

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 28, 1993

After Soorp Badarak
and Lunch
in the Hovanessian Cultural Hall

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* Please bring this Report-Booklet with you *
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ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

NOTICE

This is your official invitation for the Annual Parish Assembly. As was announced in the Church calendar of the Feb/March/April 1993 "Ani" Newsletter and in the Sunday Bulletins during January, the regular annual Parish Assembly meeting will take place on Sunday, February 28, 1993 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 and be informed 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 1993 dues can vote. If you have not yet paid your dues, you can still pay them on or before February 28, 1993 and be eligible to vote.

Yours respectfully,

Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian,
President

Garbis H. Meguerian, Chairman
Parish Council

Enclosures

8 February 1993

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

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 1993

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. 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
6. Introduction of candidates by the Nominating Committee for the following positions
 - A. Parish Council: 3 members
 - B. Delegate
 - C. Nominating Committee, 1993: 3 or 4 members
 - D. Auditing Committee, 1993: 2 members
7. Elections
8. New business
9. Announcement of election results
10. Prayer and adjournment

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT
1992

Submitted to the Parish Assembly of
Sts. Joachim & Anne Armenian Apostolic Church
Palos Heights, Illinois
Sunday, February 28, 1993

Dear Parishioners:

With the grace of God, the year 1992 is history now, with some noticeable accomplishments. With the closing of 1992, I've concluded my fourth year as Pastor of Sts. Joachim & Anne Armenian Church in Palos Heights, Illinois and look forward to my 5th year in 1993 with a great sense of anticipation.

As we look back, we can see that we are grateful for the opportunities presented to us; and as we embark into the jubilee year of the 10th Anniversary of our Church in Palos Heights, we wonder what the future will hold for our Parish Church, asking ourselves many questions which are so much related with the very vitality of our Church.

Once a year, we are required by our Diocesan By-Laws to submit our report to our Parish Assembly. It is my privilege to submit for your review my pastoral activities of past year in a parish setting, meanwhile considering the community at large.

Perhaps you know about the nature of a pastor's work which is involved almost in every phase of parish life. As parish priest, as well as spiritual leader, his work encompasses the different aspects of the whole scope of parish life in all its multiple phases; and for this reason, it is hard to disentangle the various aspects of different activities within the parish. However, I will try to outline the year's activities, as it is related to the pastor's life through certain categories, devised for convenience and simplicity.

A. ADMINISTRATIVE

Our Annual parish Assembly for 1991 convened on Sunday, February 9, 1992. The new Parish Council took office after having been duly ratified by the Diocesan Primate. The officers were Dr. Garbis Meguerian, Chairman; Sonia Harlan, Vice-Chairman; Peggy Enokian, Secretary; and Sonya Doumanian, Treasurer. Parish Council meetings were conducted on a monthly basis.

Our Mid-year Parish Assembly was held on May 31st, in order to bring our parishioners up-to-date with the Diocesan Assembly.

B. LITURGY - CHURCH SERVICES

Soorp Badarak was offered and Church services were conducted and sermons were delivered every Sunday, except when pastor had his vacation, or was away for authorized out-of-town engagements.

The major feast days were properly observed according to the requirements of our liturgical traditions and canonical demands. The high points of liturgical celebrations were of course, the major feast days of Armenian Christmas or Holy Theophany and Easter. Armenian Christmas was observed on Saturday, January 4th, with Candlemass and on Sunday January 5th, with the

special ceremony of "Blessing of the Water" in commemoration of our Lord's Baptism. Godfather of Christ's cross was Sebouh Arakelian, son of parishioners Arakel & Irene Arakelian. The ceremony was narrated and interpreted, as was done for the last two years, by Sunday School students, intermittently with the ceremony, prepared by Yeretzgin Rosalie.

During the forty days of the Lenten period, "Closed Badarak" and Sunrise Service "Arevakal" were performed on Sundays; on Wednesday evenings, "Vigil" services were performed with "Peace" and "Rest" services. With the Lenten vigils, Lenten pot-luck suppers, sponsored by various Church organizations, were served and lectures were delivered, as educational programs, by prominent guest speakers on vital subjects.

On Palm Sunday, "Opening of the Gates" ceremony was conducted. During Holy Week, April 13-16, 1992 the ceremony of "Washing of the Feet" and "Tenabrae" services were conducted on Maundy Thursday. The "Office of Entombment" of our Lord Jesus Christ was performed on Good Friday.

Easter was celebrated on Saturday, April 18th with candlemass, and on Sunday, April 19th with "Antasdan" service following Badarak.

On the Feast of Assumption of Virgin Mary, August 16th, the traditional ceremony of the "Blessing of the Grapes" and on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 13th "Processional Antasdan" were performed.

