

**STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH**

**ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

**Sunday, January 25, 1998**

**Please bring this booklet with you to the assembly.**

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### Opening Prayer

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever.

Jesus, Wisdom of the Father, give me wisdom to always think and speak and do that which is good in your sight. Save me from evil thoughts, words, and deeds; and have mercy upon your creatures and upon me, a manifold sinner. Amen

### Closing Prayer

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Hayr Mer vor hergeens yes, soorp yegheetsee anoun ko. Yegestseh arkayoutyoun ko, yegheetsee gamk ko vorbes hergeens yev hergree. Uzhats mer hanabazort door mez aysor yev togh mez uzbardees mer vorbes yev mek toghoumk merrots bardabanats, yev me daneer uzmezz ee portsoutyoun ayl pergya ee chareh. Zee ko eh arkayoutyoun yev zoroutyoun yev park haveedyanus haveedeneets.

O Christ, Guardian of all, may your right hand shelter me, during the day and at night, at home and while traveling, while asleep and awake, that I may never fall. Have mercy upon your creatures and upon me, a manifold sinner. Amen

**Annual Parish Assembly Meeting Invitation** (Marked Jan '11)

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

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

**January 25, 1997 at 12:00 noon**

The meeting will be preceded by a light lunch at 11:45 am.

1997 dues must be paid in full in order to vote at this Parish Assembly.

**Agenda**

The following is the meeting agenda:

1. Opening Prayer.
2. General Roll Call and establishment of a quorum.  
(1/3 of dues paid members constitutes a quorum - article 17)
3. Election of Chairman and Secretary for meeting.
4. Approval of agenda
5. Approval of last year's minutes
6. Establishment of Mission and Vision Statements
7. Review of 1998 Budget. — *Treasurer's Report*
8. Elections:
  - new trustees - elect 5 (two year term - articles 14g and 25)
  - nominating committee members - elect 4 (one year term - article 14b)
  - auditing committee - elect 1 (three year term - article 14f)
  - pastor- elect 1 (five year term - article 41)
9. Diocesan By-law amendment
10. Church Building and Usage Fee/Rent/Donation schedule
11. Items from the floor (majority vote needed to add item to agenda - article 16)
12. Announcements of Coming Events (Dance, Coffee Hour, Findikyan, Lenten other?)
13. Final Prayer

Pastor and Parish Council 1/7/98

## **1997 Pastor's Report**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With the close of 1997 I have completed my third year of service to the Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Apostolic Church community. I assumed this pastorate upon the appointment of His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian effective January 1, 1995.

Following is my third pastoral report to you covering the period of January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997. I will endeavor in the following pages to present a synopsis of my work during this last year and give thanks to some of the many of the dedicated members of our community.

### **Worship and Liturgy**

I wish to express my thanks to all those who served before the holy table of our Lord this past year, particularly our regular altar servers: Dr. Norayr Madanyan, Arakel Arakelian, and Kevork Sultanian. In addition I would like to thank all those who have served so faithfully in the choir; and especially Sue Mardoian for directing the choir and Martha Auer for playing the organ. Thanks also to Annette Sultanian for 'pinch hitting' as choir director and playing the organ this year as well as to Joyce Michaels for helping out with the organ. Special thanks also to Bob Auer who faithfully served as reader of the lections. Also I would like to thank Greg Srabian for taking care of the candles and Hagop Hakalmazian for his many years of service in preparing the altar for the celebration of Divine liturgy. Lastly I would like to thank the Parish Council for their dedicated service as greeters throughout the year.

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

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

At each liturgical gathering I have endeavored to present a message to our faithful explaining the meaning of the day's gospel reading and how it applies to our daily lives. During the past year I prepared and presented approximately seventy sermons; including a special six part Lenten lecture series entitled "Journey through the Old Testament". In addition I have continued to present instructional Badaraks periodically. This year saw the development and inauguration of our first 'Children's Badarak' which was well received. Future Children's Badaraks will be forthcoming.

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

### Baptisms, Wedding, Funerals

In 1997, in addition to Sunday Morning Service, Badarak, Hokeehankeesd and special festal services, I presided over, participated in, or arranged for the following sacraments/rites as pastor of Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Apostolic Church:

#### Baptism and Chrismation

4/6/97	Theodore Emile Laleian
6/29/97	Helen Matoesian
6/29/97	Nicholas Matoesian
6/29/97	Kenarr Matoesian
6/29/97	JoAnna Lynn Lay
6/29/97	Asha Lynn Worthy
8/10/97	Michael Richard Hamady Jr.
11/30/97	Julia Helene Nigohosian

#### Weddings

4/12/97	Brian Mardoian and Debra Manske
11/22/97	Daniel Sebouh Arakelian and Gina Marie Turturello

#### Nshandook (Engagement)

6/8/97	Daniel Sebouh Arakelian and Gina Marie Turturello
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#### Funerals

1/7/97	Georgiy Michael Muradyan
3/21/97	Kniaz Khachadurian
4/17/97	Vokouhi Mary Kalafian
12/5/97	Irene Christine Arakelian

### Additional Pastoral Ministries

In addition to church services, the priestly functions include ongoing visitations of members and potential members, sick calls at hospitals or homes, visitations of shut-ins and those in nursing homes, grave blessings at cemeteries, and home blessings. There are also any number of monthly church business meetings which take place outside the church facility; i.e. Midwest Regional Council, Midwest Clergy, and visitations to our sister parishes. In 1997 visitations of parishioners and church related meetings totaled approximately 125. 100 being visitations to our parishioners and 25 others of related parish ministry.

