4. Isabelle Gederian
5. Sark Boyajian

- C. Auditing Committee - The following were elected to serve on a one year term

1. Andy Sahagian
2. Irene Merijohn
3. Harry Mazian

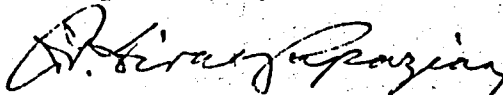
NEW BUSINESS

- A. Pioneer Project - Sonia Harlan reminded the old-timers, as well as the Armenians raised in our former parish of West Pullman that the Geneological Society in South Suburban Chicago wopuld like to conduct interviews with them for historical posterity and all those with such intention may contact her.
- B. Plaque Program - Kachie Bogosian reintroduced the Plague Program started some years ago, as an alternate source of income for the Church. Parish Council will take this matter under advisement.
- C. New Altar and Sanctuary Paintings - Greg Srabian explained his vision of a new altar and sanctuary paintings which he and his family are willing to finance. In order to give an idea about the sanctuary paintings, he then exhibited three samples, which were commissioned with the knowledge of Parish Council to Mr. Arman Moumjian, the artist who rendered the altar paintings at St. David Armenian Apostolic Church in Boca Raton, Florida. Rather lengthy discussions resulted. The decision was postponed until the newly elected Parish Council, or if need be, another Parish Assembly on the subject, would come up with a resolution, which can be presented to Greg Srabian and his family for consideration.

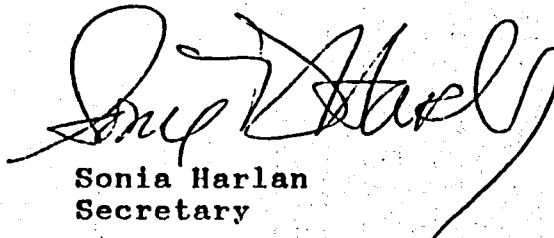
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M. With the pronouncement of Benediction by the Pastor and community singing of "Hayr Mer", the Annual Assembly was officially ended.

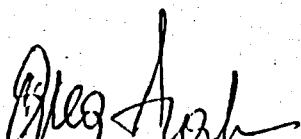
Respectfully submitted



Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian
President



Sonia Harlan
Secretary



Greg Srabian
Chairman

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT
1990

Submitted to the Parish Assembly of
Sts. Joachim & Anne Armenian Apostolic Church
Palos Heights, Illinois
Sunday, February 10, 1991

Dear Parishioners:

With the grace of God, we completed another year. With the close of 1990, I've concluded my second year of service to this parish as Pastor of Sts. Joachim & Anne Armenian Church in Palos Heights, Illinois.

I deem it as my distinct privilege to serve this community and I rejoice upon the completion of the second year of my pastorate with considerable progress in many phases of Church operations. I'm grateful to God for giving me this chance to serve Him through serving His people and His Church in this remote corner of our Diocese which is a living part of the ancient Holy Armenian Apostolic church, established by His Only-Begotten Son and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Herewith I submit for your review, in a panoramic way, my pastoral activities and varied accomplishments of our parish, realized during the course of the year.

A pastor's life is a varied one in which he serves simultaneously as priest, preacher and spiritual leader; His work includes that of being administrator, teacher, counselor and a spiritual Father who tries to bring God's love to the people through the sacraments, rites, worship, homily and in general through pastoral work.

As many activities and projects and programs occupy the pastor's time, so it is true of the Church's life. The nature of a pastor's work is such that he is almost involved in every phase of the parish life and it is hard to see him detached from the overall operation of the parish.

Nevertheless, pastor's work can be viewed summarily through certain categories which I've outlined below.

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Badarak celebrated and Church services conducted every Sunday with the only exceptions when pastor's duties took him out-of-town and also during his annual vacation which are necessary and normal exceptions in any given parish life.

During the Church year, besides the regular Sunday services, all major feast days and seasons were observed with proper ceremonies according to the requirements of our liturgical traditions.

Holy Theophany (Armenian Christmas) was observed with the ceremony of the Consecration of Holy Water (Tchurorhnek). This year's Godfather of the Lord's Baptismal Cross was John Doumanian, son of Dr. & Mrs. Heratch Doumanian.