During American Christmas season 1992, Christmas was observed with caroling in the church on Sunday, December 20th and Christmas Eve candlelight service in English, on the night of December 24th.

C. PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral and priestly duties were attended on a continuous basis. Pastor made sick calls at hospitals and visited shut-ins at nursing homes. Homes were visited on special occasions. Pastor welcomes invitations extended to him by parishioners to visit their homes on different occasions, and meet the whole family. Home blessings during Christmastide and Eastertide are excellent occasions for pastoral visits. Families do not have to go to any extensive preparations; in fact, nothing is needed, just the goodwill will suffice.

4. SACRAMENTS AND RITES

Throughout the year, Sacraments and Rites were administered and duly recorded in our Parish Registry. The ritual performances present the following statistical picture:

BAPTISMS (Christening & Chrismation)
Four (4) were administered as follows:

NAME	DATE
Vincent Stephen Kmiec	July 26
Melissa Ani Mardoian	September 12
Paige Kathleen Schlesinger	November 29
Hunter Charles Muckle	December 13

On one occasion, June 19, 1992, when Pastor was a guest celebrant in Cleveland, Ohio, he administered the sacrament of Baptism to an entire family of five (5) refugees from Baku (grandmother, father, mother and two children.)

WEDDINGS

No weddings were performed in our parish this year. However, pastor had the opportunity to officiate at matrimonial services in out-of-town, by special invitations of the families involved.

Three (3) weddings were conducted as follows:

NAMES	DATE
Cindy Aurslanian & Tod Russell	July 19 (Cleveland, OH)
Vahik Sahakian & Evana Khushaba	Aug. 15 (Indianapolis, IN)
Dr. Ara Vapurjian & Dr. Rosemary Buckle	(Oct. 17 (Houston, TX)

One (1) Engagement ceremony "Blessing of Ring" was performed in our Church as follows:

NAMES	DATE
Jennifer Azniv Winterheimer & Peter Caltaginrone	October 9

FUNERALS

Three (3) funerals were conducted as follows:

NAME	DATE
Vanouhi Vera Samarjian	March 3
Bedros Gopoian	March 16
Ankin Melikoff (in Indiana)	July 28

Throughout the year "Hokehankist" was performed after Sunday Badarak in fulfillment of requests and also on special occasions, such as "Merelotz" (Memorial days), Anniversary of the Earthquake in Armenia, etc.

E. CLERGY CONFERENCE AND DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

The Annual Clergy Conference was held April 27-29, 1992 at the Duncan Conference Center, Del Ray Beach, Florida. The 90th Annual Diocesan Assembly was held April 30-May 3, 1992 in Boca Raton, hosted by St. David Armenian Church. Pastor attended both Clergy Conference and Diocesan Assembly. Also, both our Church Delegate, Dr. Raffy Hovanessian, and Parish Council Chairman, Dr. Garbis Meguerian, attended the Diocesan Assembly and actively participated in the proceedings and deliberations.

F. MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETINGS

During the year, several Midwestern Regional Meetings, as well as Clergy meetings were held at St. George Armenian Church, Waukegan, as a centrally located place. The meetings were presided by the Diocesan Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian.

One such meeting was held on June 1st with clergy and lay representatives of seven Churches in the Midwest, Illinois and Wisconsin. Another meeting was held on November 14th with the participation of Diocesan Council members and Diocesan staff members. This meeting was important because discussions focused on the regionalization of the Midwest on a more structured basis.

G. CHURCH AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS AND ORGANS

Our Church organizations which are actively engaged in parish activities are Women's Guild, Senior Citizens, Choir and Sunday School.

1. WOMEN'S GUILD - Our Women's Guild though small in size is active. Their main activities are the Annual Holiday Bazaar and Rummage Sales from which they derive a sizeable income for the Church. Our Women's Guild hosted this year's Commemoration of Armenian Women's Saint Day at our church on March 25th. Our Guild extended invitations to the Women's Guild members of St. James, Evanston and St. Gregory the Illuminator, Chicago. Pastor coordinated the commemorative service and delivered the homily. Varvare of Garin was the Confessor chosen for this year's Commemoration. The Twelve-Month Dinner was again a huge success on October 14th. The First Annual Arts and Crafts Fair in our Church hall, sponsored by the Women's Guild and organized singlehandedly by Peggy Enokian, was very promising and will be repeated annually.

The Guild is under Co-Chairmanship of Alice Boyajian and Isabelle Gederian, who jointly proficiently conduct the Guild affairs.

My wish is that other women of the parish consider joining the Guild and strengthen it. The Women's Guild belongs to all the women of the parish.

2. SENIOR CITIZENS - Through the unselfish service of Alice Boyajian and with the help of a handful helpers, the monthly "kheyma" luncheons are popular and well attended. From the proceeds, they even make contributions to the Church; and from their Birthday Cake donations, our Sunday School benefits. These monthly "kheyma" luncheons are eagerly awaited by our Senior Citizens as occasions of fellowship.