The sick have been visited as requested, and house blessings have been performed. I thank all those who contacted me with news of someone in need of a visitation. Please feel free to contact me to in order to schedule a house blessing/visitation, or to inform me of someone sick or in need of a visit.

This year I offered one three session pre-cana (marriage preparation) program. I have also responded to requests for personal/family counseling as needed.

Office hours have been established so that the pastor may be made available to the parishioners at known hours throughout the week at the church. Office hours have been kept four days and one evening a week; during which time I speak with parishioners about a variety of topics as needed.

During office hours I also see to the many responsibilities of the office operation which include but are not limited to: Maintaining existing, and developing specified church mailing lists: reading, sorting, filing and responding to mail; visiting post office as needed; organizing and doing mailings, maintaining/acquiring office equipment and supplies; corresponding with businesses on church related matters, corresponding with the diocese, preparing Sunday Bulletins and flyers, running off copies, collating and stapling, advertising for and typesetting the Parish Greeting Card, and Ani preparation (including data entry, article writing, page layout, taking and developing pictures and coordination with mailer and printer). My thanks to Sona Diorio, Lorene Skinner, Anna Giragosian, Gladys Avakian, Sue Semerdjian, and Ann Raptzian for their help with mailings this year.

I also had the privilege of serving as a delegate to the 1997 Diocesan Clergy Conference and Diocesan Assembly. I prepared for and taught classes at Hye Camp as well.

The Midwest Clergy met six times in 1997. I continue to serve as recording secretary. A highlight of the year included our collective planning of two regional ACYOA Junior Lock-ins, one in Racine and one at Sts. Joachim and Anne. We have plans for another such retreat in Racine in March of 1998. In addition we developed a Patristic Seminar to offer to the area churches and began with a presentation to St. Gregory's.

As Pastor and ex-officio president of the Parish Council I attended all Parish Council meetings during the course of 1997. I enjoyed working with each member of this Parish Council and wish to extend my appreciation to all those who dedicated their time for the maintenance and building up of God's holy church. As anyone knows who has served on Parish Council, the service required of Parish Council members is demanding as the needs of the church are on-going. Let us continue to encourage and pray for God to guide the decisions of the Parish Council in 1998.

### **Church Auxiliary Organizations**

#### **The Ani Newsletter**

The church newsletter was published six times in 1997. My thanks to Sona Diorio, Virginia Bogosian, Zareh Avedoumian and all those who submitted articles, flyers, announcements, or pictures for all their help this year. The Ani takes a great deal of preparation and their hours of dedication are greatly appreciated. My position was that of editor/columnist/page layout for the Ani. The Ani staff would like to remind everyone that submissions to the Ani are always welcome and encouraged.

#### **Armenian Church Youth Organization of America Juniors (ACYOA Jrs.)**

1997 saw the official formation of the Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Apostolic Church ACYOA Juniors. Elections were held and officers elected. The group participated in three regional lock-ins during the year and had three meetings. We have about 8-10 Juniors at this time.

### Armenian Church Youth Organization of America Seniors (ACYOA Srs.)

While we do not yet have a Senior ACYOA group with elected officers, two of our ACYOA Senior age parishioners took on the responsibility of organizing a dance for Feb. of 1998. There were six dance meetings held in 1997. My thanks to Shunt Madanyan and Carina Sawaya for their organizing our coming Poon Paregentan dance and for also organizing other ACYOA Senior aged parishioners to take an active role in its success. ACYOA Seniors begin at age 18.

### Bible Study

We had nine Bible Studies offered during the year. Attendance is usually about six people. The Bible is the word of God. Our Orthodox tradition encourages all those who wish to know God better to study the Bible. During the coming year the first six monthly Bible Studies will focus on the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew cps. 5-7). I welcome and encourage suggestions for Bible Study Topics from all parishioners.

### Children's Bible Story Hour

Children's Bible Story Hour is a program designed to help parents initiate their children into the life of our church.

This activity regularly draws together some of our preschoolers (and their mothers) for bible stories, religious crafts, and games on the first and third Fridays of each month. Held about 20 times during 1997, Children's Bible Story Hour has an average attendance of three preschoolers and two mothers. We have had as many as 6 children attend the sessions. During the coming year we hope to increase publicity and subsequently participation in this activity.

### Choir/Altar Servers

During the year I participated in the on-going training of altar servers in preparing them to more fully participate in the churches various sacramental services. I also coordinated services with the choir director and organist as needed.

### Cultural Committee

1997 saw the formation of a much needed Cultural Committee in our parish. My special thanks to Sonya Harlan and Rosig Yeretsian for co-chairing the committee and organizing two wonderful programs. A Martyr's Day Program featuring Dr. Dennis Papzian and a lecture by Dr. Peter Cowe in June.