Other liturgical ceremonies performed: Lenten period with "Closed Badarak" and Sunrise Service (Arevakal) and Vigil services on Lenten Friday evenings, Palm Sunday with "Opening of Gates" ceremony (Turunpatzek), Holy Week observances with "Washing of Feet" ceremony (Vodnaluva) on Maundy Thursday and the office of "Burial of our Lord" (Taghoum) on Good Friday and glorious Easter celebrations; Feast of the Assumption of Virgin Mary with the traditional ceremony of "Blessing of Grapes" (Khaghogorhnek) in August; Feast of Elevation of Holy Cross (Khatchveratz) with "ProceSSIONAL Antasdan" (Blessing of the four corners of the World) in September. In addition, other ceremonies and services were conducted throughout the Church year, such as "Litany for Pontiff" (Hayrabedagan Maghtank), as our canonical traditions demanded. Also, Theophany Eve and Easter Eve were celebrated with candlelight Badarak (Jurakalouytz) with appropriate traditional observance (Yeritz Mangantz). Christmas caroling on Sunday preceding December 25th and Christmas Eve (December 24th night) Candlelight service in English were performed:

The Second Anniversary (December 7, 1988) of the devastating earthquake in Armenia was observed with a solemn Badarak and special Hokahankist on December 9th. On this occasion, the Church bells tolled in memory of the victims and the sermon was dedicated to the unfortunate victims and to the somber anniversary of this disaster.

Sermons were delivered every Sunday both in Armenian and English, taking into consideration a segment of our parishioners whose language is limited to English only. Our worship hours in general is 10:00-12:00, that is two hours every Sunday. It is merely a meager two hours in a weeks time. It is needless to say, our Church attendance needs to be improved. How I desire to see the Church filled with worshippers. Our Soorp Badarak is inspiring and uplifting. It is sheer joy to attend Church and participate in Badarak and then to have Christian fellowship in our hall. It is incomprehensible to me how some people can deny themselves the spiritual joy generated from our ancient Church ceremonies. It takes, I guess, for us to develop a habit for it and be sensitive to our innate need of spirituality with our participation in sacramental life. We have a beautiful Church, let us enjoy it.

SACRAMENTS AND RITES

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

Seven (7)
BAPTISMS: *Six (6)* Baptisms were performed as follows:

Name	Date
Joseph Corey Schlesinger	February 18
Gina Gawron	February 25
David Clinton	March 25
Michael Krikor Brandt	November 4
Farrah Dinyari	November 22
Matthew Lunt	November 25
Richard George Srabian	December 23

WEDDINGS: Two (2) Weddings were performed as follows:

Names	Date
Christine Lucy Boyajian & Scott Jeffrey Schreck	September 22
John Abrahamian & Luida (Koustikian) Carmichael	December 1

FUNERALS: Six (6) Funerals were conducted from funeral parlors and at the cemetery.

Name	Date
Arakse Melikian	February 2
Vartkes Maloyan	February 9
Virginia Maloyan	February 9
Vartouhi Atamian Studich	February 28
Kegham Varteressian	March 3
Gordon Sackrider	August 1

In addition, I officiated upon request, at the Funeral services at St. Gregory the Illuminator, Chicago, for the following parishioner:

Baghdasar Bill Toutouyan October 15

I also participated in the Funeral services of the following:

Vahrij Aram Kazanjian March 5
(former Vartabed and pastor of our Church in
West Pullman; at St. James, Evanston)

Dikran Missirlian October 26
(Benefactor of the Diocese; at St. David
Armenian Church, Boca Raton, Florida)

Dikranouhi Doumanian November 17
(at St. Gregory the Illuminator, Chicago)

ENGAGEMENT

This year, there was also a Bethrotal service in which I participated. Aline, daughter of our parishioners, Dr. Aram & Sona Semerdjian, was bethroted to Jirayr Christianian of Colorado on November 23rd.

PASTORAL CALLS AND VISITATIONS

Pastor made sick calls at hospitals, as soon as he was made aware of the hospitalization of parishioners. Homes were visited throughout the year on special occasions. Every invitation extended to the pastor was met with willing response on the part of the Pastor.

Pastor feels that home visitations are important to maintain contact with parishioners on individual family basis. Once a year each family should be visited in our parish by the Pastor and families should facilitate this with their willing cooperation.

PASTOR AND PARISH COUNCIL

The administration of the our parish is governed effectively by the Pastor and Parish Council. The day-to-day affairs of the parish was maintained by the Pastor with secretarial help.