3. CHOIR - Our Choir is of good quality. Dr. Susan Mardoian is our Choirmaster and Martha Auer is our organist. Both are very qualified. I am sure our problems are temporary. Sooner or later, our Choirmaster will feel less pressured by her little children and will be able to come more often to Church to direct the Choir, then, of course, the quality of the Choir will be enhanced.

Our Stole-bearer Deacons are Nazar Halajian, and Dr. Norayr Madanyan. John Hovsepian was ordained as Sub-Deacon in August, 1992 by our Diocesan Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, at St. James Armenian Church, Evanston, where he served several years before joining us. We have also young adults who serve the Holy Altar by incensing, namely Shunt and Onnig Madanyan, brothers. John and Leo Doumanian, brothers, also served at our Holy Altar until such a time when both began their college education.

It is heart-warming to see the Junior Choir recruited from our Sunday School students, who join our Choir once a month. They are being trained by Greg Srabian.

4. SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sunday School operates according to academic year from September to May and closes the doors during summer. The academic year of 1991-92 began September 15, 1991 with Parents Day and ended May 17, 1992, with a year-end dinner/program and "Salute to Graduates." Under the sponsorship of Sunday School, Armenian Martyr's Day was appropriately observed on Sunday, April 26, 1992 with a tree planting ceremony in the grove of our Church.

The 1992-93 academic year began on September 13, 1992 with a cook-out. The Dedication ceremony of Sunday School teachers and staff members was held on October 25, 1992. The Annual Christmas pageant is the most popular one. It was held on Armenian Christmas Day, January 5, 1992. "Breakfast with Der Hayr" is an innovation and loved by the children. Parents cooperation is always needed to insure better attendance.

Superintendent is Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian and Co-Superintendent is Dick Atkian.

Along with Sunday School, it is appropriate to mention the newly organized Midwest Sunday School Superintendents' Association by Nancy Basmajian, Co-Director of D.R.E. in New York. Yeretzgin is heading the Association. A variety of activities have been undertaken jointly with the other Sunday Schools of Midwest Armenian Churches. A quarterly newsletter is being edited by Yeretzgin for the benefit of area Sunday Schools.

5. CHURCH YOUTH - ACYOA, JUNIORS was non-existent as an organized body during 1992 because of the gap of ages. However, presently special efforts are being put forward so that once again they may be activated. Under the direction of the newly organized Diocesan Department of Youth Ministry. Parish Council appointed Dennis Vander Meer who is a member of the Parish Council, as Youth Coordinator. Three young people, Tony Diorio, John Doumanian and Jennifer Winternheimer have been appointed as representatives for the Youth Ministry from our parish. Hopefully, our youth will soon take its rightful place among our Church organizations with their own activities. We need both ACYOA, Jrs. and Young Adults who can be a great asset for our Church. The organization of a Young Adult Group will certainly fill a void in our parish, even if they are organized for purely social reasons.

6. "ANI" PARISH NEWSLETTER - The publication of "Ani" is a demanding task. The special care with which each issue is prepared takes untold hours, but it is well compensated because of the appreciation expressed by the people. "Ani" reflects the life and activities almost of an entire community. It is a history in making, and as such, it is a treasure house for posterity from which the history of our Parish can be easily reconstructed.

Under the Pastor's leadership, a most able Editorial Board, consisting of Lorene Skinner, as Co-Editor, Annette Sultanian as computer specialist, and Sona Boghosian Diorio, as proofreader, produce a commandable parish newsletter.

7. HAYGIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL - Through the efforts of some special families, weekly Armenian classes were taught by the Pastor to several young students of our Parish in two locations in Northwest Indiana, Merrillville and Munster. Three of the students having graduated from high school and presently attending colleges elsewhere, the number of students was reduced, as well as the location being limited to one area only.

H. VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH

The major activities of the Church during the year, sponsored by the Parish Council, were the following:

1. ANNUAL MARDI GRAS DINNER/DANCE at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts, Munster, Indiana on February 22, 1992, under the chairmanship of Rosy Yeretsian. This was a gala dinner/dance and a most elegant social affair. Our gratitude to Rosy who almost singlehandedly continued to bring these highly successful social affairs for the last three years under the auspices of our Church. It is regrettable that this affair will be discontinued because of the lack of interest on the part of our parishioners. Unfortunately, our community will be deprived from such an affair and the sizeable profit along with it.

2. ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC at our Church grove on June 28, under the chairmanship of Charles Terzian, who expertly executed this most enjoyable and successful picnic. Our appreciation to him for his enthusiastic leadership in organizing an efficient committee which insured the success of the picnic. We are happy to know that Charlie has already begun to organize a picnic committee for another successful picnic in 1993.