### Sunday School

The Sunday School had another active year. I enjoyed working with Sunday School Chairlady and assembly director Alice Boyajian as well as all the Sunday School teachers in the many yearly Sunday School projects. My special thanks to Jill Soghomonian, and Elizabeth Williams for teaching the youngest class; Isabelle Gederian for the middle class, and Gary Mazian and Joyce Michaels for taking the oldest class. Special thanks also to Renee Gawron and all others who helped substituting.

We had four staff meetings this year. This year we also had our first 'Children's Badarak' which was well received. The Halloween Party was the best attended Sunday



School event of the year. Special thanks to Gary and Patty Mazian for their organizational efforts for the party. Attendance for the classes in general, however, is continually lower than desired. During visitations to the parents of the Sunday School children, I make it a point to discuss the issue of their children's attendance. I commend all those involved in the Sunday School for playing such a vital role in the spiritual education of our children, and pray that we will all work to boost attendance by actively befriending those parishioners on the outskirts of the community.

#### Vacation Bible School

July 10-12 were the dates of this year's Vacation Bible School. We had our best response yet as approx. 35 children enjoyed the program which ended with a party at Gregory and Peter Boyajian's house. My thanks to the many teachers who donated their valuable time to making this program the success it was. The children participating enjoyed themselves and we are looking forward to continuing this ministry to our church youth in 1998.

#### Women's Guild

The Women's Guild continues to work hard to support our church. Their dedicated service is offered to the Lord as their participation in the on-going mission of His church. I enjoyed attending women's guild meetings and events throughout the year. Let us keep the Women's Guild in our prayers and as we continue to seek out potential new members for this vital organization. My special thanks to Chairlady Sona Diorio for her help throughout this year, and to Alice Boyajian for her dedicated service in organizing so much of the cooking. The ladies' dedication expressed throughout the year, and especially in the preparations for the picnic and bazaar are a beautiful testimony to their devotion to our Lord's holy church.

#### Young Couples

The Young Couple Group was involved in three activities in 1997. In March the group organized a dinner following Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian's lecture on Moral and Ethical Issues in the 90's. In April the group organized the meal for the Biblical Seminar presented by Very Rev. Fr. Vahan Hovanessian. The Young Couple's group last 97 activity was a Dinner Party/ Social at Denise at Dennis and Denise Stachowiak's in September. Eleven couples attended; and we not only enjoyed each other's company, but also had the opportunity to discuss the church and faith issues as well. We are looking to increase these kinds of socials in 1998. My thanks to Gary Mazian, Patty Mazian, and Denise and Dennis Stachowiak for their help in organizing activities during 97'.

## **Membership**

During 1997 Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Apostolic Church welcomed 9 people as new dues-paid members of our community or lapsed members who became current:

Kevork Arakelian  
Sarkis Arakelian  
Duke Doumanian  
Renee Gawron  
John Kamakian  
Robin Kmiec  
Steve Kmiec  
Rob Koshkarian  
Araxie Varjabedian

We welcome all our new members and thank the Lord for leading them to commit themselves to serve our Lord in and through His holy church.

## **Conclusion**

God has lavished his blessings upon this community. We enjoy a tremendous prosperity in so many ways. I thank the Lord when I think of our dedicated parishioners who have given so much of themselves to the building up of God's holy church. I am especially joyous that the Lord has brought us an ACYOA Jr. group and pray that we encourage and support them in their endeavors through the coming years.

I also rejoice at the establishment of a Cultural Committee. We have such a rich culture as Armenians and this group is dedicated to offering us the opportunity to come to know various aspects of the Armenian culture in a deeper way.

The Children's Bible Story Hour is also a newer program with the potential to draw not only preschoolers, but also the parents of preschoolers together to help build relationships to strengthen our community.

The last year's strengthening of the Midwest Clergy and recent welcome addition of the a Deacon- in Charge at our sister parish St. Gregory promises to help in the development of the Midwest region and I am thankful that the clergy share a common interest in bridging the Diocese/Prelacy gap in the coming year.

As we continue to expectantly await the imminent return of our Lord, let us remain steadfast in our common sacred mission to spread the good news of our Lord's salvation throughout Northern Illinois and Indiana. As the coming year approaches let us each resolve to fervently seek to come to know and serve the Lord more fully in and through His holy Church, and let us also make a special effort to reach out to new members, to people on the fringes of our community, so that they too might know the joy of living in a dynamic communion with our Lord and Savior Jesus to Christ to whom, together with His Father and Holy Spirit is befitting glory dominion and honor for ever and ever.

In Christ,

*Fr. Tavit Boyajian*

Rev. Fr. Tavit Boyajian

M I N U T E S  
SS Joachim & Anne Armenian Apostolic Church  
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

January 26, 1997

The Annual Parish Assembly as called for in the by-laws, convened in the church hall, 12600 S. Ridgeland Avenue, Palos Heights, Illinois on January 26, 1997.

Meeting opened with prayer led by Der Hayr Tavit Boyajian at 12:30 p. m. Roll called by Chairman Dennis VanderMeer indicated 61 of 114 members were present , thereby comprising a quorum.

Mr. Garbis Meguerian was nominated to act as chairman of the meeting and accepted. Mrs. Lottie Mikaelian was nominated and accepted the position of secretary.

Minutes of the January 1996 meeting were available to the membership for perusal. Mr. Jack Cholakian moved to accept the minutes as presented. A second by Dr. Raffi Hovanessian. Motion carried.