Parish Council consisted of highly dedicated members who conscientiously attended to their duties under the competent chairmanship of Dr. Garbis Meguerian. The Parish Council mainly supervized the financial matters of the parish by raising funds, appropriating budget and keeping the Church grounds and building in good shape.

We are fortunate for the high caliber of our Parish Council whose members for the most time served the parish by contributing their pariticular expertise, saving the Church considerable amounts.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Our Annual Parish Assembly convened February 4, 1990 to review the acitivites of 1989. The mid-year Parish Assembly met on June 24th. Dr. Raffy Hovanessian, our Church Delegate, presented a comprehensive report of the Diocesan Annual Assembly, held May 3-6, 1990 in Worcester, Massachusetts, Hosted by Holy Saviour Armenian Church. Dr. Garbis Meguerian gave his views concerning the Diocesan Assembly in the capacity of Parish Council Chairman. The Parish Priest gave his report concerning the Clergy Conference, held preceding the Diocesan Assembly, on April 30-May 3, 1990 at Calvary Retreat Center, Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The importance of our Women's Guild cannot be overestimated. This is one organization which is the backbone of our Church and the right arm of the Parish Council in the sense that their theatre of activities is the kitchen and they are indispensable in this area. Their main money-making affair is the Bazaar for which the members and other parishioners worked many months with great effectiveness. The Guild is led under the dynamic leadership of a hard-working team, co-chaired by Alice Boyajian and Isabelle Gederian.

The Guild is expected to extend its activities beyond the confines of the kitchen with more social and cultural or educational activities.

CHOIR

Our Choir is small but high in quality. We are fortunate for the fine voices of the members.

Our Choir-master is Susan Mardoian, assisted by, in her absence, Greg Srabian. Martha Auer is our organist and in her absence, our Choir-master plays the organ or Genevieve Semerdjian is drafted from the Sunday School to accompany the Choir.

Our Deacons are Nazar Halajian and Dr. Norayr Madanyan. Those who also serve on the altar are Shunt and Onnig Madanyan, brothers and John and Leo Doumanian, brothers.

Guest Deacons from St. James, Evanston, who come to assist us on urgent occasions are Senior Deacons, Krikor Goshgarian, Krikor Mirijanian and Dikran Kelekian, as well as acting Deacon John Hovsepian. Dikran Kelekian and John Hovsepian always are accompanied by their wives who sing in the Choir with their wonderful voices.

It would be a major accomplishment if only we succeed to hold rehearsals before each major feast day or prior to the changes of liturgical seasons.

ACYOA

Our ACYOA membership consists of young people of ages under 18, and as such they constitute only the ACYOA, Juniors. Our wish is naturally to have organized ACYOA, Seniors, if it is at all possible.

Under reorganization of ACYOA, Jrs., three young mothers came forward and assumed the position of Advisors, and we owe a great deal of gratitude to these young mothers, Irene Arakelian, Violet Bargamian and Debbie Simonian.

Our ACYOA, Jrs. are commendable for their successful Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale and a Dance, as well as for their participation in a Walk-a-Thon (Hunger Walk). The visit of the Detroit ACYOA, Jrs. on July 15th weekend, coincided with our Annual Church picnic and was a memorable event for our ACYOA, Jrs., who are expected to reciprocate their visit one day.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are happy for our Sunday School which is flourishing under a fine teaching staff. The new Superintendent is Yeretsgin Rosalie Papazian, with Assistant Superintendent, Dick Atkian. Their Annual Christmas Dinner/Program is very popular and well attended. New projects are underway. The participating of the Senior class members in the Interpretation of the Ceremony of the Baptism of Christ on Armenian Christmas was well received. The first Sunday of each month, during the school year, is designated as Holy Communion Sunday and the sermon of the day is addressed to them.

The program of "Breakfast with Der Hayr" continued this school year with the help of parents. Our Sunday School is indeed our joy and pride and we look forward for steady progress.

Martin Randall, Jr. received the Diocesan St. Gregory Award for Cub Scouts. So far, he is the only one in our parish who has received this award.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Our Senior Citizens are thriving with their monthly kheyma luncheon and games. We are indebted to Alice Boyajian who prepares very graciously these monthly luncheons and feeds an ever-growing number of elderly people and guests who are not necessarily elderly.