3. CONTINUOUS CONCERN - Throughout the year, our small congregation continuously participated in relief efforts with collections for Armenia, Karabagh, Hurricane Andrew, and Chicago Rehabilitation Institute for their prosthetic help to Armenia towards the earthquake amputees.

The most memorable relief work was the emergency fundraising for humanitarian purposes for Karabagh with the arrival of Bishop of Karabagh, The Rt. Rev. Barkev Mardirosian on March 23, 1992. The Chicago Armenian community raised \$75,000. From our community, Dr. Raffy Hovanessian was a member of the Fundraising Committee and also the Pastor was a member of the Committee, ex-officio.

Another relief effort for Armenia is "Operation Winter Rescue" which has been already under way. The Diocese of the Armenian Church and the AGBU have launched a massive relief countrywide. Vicki Hovanessian from our community is heading Chicago AGBU rescue efforts.

4. MIDWEST REGIONAL HYE CAMP is a most worthy activity of the Midwest region, giving precious experience of Armenianism to a host of youngsters. Many dedicated people from our parish are involved in it. Anna Giragosian is a most enthusiastic and capable Camp Director for whom the camp work is foremost an avocation. Our two representatives presently serving on the Board of Midwest Regional Hye Camp are Anna Giragosian and Sam Arzumanian. Pastor is a member ex-officio, as well as Religious Director. Yertzgin Rosalie serves as Religious instructor. Kevin Giragosian is Athletic Director.

5. WOMEN'S RETREAT - An overnight Spiritual Retreat was organized for Midwest Women's Guild members at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Munderlein, IL, October 30-31, 1992. Retreat Leader was Yeretzgin Rosalie and Pastor was the liturgist and the homilist. The Retreat was well received by the attending women.

6. FLAG RAISING CEREMONY AND FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF ARMENIA'S INDEPENDENCE - A special ceremony was designed for the Armenian flag raising and the 1st Anniversary of the Independence of Armenia on November 27, 1992 in our Church hall.

Pastor also participated in a community wide flag raising ceremony at Sculptor Park, Skokie on November 20th.

7. ASBED BREAKFAST - Once again the Knights of Vartan of Chicago lodge prepared and served breakfast, on October 18th, to our people with the proceeds allocated to the Parish Youth. Our deep appreciation to Asbeds for their labor of love.

8. NEW SANCTUARY - In November, finally, the dream of many years of Greg Srabian was realized by the installation of three marble altars - the main altar and two side altars - with an oil painting attached to each of them. The architect is Berdj Gumushadjian of Cleveland, Ohio, and the artist of the paintings is Armand Momjian of Boca Raton, Florida. The formal consecration of the altars and paintings will be held on April 18, 1993 officiated by our Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian. Parishioners of Sts. Joachim & Anne are grateful to the Srabian family for their generosity for these altars which beautifies the sanctuary.

I. COMMUNITY RELATIONS - Pastor promoted and was actively involved in community relations with inter-church activities. The Pastor is a member of Moraine Valley Clergy Association and attends the monthly luncheon meetings and programs.

Pastor gave a guided tour and a lecture on the Armenian Church in our Sanctuary to the United Methodist Church's Husband & Wife group from Worth township on February 7th.

Pastor attended by official invitation to a Christian-Muslim Dialogue and Friendship Banquet, Hickory Hills, on May 6th.

Pastor delivered graduation Invocation and Benediction at Morgan Park Academy, June 6th.

Sts. Joachim & Anne was one of the five area churches who came together to give a Community Ecumenical Progressive Dinner for the first time on May 14th. It was very well received by our Christian neighbors, promoting lots of goodwill.

Pastor represented the Diocesan Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, by participating in a Health & Healing Consultation, jointly sponsored by the National Council of Churches and by the American Protestant Hospitals Association, in Rosemont, October 12-13.

J. FOR PERSONAL ENRICHMENT Pastor tried to take advantage of the educational opportunities presented by the following: (1) Clergy Retreat, Diocesan Educational Program, Larchmont, NY, March 1-5; (2) Billy Graham School of Evangelization at Wheaton College,

Wheaton, June 15-18. Pastor also tried to encourage, by attending and promoting, all kinds of cultural and social programs organized in our community by AGBU and other groups.