Chairman advised of a deviation of the agenda and requested Mrs. Karen Nalbandian , chairlady of the Nominating Committee hand out Ballots to the membership for the offices of Trustee, Nominating and Auditing Committees.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sahagian made a motion to call for nominations at this point of the meeting. Mr. Kegham Giragosian seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

Nominations for office of trustee took place. Mrs. Elizabeth Sahagian moved nominations be closed. Seconded by Mrs. Annette Sultanian. Unanimously carried.

Chair called for nominations from the floor for the Nominating Committee. Mrs. Sonia Harlan moved nominations be closed. A second by Mrs. Elizabeth Sahagian. So moved.

Chair called for floor nominations for the Auditing Committee. Mrs. Sonia Harlan moved to close the nominations. Seconded by Mrs. Virginia Bogosian. Motion carried.

Chairman called upon Der Hayr Tavit Boyajian to review his pastor's report. Mr. Zareh Avedoumian made a motion to accept the report as presented. A second by Mrs. Annette Sultanian. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Robert Auer moved and requested it be noted in the minutes that Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. Dennis VanderMeer be recognized and thanked for his service and accomplishments in this capacity during this past year. A second by Mr. Jack Cholakian. So moved with a hearty round of applause.

Mr. Dennis VanderMeer presented the Parish Council's report and verbally added his thanks to the younger membership for their increased participation in church activities. Also noted that parish assembly attendance has increased yearly, indicating greater interest in the church, and a willingness to work together. He earnestly hoped the membership pay particular attention to the cost to maintain the church and reflect on what is necessary to keep the church viable and secure in the future. He thanked the council for their cooperation and efforts.

Chair called on Mrs. Elizabeth Sahagian, Chairlady of the Women's Guild to answer any question regarding their report. There being none, she introduced Mrs. Anna Giragosian, Treasurer, who then presented a check to the Parish Council in the amount of \$12,000.00 on behalf of the guild membership, which consists of 27 women.

Discussion followed concerning new bookkeeping procedures. Mr. Paul Mardoian explained that monies of all the organizations is now being channeled into one larger account, affording increased earnings. However, each organization is to maintain it's own financial records. The Women's Guild will be afforded a cash working fund.

Due to a misunderstanding, Mrs. Susan Semerdjian, upon submitting funds of the Senior's Club, also turned in their books and dispensed with keeping financial records. The Auditing Committee, at this point, instructed the Senior's Club, as well as all other organizations to continue to maintain bookkeeping procedures. So moved by Mr. Andrew Sahagian and seconded by Mrs. Rosie Yeretsian.

#### Sunday School Report:

Mrs. Annette Sultanian, on behalf of the children and parents, thanked Mrs. Alice Boyajian for all her efforts and guidance. All agreed with a round of applause.

#### Choir Report:

Mrs. Susan Mardoian thanked Mrs. Martha Auer, organist, as well as her fellow members and the church membership for its support.

Mr. Greg Srabian moved to accept the following organizational reports: Guild - Sunday School - Choir and Seniors; A second by Mr. Jay Harlan. Motion carried.

Der Hayr Tavit Boyajian addressed the assembly, touching on the following:

Thanked all for their dedication to the church. Also, Mr. Dennis VanderMeer for all his efforts, stating, it had been a pleasure and privilege to work with him. Acknowledged Mrs. Sona Doumanian and Mrs. Virginia Bogosian for their time consuming treasurer's work. Alice Boyajian, Sunday School Superintendant, for all she

has contributed and continues to do. Mrs. Susan Mardoian for leading the Choir. Also, called to our attention the Survey Results of the 1995 Membership Survey which was correlated in 1996.

Father Tavit apologized for *omitting the name of* Mrs. Jennifer Volpe, *from the new members list.* *T.B.* *J.M.*

ACYOA Juniors, which fell between the cracks, is now being revitalized and planning a regional retreat. Mrs. Jennifer Volpe has agreed to <sup>be</sup> co-ordinator for this group.

Informed us of a new vital program, i. e. a Children's Bible Study.

He stated 1997 has been designated as the Year of the Mission and enumerated a number of programs being instituted and called on all to collectively understand the mission of the church.

Chairman called on Treasurer Mrs. Sona Doumanian for her report. She stated that because of the new bookkeeping procedures instituted in June, she would be available for consultation to afford a smooth transition of the process. She thanked Mrs. Virginia Bogosian for all her assistance. Mrs. Rosie Yeretsian moved, seconded by Mrs. Annette Sultanian to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

Auditing Chairman, Mr. Charles Terzian reported the committee audited the financial records of all organizations and found them to be in good order. He thanked Mrs. Sona Doumanian for her exemplary work.

Mrs. Sona Doumanian submitted the Council's Budget for 1997, stating the balance on hand as of December 1, 1996 amounted to \$34,497.35. Mr. Zareh Avedoumanian moved to accept the budget with a second by Mr. Jay Harlan. Motion carried.