ANI NEWSLETTER

ANI is our Parish Newsletter. With great care, it is prepared and published bi-monthly and mailed to a large number of addresses. The Editorial Staff is comprised of Pastor, Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian as Editor; Lorene Skinner, Co-Editor; Annette Sultanian, Computer Specialist; and Sona Diorio, Proofreader. Pastor in his capacity as Editor, could not ask more capable and dedicated staff as his co-workers, who with joint effort produce a first class parish paper which will be a treasure-house of history of our community. Noticeably, the cover of ANI was redesigned by Lynn (Simonian) Capen, to whom we express our thanks.

Along with the Parish Newsletter, also prepared were weekly Sunday Bulletins and Special Bulletins on Christmas and Easter, as well as occasional flyers.

MAIN PARISH EVENTS

Mardi-Gras Dinner-Dance	February 17, 1990
Lenten Suppers/Service (Fri.evenings)	Feb. 26-April 7, 1990
Church Picnic	July 15, 1990
Asbed Breakfast	October 14, 1990
Church Bazaar	November 10-11, 1990
7th Annual Church Anniversary Dinner/Dance	November 18, 1990

For the successful turnout of each one of these affairs, we are indebted gratefully to the initiative and hard work of certain individuals who were involved thoroughly and hence insured the favorable outcome.

COMMEMORATION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

Certainly the most memorable and eventful occurrence of the year was the United Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide with a series of events held April 20-24, 1990. For the first time in recent history, all the Armenians, through their Churches, political parties and/or charitable organizations were united. Our Church was involved in all phases of this unprecedented historic Commemoration. It is worth mentioning that one of the meetings of the 60-member United Committee, representing 18 organizations including Churches, was held in our Church premises, hosted by our Church.

GUEST CLERGY

We were fortunate in having guest clergymen in our parish who celebrated Soorp Badarak and delivered the sermon in our Church. The guest clergymen were:

Rev. Fr. Arten Ashjian	September 23rd
Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian	September 30th

LECTURES AND EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVORS

Yeretsgin Rosalie Papazian led Bible Study for a group of women in our parish on several occasions during Lenten evenings. Again, Yeretsgin spoke on the significance of Vartanatz Movement, after Church services in the Church on Carnival Sunday (Poon Berekantan, February 25th).

Professor Apraham Terian gave a lecture to our community on the "International Interest in the Armenian Bible" on December 16th.

Pastor tried to make available Adult Bible Study and Armenian Language Classes under a program entitled "Faith and Language", however a coordinator is needed in this respect to make the program workable.

HAYGIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL

Pastor continued his weekly Armenian classes for young students in Munster and Merrillville, Indiana. He also recently launched Armenian classes for adults in another location in Munster.

Pastor tried to make available Armenian language for children at our Church premises, however, it seems that a coordinator is needed in this respect to get such a program underway.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Pastor made it his business to attend religious, educational, social, testimonial and commemorative events and banquets in the greater Chicago area. Likewise, he attended, by invitation, graduation, weddings anniversaries and birthday parties. Pastor also took part in seminars, workshops, symposiums and lectures, whenever it was available.

Certainly, the most elegant affair of the year was the AGBU Debutantes Presentation Ball, which was the Ninth Biennial at the magnificent Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Towers on November 24th. We were delighted that some of the participants were from our parish, as well as those who were in leading positions.

WAUKEGAN MISSION

Pastor visited St. George, Waukegan, twice during the year (July 22nd and October 14th), out of the four visits assigned to him.

OUT-OF-TOWN ENGAGEMENTS

Pastor attended the Annual Clergy Conference and Diocesan Assembly, Worcester, Massachusetts (April 30th-May 6th). He attended, with Yeretsgin, the ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend in Cleveland, Ohio (August 29th-September 3rd).

Pastor also attended, as sole representative of the Midwest region, the "Hrashapar Service" in honor of our newly-elected Diocesan Primate Bishop Khajag Barsamian on the occasion of his consecration as Bishop on his return from Holy See of Etchmiadzin, at St. Vartan Cathedral and Diocesan Center in New York City (October 12th).

MORRAINE VALLEY CLERGY ASSOCIATION

Pastor continued his membership in this Clergy Association with monthly luncheons, meetings and lectures. On one occasion, Pastor spoke to the clergy on Armenian Lenten traditions (February 25th). Pastor also participated in TRE-ORE Service on Good Friday, under the auspices of Clergy Association giving one of seven meditations at Peace Memorial Church, Palos Park (April 13th).