IN APPRECIATION

Pastor wholeheartedly thanks all the good people for their devoted efforts and splendid spirit of cooperation to keep ever bright the spiritual light of the Church. More specifically to the following:

- All members of Parish Council and the officers
- Diocesan Church Delegate
- All the members of each Church organization and its Chairperson: Senior Citizens; Women's Guild; Choir members, Choirmaster, Organist, Deacons, acolytes; Sunday School teachers, staff members and Superintendent.
- "Ani" Editorial staff
- All those who by their gifts of love, contributed to the Church whether by money, talents, service or Church gift, which all help the Church to function properly
- The Church greeters
- Altar flower donors
- Coffee hosts
- Christmas and Easter Yughakin offering donors
- Easter Lily program participants
- "Mortgage Burning" donors, as well as Church Anniversary donors
- Sponsors of "Ani"
- All volunteers throughout the year
- And finally, all faithful people for their worship and prayers on the Lord's Day, filling the vacant pews in the Church as the living "Body of the Church."

God Bless you all!

With the year 1993, we begin the historic milestone of our new Church's 10th Anniversary in Palos Heights, with confidence that God will provide our needs and new doors will be opened with more exciting challenges in store for us, as we move ahead towards the completion of our first decade.

God Bless the Armenian people and the Armenian Church.

Prayerfully yours,

Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian, Archpriest
Pastor

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February 1993
Palos Heights, Illinois

REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

1992

INTRODUCTION

The newly elected and in-office members of the Parish Council met on February 17, 1992 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 1992 Parish Council consisted of:

Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian	President
Garbis H. Meguerian	Chairman
Sonia Harlan	Vice-Chairlady
Sonya Doumanian	Treasurer
Peggy Enokian	Secretary
Karneg Boyajian	Buildings & Grounds
Anahid Pridjian	Membership
Dennis Vander Meer	Finance and Youth
Van Giragosian	Member
Greg Srabian	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; Fr. Diran - Sunday School; Fr. Diran - Jr. ACYOA and NEWSLETTER; Sonia Harlan - Senior Citizens; Karneg Boyajian - Choir; Dennis - Youth.
2. During 1992 the dues paying parish members numbered 102. Ten new members joined the Church. Of the 102 members 13 members had not paid their 1992 dues by December 31, 1992 inspite of the quarterly statements sent to all members reminding of their obligations.
3. Stewardship donations (previously Religious gifts) amounting to \$15,464 in 1992 were slightly higher than the \$13,189 collected in 1991 but much less than the collections in previous years: \$21,014 in 1990; \$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 1992 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 seventh Annual Dinner-Dance of our Church was held at the Visual and Performing Arts Center, Munster, Indiana, on February 22, 1992. About 100 persons attended the dinner-dance thanks to the efforts of the Committee chaired by Rosy Yeretsian. A profit of about \$3,300 was achieved.

7. April 24 was commemorated on April 26, 1992 with a Hokehankist and planting of a tree in the Church yard. The Council decided not to join the other Chicago churches in the religious commemoration of the event.

8. At a Special Parish Assembly on May 31, 1992 Fr. Diran and Raffy Hovanessian, our delegate, reported on the proceedings at the Clergy Conferece and the Diocesan Assembly.

9. Greg Srabian and Family graciously donated a new main altar and two new side altars which were installed in the Church on November 16, 1992. The altars were designed by Mr. Gumushdjian of Cleveland based on ideas developed by Greg and the paintings were rendered by Mr. Momjian again based on themes chosen by Greg. The altars will be consecrated by Archbishop Barsamian on Sunday, April 18, 1993.

9. The Buildings and Grounds Committee took care of the necessary repairs to the buildings, grounds, and equipments.

10. The Parish Council invited representatives of the Auxilliary Organizations to a meeting on June 18, 1992, to discuss goals, programs, budgets and other topics of general interest. Discussions were lively and fruitful. It was decided to hold such meetings at least once a year.

11. The annual picnic of the church took place on June 28, 1992 on the church grounds. It was very successful and netted about \$11000 thanks to the tireless efforts of the Picinic Committee headed by Charlie Terzian and to the support of our members and friends. We appreciate the efforts of the Committee.

12. The 9th Annual Anniversary Dinner celebrating the consecration of our Church took place on November 22, 1992. As usual the dinner was well attended and was very well organized by Sonia Harlan and her committee. About \$8500 was raised by lighting candles on the anniversary cake.

CONCLUSION

The Parish Council is gratified with the 1992 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 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

1992

OFFICERS:

Alice Boyajian	-	Co-Chairperson
Isabelle Gederian	-	Co-Chairperson
Irene Merijohn	-	Vice-Chairperson
Anna Giragosian	-	Treasurer
Lottie Mikaelian	-	Recording Secretary
Janna Simonian	-	Corresponding Secretary
Violet Bargamian	-	Advisor

The officers and members of S.S. Joachim and Anne Womens Guild take this opportunity to thank all church women and friends for their valued support and hard work. We are pleased to have had so many young women gladly participate when called upon. Our main event, the bazaar, was our most successful to date. We are pleased to announce that we have increased in membership, with a total of 30 members. Guild membership is open to all church women.