At this point of the meeting, voting took place by secret ballot for positions of Trustee, Auditing Committee and Nominating Committee. 59 Ballots were counted indicating the following were elected:

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER

- Virginia Bogosian
- Gary Mazian
- Paul Simonian
- Brian Nigohosian

AUDITING COMMITTEE

- Garbis Meguerian

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Sonia Harlan
- Peggy Mason
- Gail Santucci
- Martha Huet*

Mrs. Virginia Bogosian requested time to address the assembly. She commended the council for its diligence and efforts under the able leadership of Mr. Dennis VanderMeer. Also stated some of our sister churches appear to be envious of our church attendance and activities. She asked for a round of applause as appreciation for the untiring efforts and daily availability of Alice Boyajian and Anna Giragosian. Anna, especially for undertaking solely the co-ordinating and seeing to the day to day operations of Hye Camp which accomodates campers from all corners of the U.S.

*She also thanked the pastor for his work during the year.*

*T.D.*

*JK  
GKH*

**New Business:**

Council Chairman, Dennis VanderMeer addressed the assembly concerning Membership Dues which remained the same for 15 years, and calling to our attention the fact, a large percentage of the dues is remitted to the Diocese. He recommended membership vote to increase the annual dues, thereby increaseing revenue for the maintenance of our church. Mr. Jay Harlan moved to increase the annual dues to \$180.00per member. Seconded by Dr. Hovanessian. Membership was called on to vote by raising of hands. Vote indicated 27 nays - 14 yeas. Motion denied.

Chairman opened floor for discussion of Stewardship. Mr. Greg Srabian recommended a committee be formed to contact members which have not lived up to their pledges.

Time was afforded Mr. Dennis VanderMeer to introduce two proposals which the Council had formulated, and which were to be forwarded to the Diocese (copies attached hereto) requesting Archbishop Khajag Barsamian appoint a special committee to consider same.

*T.D. JK  
GKH*

1. Other churches not duly paying dues to the Diocese.
2. Limiting terms of the diocesan delegates

Dr. Hovanessian stated the Diocesan Council has the authority to make the final decision, and, therefore, these proposals should be directed to the Council rather than to the Archbishop. *Amended motion passed*

*T.D. JK  
GKH*

Richard Nalbandian had moved seconded by Sona Doumanian, the Parish Council forward these proposals to the Diocese. The motion was modified to indicate the Diocesan Council appoint a special committee to consider these proposals. Richard Nalbandian then moved, seconded by Elizabeth Sahagian to close discussion on the proposals. Motion carried. A motion was introduced by Paul Mardoian to present these proposals to the Diocesan Assembly. A second by Mr. Richard Nalbandian. Motion unanimously approved.

*Assembly - T.D. JK  
GKH*

Floor was open for any other new business. Mr. Halajian asked how and why the Parish Council became involved in the pricing of the Senior's Luncheon. Chair called upon Mrs. Alice Boyajian, who is in charge of these luncheons to address the assembly in answer. In her comments she mentioned that she along with her co-workers had decided, that based on the prices of food items in today's market, and the unlimited beverages available to patrons, the price increase was deemed necessary and reasonable.

After discussion, Sonia Harlan moved, seconded by Sona Doumanian, the price of the luncheon be fixed at \$8.00 per person. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the assembly, Mr. Robert Auer moved to adjourn. A second by Sona Doumanian. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 3:30 p.m. with a closing prayer led by Der Hayr Boyajian.

*Edwin H. Mejeorian*  
Chairman

*Lottie Mikaelian*  
Secretary

*Rev. Fr. Javit*

1997 Women's Guild Financial Report

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>NET</u>
Altar Flowers	\$270.00	\$113.18	\$156.82
Bake	2,156.60	626.90	1529.70
Bazaar '96	62.00		62.00
'97	14,194.13	3051.38	11,142.75
Dues '97	280.00		280.00
12 Month Dinner	928.00	292.17	635.83
Fashion Show	2,576.00	1,240.13	1,335.87
** Gift & Book Shop	1,943.00	1,505.96	437.04
Rummage Sale	940.00		940.00
Easter Lilies	675.00	310.50	364.50
Hye Camp meal		224.82	-224.82-
Sec'y supplies, etc..		155.88	-155.88-
Kitchen supplies		61.24	-61.24-
Hostess		66.87	-66.87-
Donation	25.00		25.00
Lenten Dinner	145.00		145.00
Palm Sunday Bake	598.50	134.00	
(gift to Sunday School)		464.50	00.00
Interest Ck. Acct. '96	26.49		
(11 months '97)	123.01		149.50
WGCC 28 members		56.00	-56.00-
Lentens Books		55.00	-55.00-
Gift To Church		16,000.00	-16,000.00-
	<hr/> \$24,942.73	<hr/> \$24,358.53	<hr/> \$584.20
Balance 12/31/96			\$14,736.83
Balance 1/7/98			<hr/> \$15,321.03

\*\* (Inventory not included)



SS. JOACHIM & ANNE ARMENIAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
1997 TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance Forward From 1996 \$ 961.81

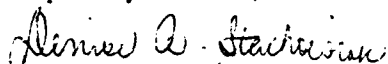
INCOME

Sunday Collection Plate, Birthday Cake, Candles	\$ 1,195.39	
Senior Citizens Birthday Cake	168.25	
1997 Christmas Dinner	\$ 994.00	
less expenses	352.39	641.61
Palm Sunday Bake Sale		464.50
Palm Sunday Brunch	1,350.00	
less expenses	47.15	1,302.85
Vacation Bible School	400.00	
less expenses	130.46	269.54
Opening Day Cookout	67.00	
less expenses	48.63	18.37
Halloween Party	484.00	
less expenses	265.65	218.35
 Total Income		 4,278.86