GIFTS OF LOVE

Our deep gratitude to all those parishioners who during the year replenished the Church with their gifts of treasures, talents and services. Particularly, we would like to thank the following for their generous gifts to the Church:

Edma Dumanian	3 silver trays
Dr. Ara & Rosy Yeretsian	new vestments

Jay & Sonia Harlan

Armenian style silver
chalice made in Holy
Etchmiadzin

Peter & Julia Gopojan

donated the costly
artwork of the Golden
Scripts over the
archway of the altar

RELATIONS WITH THE DIOCESE

Diocesan relations were maintained respectfully. All Diocesan directives were adhered to carefully. All requirements were met, whether financial or otherwise.

We met in June with the newly elected Primate in a regional meeting in Waukegan.

Also, at the request of the Primate, the area Churches met at St. Gregory the Illuminator, Chicago in November with Mr. Milton Woll, a retired business executive who is donating his service to the Diocese as a consultant and studying the Diocesan operations. Later he will give his observations for the improvement of the Diocesan operations.

HYE CAMP

Hye Camp is a unique program in our entire Diocese in Elkhorn, Wisconsin on the property of Keishians who donate its usage for the benefit of our youngsters every year. It is operated under the direction of Midwest Regional Council (MRC). Our parishioners are deeply involved in the operations of the camp. Anna Giragosian is the Camp Director for many years. This year's Hye Camp was held July 28th-August 4th. Yeretsgin Rosalie Papazian volunteered her time as teacher of religion. Der Hayr also made himself available for most of the time. Many children of our parishioners attended the camp program and benefited. We were fortunate in having the visit of our newly-elected Primate who offered Badarak on the opening day of Camp.

The entire Midwest is indebted to Anna Giragosian for the great service that she renders so that our children may receive this great camp experience in a totally Armenian atmosphere.

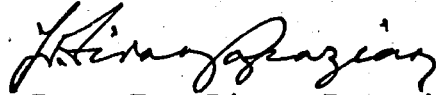
IN CLOSING

My heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the members of the Parish Council, the Women's Guild and their Executive Members, Choir and the Choir Master, the Organist, the Deacons, Acolytes, the Sunday School, the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, the teachers and staff members, the ACYOA, Jrs. and their Advisors, and the "ANI" newsletter Co-Editor and staff.

I close my annual report with a sincere word of appreciation to any and all who in some way or other have made some contribution to our Church life through giving, attending and participating. So many serve in so many wonderful ways. May God bless each one of you abundantly. May you reap richly what you sow for God's work.

May the Holy Spirit inspire us and guide us in the most significant and sacred task for God's great glory.

Prayerfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Papazian".

Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian
Pastor

January 1991
Palos Heights, Illinois

REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

1990

INTRODUCTION

The newly elected and in-office members of the Parish Council met on February 7, 1990 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 1990 Parish Council consisted of:

Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian	President
Garbis H. Meguerian	Chairman
Greg srabian	Vice-Chairman
Martin Randall	Treasurer
Gary Maxian	Secretary
Karneg Boyajian	Buildings & Grounds
Anahid Pridjian	Membership
Hratch Doumanian	Finance & Special Events
Edma Dumanian	Member
Van Giragosian	Member

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. The activities of the Parish Council continued to be run mainly through 3 Committees: Membership (Anahid Pridjian - Chairlady); Finance: (Doumanian - 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 : Pridjian - Women's Guild; Martin Randall - Sunday School; Fr. Diran - Jr. ACYOA and NEWSLETTER; Van Giragosian - Young Adults.

2. During 1990 the dues paying parish members numbered 90. Two new members joined the Church but 3 members effectively resigned because of moving out of the area and/or financial difficulties. Of the 90 members 18 members had not paid their 1990 dues by December 31, 1990 inspite of the quarterly statements sent to all members reminding of their obligations.

3. Religious gifts in 1990 were again less than previous years: \$19,314 vs \$20,460 in 1989; \$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 1990 on special occasions.

5. The Newsletter, ANI, was issued bimonthly on regular basis thanks to the tireless efforts of Laurene Skinner and our secretary, Anette Sultanian.

6. The sixth Annual Dinner-Dance of our Church was held at the Visual and

Performing Arts Center, Munster, Indiana, on February 17, 1990. The affair was very successful thanks to the efforts of the Committee chaired by Rosy Yeretsian. A profit of about \$4,700 was achieved. Special thanks to Rose Galovich who alone sold 2000 raffle tickets.