A special acknowledgment to the "Lahmajoon Crew" who, under the direction of Alice Boyajian, put in many extra hours generating monies to our treasury. Thank you, Martha Auer, the oven chief; Araxie Samarjian, the onion chief; Rose Halajian, Sue Semerdjian, Gen Semerdjian, Alice Madanyan, Ann McTigue, Sally Boroian, Ann Raptzian, Beverly Miller, Betty Arakelian, Lottie Mikaelian, Pearl Gopoian and Betty Haboian.

Listed are some of the guilds functions:

Annual Church Bazaar	Picnic Bake Table
Lenten Dinner	Host - Womens Saints Day
Palm Sunday Bake Sale	Fellowship Social
Rummage Sale	Spring Arts & Crafts Show
Coffee Table Hostess	Christmas Party
12 Month Dinner	
Altar Flowers	

Our goal for 1993 is to continue to work for the good of our beloved church; nurture fellowship and aid in the forming of a Young Adult Singles and Doubles Club.

Respectfully.

Isabelle Gederian,
Co-Chairperson
Alice Boyajian,
Co-Chairperson

1992 WOMEN'S GUILD TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NET</u>
Altar Flowers	\$ 350.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 70.00-
Arts & Craft	159.38	713.08	553.70
Bazaar	6,600.46	17,059.58	10,459.12
Christmas party/gift	317.20	253.90	63.30-
Dues	--	135.00	135.00
Gift to Church	11,000.00	--	11,000.00-
Hye Camp meal	155.87	--	155.87-
Interest 1992 check book	--	219.78	219.78
Lenten dinner	75.00	160.00	85.00
Miscellaneous	214.40	111.75	102.65-
Palm Sunday Bake	--	299.55	299.55
Rummage	53.18	816.10	762.92
Social/accessories	133.01	--	133.01-
Twelve month dinner	310.86	877.00	566.14
Women's Guild Central Council	250.00	--	250.00-
Women's Sts. Day	23.00	123.00	100.00
	<u>\$19,642.36</u>	<u>\$21,048.74</u>	<u>\$1,406.38</u>
Balance 12/31/91			\$13,649.10
debit/credit '92			1,406.38
Balance 12/31/92			<u>\$15,055.48</u>

anna giragosian
treasurer women's guild

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

FEBRUARY, 1992 - JANUARY, 1993

The Sunday School academic year, September 1992-May 1993, consists of:

CLASS AND
NUMBER ENROLLED

STAFF

Nursery
10 children

Paula Clare
Sylva Varjabedian
and Parents

Kindergarten
12 children

Joyce Michaels
Karen Nalbandian

Primary
6 children

Isabelle Gederian
Anna Giragosian
Jennifer Winterheimer

Intermediate
10 children

June Randall
Alan Simonian, Substitute

High School
10 children

Dick Atkian
Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian

ADMINISTRATION

President
Superintendent
Co-Superintendent
Advisor
Musical Director
Junior Choir Director
Treasurer
Attendance Recorder
"Ani" Representative

Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian
Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian
Dick Atkian
June Randall
Genevieve Semerdjian
Greg Srabian
Debbie Atkian
Annette Sultanian
Lorene Skinner

The newly organized Midwest Superintendents Association, during Fall, 1991, held its second meeting on Saturday, February 15, 1992 at St. George in Waukegan, IL. Five of the six area churches were represented. Fr. Diran and Yeretzgin Rosalie of Sts. Joachim & Anne were in attendance.

On Sunday, March 1st, twelve people from our Sunday School attended Soorp Badarak, took Holy Communion, and celebrated Paregentan (Carnival Sunday) with the parishioners of St. Mesrob Church in Racine, Wisconsin.

Thirty-two people from our Sunday School participated in the field trip to Spertus Museum on Sunday, March 15th with others from St. George, Waukegan and St. James, Evanston. For two hours, we became archaeologists, artists and musicians of the Holy Land. Dick Atkian, Martin Randall and Dr. Richard Vorperian, were most helpful in providing transportation.

Dick Atkian coordinated our Lenten Supper on Wednesday, March 18th. Choir members and Sunday School mothers and teachers provided the "pot luck" dinner.

The Lenten offering of \$111.40 went to Mangatun #2, a home for mentally retarded and handicapped Armenian children in Yerevan.

Our 32nd Annual Palm Sunday Brunch was chaired by Arakel Arakelian, Dick Atkian and Paul Simonian, assisted by the fathers of Sunday School children.

Fr. Diran "washed" the feet of twelve members of our Sunday School on Great Thursday during Holy Week.

Joyce Alcocer and Jana Brotherhood were in charge of the tree planting ceremony on Sunday, April 26th in honor of the 1.5 million Armenians who died during the Genocide of 1915.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Parish Council for assuming the cost of the plane ticket for me to attend the Diocesan Assembly, Boca Raton, Florida, in early May.