EXPENSES

Classroom Supplies	102.00	
Christmas Gifts	280.45	
C.A.S.P.	200.00	
 Total Expenses		 ( 582.45)
 Total Funds Available		 4,658.22
 Disbursements to Parish Council		 ( 4,000.00)
 Balance at December 31, 1997		 \$ 658.22

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Denise A. Stachowiak, Treasurer

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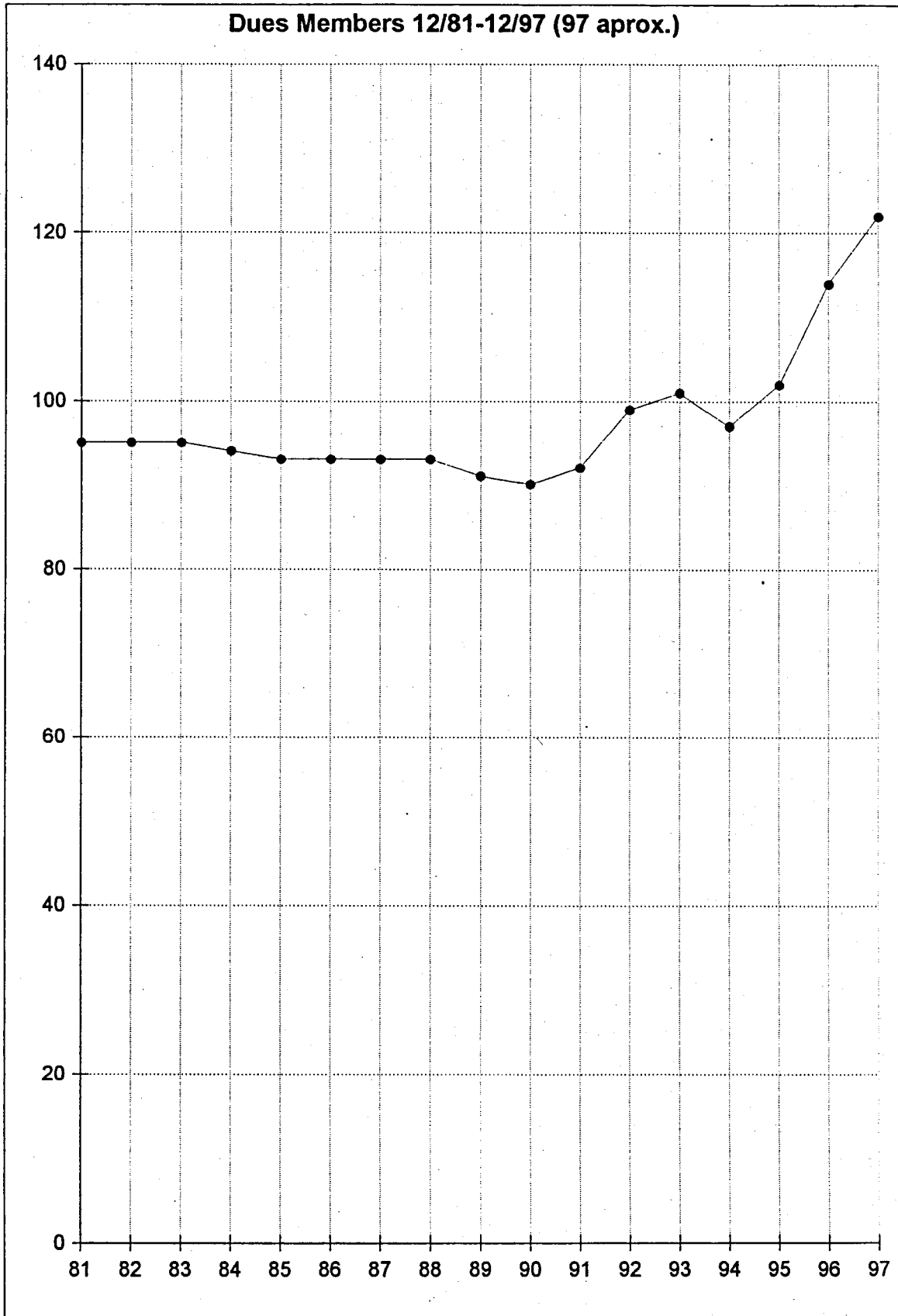
  
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SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

1997

	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
January	Church Took	---	---
February		\$352.00	\$ 352.00
March	Evening Lent	---	352.00
April	\$1.12	362.00	715.12
May	2.00	327.00	1,044.12
June	3.01	421.00	1,468.13
July	4.01	436.00	1,908.14
August	4.85	304.00	2,216.99
September	5.76	366.50	2,589.25
October	6.37	301.00	2,896.62
November	7.24	348.75	3,252.61
December	7.27	311.00	3,570.88
Check To Church - 1/98			2,857.00
Balance			713.88
80% Of \$3,570.88			
Check Attached - \$2,857.00			

Dues Members 12/81-12/97 (97 aprox.)