7. Our Church participated in the organization of the commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide which took place during April 20 to 24, 1990. Our representatives on the Commemoration committee included Raffy Hovanessian, Elizabeth Sahagian and Rosy Yeretsian. Elizabeth Sahagian continues to represent our Church on the permanent Committee.

8. On April 29, 1990, by a special service, one of the stained glass windows in the Choir area was dedicated to the memory of Dr. Robert Alcocer on the second anniversary of his untimely death. Dr Alcocer was a member of the Parish Council when he became ill and died at an early age.

9. At a Special Parish Assembly on June 24, 1990, Dr. Raffy Hovanessian, our delegate to the Diocesan Assembly, reported on the proceedings at the May Diocesan Assembly. During this Assembly Bishop Khajag Barsamian was elected Primate of North America.

10. Buildings and Grounds Committee took care of the necessary repairs to the buildings and equipments. Leaks in the flat roof of the Hovanessain Hall were repaired and the ceiling tiles were replaced or repainted; The walls of the Sanctuary were repainted and the stained glass windows were cleaned, among other activities.

11. An inscription in gold Armenian letters was placed above the altar. The inscription, which translates: "I advise you to love each other", was a gift from Mr. & Mrs. Bedros Gopoiian.

12. The annual Church picnic was held on Sunday, July 15, 1990, on the church grounds. It was very successful and netted about \$5,500 thanks to the tireless efforts of the Picnic Committee headed by Mrs Sona Doumanian and to the support of our members and friends. We appreciate the help of Mr. Nick Cory who catered the shish kebab at cost.

13. The seventh Annual Anniversary Dinner celebrating the consecration of our Church took place on November 18, 1990. Siragan Kerkonian and Dzaghigh Kelikian entertained us and Mrs Dorothy Kishibay, the artist. Anahid Pridjian prepared the Chicken dinner.

14. A donor's plaque was placed on the wall between the cry-room and the secratrys office displaying the names of members who have donated articles which could not carry individual plaques.

CONCLUSION

The Parish Council is gratified with the 1990 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

1990

OFFICERS:

Alice Boyajian	-	Co-Chairperson
Isabelle Gederian	-	Co-Chairperson
Anna Giragosian	-	Treasurer
Lottie Mikaelian	-	Recording Secretary
Janna Simonian	-	Corresponding Secretary
Violet Bargamian	-	Advisor
<i>Arene Mellyjohn</i>		<i>Vice Chairperson</i>

Our Women's Guild takes pride in achieving another successful year. Meetings have been well attended and productive.

Most importantly, the guild members would like to take this opportunity to thank all church members as well as non-members for their valued participation and support throughout the year, especially the bazaar.

Listed are some of the guilds functions:

Annual Church Bazaar	Picnic Bake Table
Lenten Dinners	Square Dance
Palm Sunday Bake Sale	Spring Arts & Crafts
Rummage Sale	Host to Womens Saints Day
Coffee Table Hostess	Food Table - American Assoc. of University Women
Pool Party	Christmas Party
12 Month Dinner	New Years Eve Party

Our goal for 1991 is to continue to work for the good of our Church, enrich fellowship and to increase in membership.

Respectfully,

Isabelle Gederian
CO-Chairperson

1990 WOMEN'S GUILD TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>NET</u>
ALTAR FLOWERS	\$ 300.00	(89) 240.50 (90) 240.00	-180.50 -
* BAZAAR	14,229.65	4,902.46	9,327.19
RUMMAGE & BAKE	908.48 196.49	116.10	988.87
EASTER & PALM SUNDAYS	1,369.55	418.43	951.12
SPECIAL EVENTS			
LENTEN DINNER		90.00	- 90.00 -
HYE CAMP MEAL		169.00	- 169.00 -
SQUARE DANCE	395.00	343.27	51.73
12 MONTH DINNER	545.00	150.00	395.00
MISCELLANEOUS			
STAMPS, POST CARDS ETC..		37.50	- 37,50 -
DONATION	20.00		20.00
XMAS GIFT TO PRIEST		50.00	- 50.00 -
XMAS FLOWERS (1989)	100.00		100.00
KITCHEN & BATH SUPPLIES		100.00	- 100.00 -
DUES	85.00		85.00
COFFEE HOUR HOSTESS		18.00	- 18.00 -
INTEREST FROM CHECKING ACCT.	381.94		381.94
	<hr/> \$ 18,731.11	<hr/> \$ 7,171.16	<hr/> \$11,559.95
BALANCE AS OF 12/31/89			\$14,734.75
TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO TRUSTEES 2/7/90 1989			-\$ 12,000.00 -
BALANCE ON HAND AS OF 12/31/90			\$14,294.70

* bills outstanding report not complete.