On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th, pink carnations were presented to all women as they entered the hall for Coffee Hour after Church services.

Sixteen graduates from middle school, high school and college were honored at the "Year-End Dinner/Program" on Sunday, May 17th. The program introduced the Junior Choir under the direction of Greg Srabian, accompanied by Genevieve Semerdjian.

We have been paired, under a new "Sister Sunday School" program, with Twenty-third Sunday School in Mardagerd in the region of mountainous Karabagh. With our letters translated into Armenian, we enclosed \$32.00 for year-end gifts.

In early Spring, two toy chests were made by Chuck Gederian and stained by Dick Atkian; a carpet was donated by Ara Pridjian; and Arro Merijohn shortened table legs and made a step for younger children to stand on when taking Holy Communion.

Sunday School re-opened on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Sunday, September 13th. Forty-eight children representing twenty-seven families were enrolled. Nancy Basmajian, Co-Director of the Department of Religious Education was our guest speaker on the feast of the day. A family cook-out was held after Church services. The luncheon was co-chaired by

June Randall and Dick Atkian, assisted by Rich Nalbandian, Martin Randall, J.R. Randall and Dr. Richard Vorperian. The proceeds from the luncheon were divided between the Diocesan Hurricane Andrew Relief Efforts and the Rehab Institute of Chicago, where two Armenian youths (earthquake victims) were refitted with prosthetic arms.

On Saturday, September 12th, Fr. Diran, Yeretzgin Rosalie and June Randall attended the workshop conducted by Nancy Basmajian, entitled "Faith Development from Pre-School to Adulthood" at St. George in Waukegan.

On the first Sunday of each month, the Junior Choir, under the direction of Greg Srabian, sang with the Church Choir; a Sunday School student read the epistle of the day; and two students served as acolytes.

On Sunday, October 18th, the Chicago chapter of the Knights of Vartan provided a breakfast for our parish to benefit our youth.

The Staff Dedication Ceremony for the school year 92-93 took place on Sunday, October 15th. The staff members received the book "Raising Them Right."

A Halloween Party followed Church Services on October 25th. Joyce Alcocer Michaels was assisted by Jana Brotherhood and other staff members. Renee Gawron and Carol Vorperian arranged the entertainment.

Yeretzgin Rosalie organized, for the D.R.E. and Women's Guild Central Council, an overnight retreat October 30-31 at St. Mary's of the Lake in Mundelein, IL.

Christine O'Shea, 11 years old, designed the cover of the 1992/93 Parish Greeting Card. Her drawing was chosen by the newsletter staff from the ones submitted by the Sunday School children.

Joyce A. Michaels and Eileen Simonian, assisted by Alice Boyajian, prepared the "Breakfast with Der Hayr" on January 9, 1993. Armenian Christmas program rehearsal and our Christmas visit from Santa (Jay Harlan) followed breakfast. The children's Christmas gifts were children's Bibles ordered from the Diocese.

We participated in the Christmas project of the D.R.E. The Atkian, O'Shea, Randall, D. Semerdjian, Sultanian and Williams families assembled six packs of "Learn and Play" for children in Armenia which consisted of assorted school and play supplies, with a value of \$25.00 each.

Six High School class members narrated the interpretation of the "Blessing of the Water Ceremony" in the sanctuary on January 10, 1993 for the Armenian Christmas celebration. Intermediate class student, John Nalbandian was "Godfather to the Cross."

Irene Arakelian planned and prepared the Armenian Christmas dinner. She and Arakel gifted the birthday cake in memory of their daughter, Tanya. Sebouh and Marcelle Terzian, Irene's parents, gifted the wine in Tanya's memory. In spite of the inclement weather, over 100 people attended. A Christmas pageant followed the dinner. Soloists were, in order of appearance: Jennifer Winterheimer, June Randall, Arakel Arakelian, Kevork Sultanian and Richard Nalbandian. Laura Nalbandian, who is in the High School class, made the global design that appeared on the cover of the program.

The Sunday School turned over \$1,100 to the Parish Council at the Annual Parish Assembly in February, 1992 and \$1,200 in February, 1993.

We would like to express our appreciation to the Senior Citizens who donated their birthday money to the Sunday School treasury each month.

Upcoming scheduled events for 1993 are:

- Saturday, February 13th - Midwest Sunday School Superintendents' Meeting with Nancy Basmajian
- Sunday, February 14th - Nancy Basmajian with Sunday School
- Friday, March 12th - Lenten Supper by Sunday School
- Sunday, April 4th - Palm Sunday Brunch
donated by Dean Vallos of Country House Restaurant
- Sunday, May 8th - "Breakfast with Der Hayr"
- Sunday, May 9th - End-of-Year Dinner/Program and Salute to Graduates

Respectfully submitted

Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian
Sunday School Superintendent

CHOIR

1992 has brought a breath of freshness to our church. The first Sunday of every month the new junior choir, under the direction of Gregg Srabian, joins our choir. He has been preparing them for the past year during Sunday School time. We enjoy having the young new voices thanks to Gregg's dedication to the children of our church.