Dues have been \$150 since 1981

\$150 Dues adjusted according to the following inflation rates

Annual Inflation Percentage

	<u>2.5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3.5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4.5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5.5</u>
1981	150	150	150	150	150	150	150
1982	153.75	154.5	155.25	156	156.75	157.5	158.25
1983	157.59375	159.135	160.68375	162.24	163.80375	165.375	166.95375
1984	161.53359	163.90905	166.30768	168.7296	171.17492	173.64375	176.13621
1985	165.57193	168.82632	172.12845	175.47878	178.87779	182.32594	185.8237
1986	169.71123	173.89111	178.15295	182.49794	186.92729	191.44223	196.044
1987	173.95401	179.10784	184.3883	189.79785	195.33902	201.01435	206.82642
1988	178.30286	184.48108	190.84189	197.38977	204.12927	211.06506	218.20187
1989	182.76043	190.01551	197.52136	205.28536	213.31509	221.61832	230.20298
1990	187.32945	195.71598	204.4346	213.49677	222.91427	232.69923	242.86414
1991	192.01268	201.58746	211.58981	222.03664	232.94541	244.33419	256.22167
1992	196.813	207.63508	218.99546	230.91811	243.42796	256.5509	270.31386
1993	201.73332	213.86413	226.6603	240.15483	254.38221	269.37845	285.18112
1994	206.77666	220.28006	234.59341	249.76103	265.82941	282.84737	300.86608
1995	211.94607	226.88846	242.80418	259.75147	277.79174	296.98974	317.41372
1996	217.24472	233.69511	251.30232	270.14153	290.29237	311.83923	334.87147
1997	222.67584	240.70597	260.09791	280.94719	303.35552	327.43119	353.2894
1998	<b>228.2427</b>	<b>247.9271</b>	<b>269.2013</b>	<b>292.1851</b>	<b>317.0065</b>	<b>343.8027</b>	<b>372.7203</b>
1999	233.94881	255.36496	278.62338	303.87248	331.27181	360.99289	393.21994
2000	239.79753	263.02591	288.3752	316.02738	346.17905	379.04253	414.84704
2001	245.79247	270.91669	298.46833	328.66847	361.7571	397.99466	437.66362
2002	251.93728	279.04419	308.91472	341.81521	378.03617	417.89439	461.73512
2003	258.23571	287.41551	319.72674	355.48782	395.0478	438.78911	487.13055
2004	264.6916	296.03798	330.91717	369.70733	412.82495	460.72856	513.92274
2005	271.30889	304.91912	342.49927	384.49562	431.40208	483.76499	542.18849
2006	278.09161	314.06669	354.48675	399.87545	450.81517	507.95324	572.00885
2007	285.04391	323.48869	366.89378	415.87047	471.10185	533.3509	603.46934
2008	292.17	333.19335	379.73507	432.50529	492.30143	560.01845	636.66015

**127 Members Dues Income**

150	228	247	269	292	317	343	372
19050	28956	31369	34163	37084	40259	43561	47244

**Additional Annual Income from Raising Dues Above \$150**

228	247	269	292	317	343	372
9906	12319	15113	18034	21209	24511	28194

Dues have been \$150 since 1981

\$150 Dues adjusted according to the following inflation rates - Depreciative

Annual Inflation Percentage

	<u>2.5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3.5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4.5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5.5</u>
1981	150	150	150	150	150	150	150
1982	147.75	145.5	144.75	144	143.25	142.5	141.75
1983	145.53375	141.135	139.68375	138.24	137.52	135.375	133.95375
1984	143.35074	136.90095	134.79482	132.7104	132.0192	128.60625	126.58629
1985	141.20048	132.79392	130.077	127.40198	126.07834	122.17594	119.62405
1986	139.08248	128.8101	125.52431	122.3059	120.40481	116.06714	113.04472
1987	136.99624	124.9458	121.13095	117.41367	114.98659	110.26378	106.82727
1988	134.94129	121.19743	116.89137	112.71712	109.8122	104.75059	100.95177
1989	132.91718	117.5615	112.80017	108.20844	104.87065	99.513065	95.399418
1990	130.92342	114.03468	108.85217	103.8801	100.15147	94.537411	90.15245
1991	128.95957	110.61362	105.04234	99.724895	96.145411	89.810541	85.194066
1992	127.02517	107.29521	101.36586	95.7359	92.299594	85.320014	80.508392
1993	125.1198	104.07635	97.818054	91.906464	88.146113	81.054013	76.08043
1994	123.243	100.95406	94.394422	88.230205	84.620268	77.001312	71.896007
1995	121.39435	97.925442	91.090617	84.700997	81.235457	73.151247	67.941726
1996	119.57344	94.987678	87.902446	81.312957	77.579862	69.493685	64.204931
1997	117.77984	92.138048	84.82586	78.060439	74.476667	66.019	60.67366
1998	<b>116.0131</b>	<b>89.37391</b>	<b>81.85696</b>	<b>74.93802</b>	<b>71.4976</b>	<b>62.71805</b>	<b>57.33661</b>
1999	114.27294	86.692689	78.991962	71.9405	68.280209	59.582148	54.183095
2000	112.55885	84.091909	76.227243	69.06288	65.549	56.60304	51.203025
2001	110.87047	81.569151	73.55929	66.300365	62.92704	53.772888	48.386859
2002	109.20741	79.122077	70.984714	63.64835	60.095323	51.084244	45.725582
2003	107.5693	76.748415	68.500249	61.102416	57.69151	48.530032	43.210675
2004	105.95576	74.445962	66.102741	58.65832	55.38385	46.10353	40.834087
2005	104.36642	72.212583	63.789145	56.311987	52.891577	43.798354	38.588213
2006	102.80092	70.046206	61.556525	54.059508	50.775914	41.608436	36.465861
2007	101.25891	67.94482	59.402046	51.897127	48.744877	39.528014	34.460239
2008	99.740027	65.906475	57.322975	49.821242	46.551358	37.551613	32.564925