Anna Giragosian
treasurer women's guild

SUNDAY SCHOOL

1990

<u>Class and Number Enrolled:</u>	<u>Staff:</u>
Pre-School and Kindergarten (13 children)	Joyce Alcocer Lorene Skinner
Primary (Grades 1-4) (8 children)	Margo Arzumanian
Intermediate (Grades 5-8) (7 children)	Alan Simonian
High School (Grades 9-11) (9 children)	Dick Atkian Yeretsgin Rosalie Papazian
In-Service Class (Grade 12) (4 children)	Yeretsgin Rosalie Papazian
Musical Director	Genevieve Semerdjian
Assistant Musical Director	Jana Brotherhood
Treasurer	Debbie Atkian
Recorder of Attendance	Annette Sultanian
Substitute Teachers	Jana Brotherhood Anna Giragosian June Randall June Randall
Advisor	Yeretsgin Rosalie Papazian
Superintendent	Dick Atkian
Asst. Superintendent	Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian
Spiritual Advisor	

Sunday School opened on September 16th with forty-one children enrolled. Our Sunday morning schedule has been revised:

10:30-11:00	Worship Service
11:00-12:00	Class

The worship service has included learning the meaning of the Nicene Creed and melodies of hymns from our Liturgy.

The schedule for Holy Communion Sundays, the first Sunday of each month is:

10:30-11:15	Class
11:15-12:00	Church in time to partake of Holy Communion.

Staff meetings are held once a month at 10:00 A.M. Sunday morning.

The curriculum from the Diocesan Department of Religious Education is being used in the classroom.

A Halloween Party was held on October 28th for the entire congregation.

At the Anniversary Dinner/Program on November 18th, our Sunday School was represented by Tony Diorio who did a reading about the Armenian Church.

Violet Bargamian chaired the "Breakfast with Der Hayr" and Christmas Party on Saturday morning, December 15th. Over thirty were in attendance.

Irene Arakelian chaired our Armenian Christmas Dinner/Program on January 6, 1991. Over 130 attended.

The children made contributions toward flowers and fruit baskets for four parishioners who appreciated the Christmas cheer. Two of them were delivered to Genevieve Samarjian and Zena Kaminski by Der Diran and Yeretsgin Rosalie Papazian. One was given to Peggy Enokian for her mother, Peggy Enokian, and the other was given to Sona Diorio for her mother, Haiganoush Boghosian.

Over 50 packages, donated by our parishioners, were sent to the Diocese for the Christmas Outreach for Armenian children who survived the earthquake two years ago.

Other events scheduled are:

Saturday, Feb. 9th	" Breakfast with Der Hayr"
Wednesday, March 20th	Lenten Dinner by Sunday School and Choir
Palm Sunday, March 24th	Brunch given by Sunday School
Saturday, April 13th	"Breakfast with Der Hayr"
Saturday, April 20th	Retreat sponsored by Women's Guild Central Council
Saturday, June 1st	"Breakfast with Der Hayr"
Sunday, June 2nd	End-of-Year Program/Dinner and Salute to Graduates

In Luke 4:18, Christ stated His mission with the words of the Prophet Isaiah 61:1-2, we also accept these words as our mission:

"The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for He has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and to the blind, new sight, to set the down-trodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favor!"

Come to worship at 10:30 each Sunday.

In the service of Christ,

Yeretsgin Rosalie Papazian
Superintendent

CHOIR REPORT

1990

Presently, we have twelve steady Choir members, of which half attend regularly.

Martha Auer, our faithful organist, has been filling our Church with its wonderful music. On occasion, we have had our substitute organist, Genevieve Semerdjian, fill in and has done a fine job.

Choir Director, Susan Mardoian, has been with us at least once a month. Our favorite substitute Choir Director, Greg Srabian, has been helping us out quite a bit this past year.

Bob Auer has compiled our Choir music and variations, and put them together in a wonderful booklet for each Choir member to sing from. We thank him for all his time and effort, and for an excellent idea and project well done!