Presently, we have 13 choir members. Martha Auer has been carrying the Choir for the past year with her devoted weekly attendance. Her "assistant", Bob Auer has been by her side and also serves as lay reader of the Bible every Sunday.

Thank you also to the rest of the Choir, especially consistantly Martha and Bob Auer and for giving your beautiful voices to us.

All are welcome to join us. We'd love to have you.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan B. Mardoian
Choir Director

CHOIR

Chairman: Susan B. Mardoian 708-729-7145
303 Wilmette Ave
Glenview, IL. 60025

Membership: Male 5 Female 7 Total 12

Choirmaster: Same as above

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ACYOA JRS.

Since most of the ACYOA members have gone away to college, there have been no activities this year.

ACYOA JRS. 1992 FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER, 1991 \$2,066.96

INCOME

Donations from
Knights of Vartan \$201.00

Interest 70.01
\$271.01

Balance as of December, 1992 2,337.97

Treasurer: Bradley Bargamian

"ANI"

Newsletter of Sts. Joachim & Anne
Armenian Apostolic Church
1992 ANNUAL REPORT

In 1992, the "Ani" staff established a five issue schedule: (1) Feb./March/April; (2) May/June; (3) July/Aug./Sept.; (4) Oct./Nov.; and (5) Dec. '92/Jan. '93.

ISSUE CONCERNS/HIGHLIGHTS

Feb./March/April

- Lent
- Pastoral Reflections "The Power of Name"
- 8th Anniversary celebration (1991) and "Mortgage Burning with photos"

May/June

- Announcing Sunday School's End-Of-Year Program and Hye Camp
- Pastoral Reflections "The Christian Concept of Work"
- Service to the Church - Martin Randall retiring Parish Council Treasurer; reporting by Garbis Meguerian
- Artsakh (Karabagh) Booklet - Articles of Interest

July/Aug./Sept.

- Church and Diocesan summer activities
- Pastoral Reflections "Who is Jesus Christ"
- Armenian Martyrs Day observance on April 26th with photos
- Congratulations to graduates

Oct./Nov.

- Bazaar and 9th Anniversary Consecration flyers
- Pastoral Reflection "What it Means to be a Christian"
- Service to the Church - Alice Boyajian, hostess of Senior Kheyra Luncheon; photos and reporting by June Randall
- Note of thanks to Hye Camp Director, Anna Giragosian, from four young people from Baku

Dec. '92/Jan. '93

- Christmastide
- Pastoral Reflections "On the Spirit of Forgiveness"
- New Sanctuary Altar

OTHER MAILINGS

Easter Bulletin which included Pastor's message and Holy Week Schedule. Also enclosed were Palm Sunday flyer and Easter offering envelope.

Parish Greeting Card - Cover design by Sunday School student, Christine O'Shea. 125 names (55 families) participated in this special greeting.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Easter Lily, Parish Greeting Card and Christmas Poinsettias are staff projects. Donations received are directed to Parish Council Treasury.

Sponsorship Program initiated and developed by Sonia Harlan. Its goal is to defray all newsletter expenses. We thank Sonia and our Oct./Nov. sponsor, Pearl Paints North America, Inc., Greg Srabian, and Dec. '92/Jan. '93 sponsor, Ad Air Lines, Karneg and Sark Boyajian.

Projected for the upcoming year:

- Adapt to reduce page necessitated by postage increase
- Change placement of sponsor business card allowing more exposure

ANI OBJECTIVE is to inform parishioners of Church Services and Sunday School schedules and activities. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we endeavor to implement our Apostolic beliefs and practices with allegiance to the ancient faith of our fathers.

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Proofreader - **Sona Diorio**

Respectfully submitted,

Lorene Skinner

SENIOR CITIZENS

1992

Senior Citizens luncheon are held on the first Wednesday of each month. Fifty to fifty-five people enjoy lunch, followed by "cards" for the men and "bingo" for the women. Ann Raptzian calls "bingo" each month. Our special thanks to her.

Birthdays are celebrated each month with a Birthday Cake. Mardy Semerdjian passes the Sunday School Birthday Cake in which each birthday person drops a small donation.

Our Treasurer is Araxie Samarjian and Assistant Treasurer is Nazar Halajian. Senior Citizens contributed \$500 for the Anniversary Dinner. Our balance at the end of 1992 is \$1,600, of which \$1,200 will be given to our Parish Council.

Respectfully submitted

Alice Boyajian