**Proposed Vision Statement:**

"For the greater honor and glory of God"

**Proposed Mission Statement:**

The mission of Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Apostolic Church is the salvation of souls. We believe in the good news of Jesus as revealed through our Holy Tradition and are committed to sharing the gospel in and through the activities of our church.

We are committed to preserving and propagating the apostolic faith through five types of programming:

- **Worship** that is celebrative, sacramental and God-glorifying
- **Education** that nurtures people of all ages to grow in their relationship with God
- **Fellowship** that creates and cultivates Christian love and acceptance
- **Outreach** programs to help those in need within our church family, locally, on a Diocesan level, in Armenia and throughout the world.
- **Cultural** activities which present to the community the richness of the Armenian Christian heritage

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**Proposed By-Law Amendment:**

The Following is a Diocesan By-Law Amendment proposal submitted to you by the Parish Council for consideration. If passed this proposed By-law amendment will be submitted to the Diocesan Assembly.

At current the Diocesan By-laws contain no clear definition as to what constitutes a quorum for a Parish Council meeting. The intent of the below submission is to establish a uniform understanding of what constitutes a quorum throughout the Diocese.

Proposed By-Law Amendment (addition to By-law 31)

31b. At Parish Council meetings the presence of a majority of the Parish Council membership shall constitute a quorum, and decisions shall be rendered by the majority of members present and voting.

Rationale:

While our by-laws state what constitutes a quorum for Parish Assemblies, our By-laws do not clearly state what constitutes a quorum for Parish Council meetings. This By-law will clarify what constitutes a quorum at Parish Council meetings.

Expenses 1997 and Projected 1998

	PROJECTED 97	ACTUAL 97	PROJECTED 98
Clergy Stipend and Expenses (98 stipend = 25777 exp.=27306)	50562	50842.8	53083
Clergy Conference/Diocesan Assmb.	1000	446.53	1500
Secretarial Help	0		5000
Diocesan Dues	12200	11222	12500
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Telephone	1000	905.78	1400
Office Supplies	2900	2829.22	2500
Sanctuary Supplies	1200	1146.43	2200
Newsletter/Flyer	3200	2201.72	3200
Furniture/Comp. Equip.	500		500
Contributions	1000	250	500
Honorariums	1700	150	1200
Miscellaneous	500	3383.54	4000
Kitchen	3500	1694.59	1700
<b>Expenses of Delegates</b>			
Diocesan Delegates	1300	954.42	2500
Choir Delegates	500		500
<b>Building and Grounds</b>			
<b>Utilities</b>			
Gas	2000	1894.93	2000
Electricity	7500	7100.78	7000
Water and Sewage	1200	1133.48	1000
<b>Maintenance</b>	13000	12033.82	10000
(refuse-800, cleaning-2700, landsc.-2800 repairs-1200, Other 2500)			
Parking Lot Repair	2500	1950	0
Other Capital Improvement	1500		1500
Building Insurance	1400	1479	1500
<b>Church Affairs</b>			
Golf and Recreation	1000		1000
Anniversary Dinner	850	539.93	6500
ACYOA		39	
<b>Sum Total</b>	<b>112012</b>	<b>102197.97</b>	<b>122783</b>

REVENUES: 1997 and Projected 1998

	BUDGET 97	ACTUAL 97	BUDGET 98
Dues	16800	15800	16800
Plate	2000	1826	2000
Sacraments and Rituals	3000	1720	1800
Christmas Offering	2000	873	1500
Easter Offering	2000	1840	2000
Candles	1000	1101	1000
<b>Auxiliary Organizations</b>			
Sunday School	6500	3515	4000
Women's Guild	20700	16000	18000
Sr. Citizens	2500		4000
Choir	195	202.5	0
<b>Church Affairs</b>			
Picnic	10000	10445.29	10000
Anniversary Dinner	7000	8792	20000
Other (Lenten, Coffee hour etc.)	3000	7325	3500
Golf Outing	0		2000
<b>Donations</b>			
Stewardship	15000	11450	12000
In Lieu of Flowers	1000	7965	1000
In Lieu of Christmas Cards	1400	1734	1400
Other Donations	7000	20555	9000
<b>Other Income</b>			
Interest/Dividend	2000	* 1711.88	2000
Hall Rental	1000	900	4000
Ani Publication		597	
Misc.		18.55	
<b>Sum Total</b>	<b>104095</b>	<b>114371.22</b>	<b>116000</b>

\* 1711.88 + 207.30 (Dividend in Dec.) = 1919.18