Thank you to all our Choir members - your voices and devotion. We welcome all interested Church members to join us in celebrating our Soorp Badarak.

We hope that our membership will grow with singers of all ages. It's never too soon or too late!

Sincerely,

Susan B. Mardoian
Choir Director

January, 1991

1990 ANNUAL REPORT

ACYOA JRS.

Chairperson: Elona Simonian
Vice Chairperson: Marc Arakelian
Corresponding Secretaries: Leah Arzumanian (Indiana)
Erica Simonian (Illinois)
Recording Secretary: Lisa O'Shea
Treasurer: Bradley Bargamian
Sports: Onnig Madanyan
Other Members: Shannon Atkian
Tony Diorio
John Doumanian
Leo Doumanian
Aileen Hovannessian
Maria Sawaya
Nellie Yeretsian
President: Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian
Advisors: Irene Arakelian
Debbie Simonian
Violet Bargamian

Youth Activities:

Museum of Science & Industry and lunch at Ed Debevick's - Joint
Palm Sunday bake sale with Women's Guild - Dance - Hosted Detroit
ACYOA Jrs. from St. John's Church - Hye Camp - CROP Walk-a-thon -
Shkey's and Slugger's for a fun evening.

ACYOA JRS. 1990 FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER, 1989

\$2,776.71

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
Dance	\$ 663.00	
Knights of Vartan Breakfast	227.00	
Interest	<u>137.07</u>	
	\$1,077.07	

Pizza Party for Detroit		\$ 80.00
Shakey's Outing		<u>- 84.98</u>
		\$164.98

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER, 1990

\$3,688.80

Treasurer: Bradley Bargamian

ANI

1990 ANNUAL REPORT

A TEAM YEAR - 1990 marks the second year of the "ANI" staff working together. During the production of six 1990 issues, which includes Dec. 89/Jan. 90, Feb/March, April/May, June/July/August, Sept/Oct, and Nov/Dec. The "ANI" Staff has truly become a team.

Annette Sultanian's computer knowledge and efficiency is a continuing effort enabling editors to expand coverage and fine tune format.

Der Diran Papazian's writing talents come in second to his exceptional abilities of recalling pastoral activities in detail with A DER HAYR'S FOCUS AND INSIGHT.

Reporters/Interviewers, Sona Diorio and June Randall, worked outside usual production time to supply "ANI" with special "in touch" information on our own Parishioners.

Proofreading grammar, as well as content, is professionally executed by Sona Diorio.

Contributions from all organizations with the support of the Parish Council keep the team in high spirits.

"ANI" STAFF REPLIES TO PARISHIONERS COMMENTS - *"It's too long"* - Consider the team perspective, "there's something for everyone". *"It's old news"* - Standard bi-monthly production is 25 day. To elivate a time gap, of information too early or too late, we ask organizations to send "special mailings" when necessary in addition to the information given for "ANI" publication. *"I didn't receive my copy yet"* - Unfortunately, the South Suburban mailing system has been declared "the most inefficient". Continue to keep us informed, so we can monitor each mailing. *"It's beautiful"* and *"I look forward to the next issue"* reflects, perhaps the following "ANI" articles and pictures.

Pastoral Reflections "Self Image" and Armenian Earthquake Update Dec. 89/Jan. 90

Luncheon Guests Gather Around Irma April/May '90

In Chicagoland - Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide June/July/August '90

Poem To Our Church and Sunday School Organists - "Your Music is appreciated on God's Holy Day" Sept/Oct '90

OTHER MAILINGS include Easter Bulletin and Offering Envelopes, Christmastide Observances and Offering Envelope, Parish Greeting Card, Picnic flyer and New Years Eve Party flyer.

SPECIAL PROJECTS - Easter Lily Plant donations and Parish Greeting Card donations.

"ANI's" Objective is to inform parishioners of Church Service and Sunday School schedules.

We wish to reflect in our writings and presentation of information, the Armenian Apostolic Beliefs and Practices of religion, community and family life.

"ANI" STAFF

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Computer, Distribution - Annette Sultanian

Proofreader - Sona Diorio

Reporters - Sona Diorio, June Randall, All Parishioners

Respectfully submitted,

Lorene Skinner

SENIOR CITIZENS

1990

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. Ann Raptzian calls "bingo".

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 kuftas 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 1990 is \$1,600, of which \$1,200 will be given to our Parish Council.

Respectfully submitted

Alice Boyajian

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