

Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Apostolic Church

Parish Assembly Booklet

January 24, 1999 at noon

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Women's Guild Report
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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

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 24, 1999 at 12:00 noon

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

1998 dues must be paid in full in order to vote at this Parish Assembly.

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. Treasurers Report
7. Review of 1999 Budget.
8. Elections:
 - new trustees - elect 4 (two year term - articles 14g and 25)
 - nominating committee members - elect 3 (one year term - article 14b)
 - auditing committee - elect 1 (three year term - article 14f)
 - diocesan delegate - elect 1 or 2* (four year term - article 51)
9. Items from the floor (majority vote needed to add item to agenda - article 16)
10. Announcements of Coming Events (Dance, Coffee Hour, Lenten Seminar, Lenten Services Other?)
11. Final Prayer

Pastor and Parish Council 1/4/99

* Article 54 of the Diocesan by-laws allows us to elect an additional delegate to the Diocesan Assembly when we reach 125 members. If our 'members in good standing' at our 1/24/99 parish assembly total 125 or more members we will have a vote to decide if we want an additional delegate. If it is the will of our parish assembly to have an additional delegate, we will elect two delegates this year instead of one.

1998 Pastor's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is Risen!

With the close of 1998 I have completed my fourth 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 fourth pastoral report to you covering the period of January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998. 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

This year was one of special excitement as two fantastic events happened:

By the grace of God, on April 24th, 1998, for the first time in over eight years, all the Chicagoland Midwest Armenian Churches came together to lift their voices in prayer for the martyrs of the Armenian Genocide. In remembering this occasion we have a special reason to thank God, for he touched the hearts of two primates, five pastors, eight parish councils, and some five hundred area Armenians to come together in the name of Christ to pray.

On November 22 His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian ordained Dr. Norayr Madanyan to the Holy Order of the Diaconate of the Armenian Apostolic Church. Deacon Norayr has served this parish faithfully for years and we are blessed to have him at Sts. Joachim and Anne serving before the altar of our Lord. We thank God for giving us such a dedicated servant and thank Deacon Norayr for his devotion to this humble parish.

I wish to also express my thanks to our other regular altar servers, Arakel Arakelian, and Kevork Sultanian. Both are dedicated to serving as well as learning more about the liturgical rites of our church. Special thanks too to Shunt and Onig Madanyan who served intermittently throughout the year and to Sarkis and Sevan Sultanian who served as candlebearers on numerous occasions.

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. Annette Sultanian also served on many occasions as assistant choir director. Special thanks also to Bob Auer who faithfully served as reader of the lections. Also I would like to again thank Greg Srabian for taking care of the candles. Lastly I would like to thank the Parish Council for another year of dedicated service as greeters.

As our Lord so directed, it has been the 1700 year old tradition of the Armenian Apostolic church to gather together on Sundays to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord and savior for spiritual cleansing and the grace of God that gives eternal life. The Badarak celebration has always been the central defining liturgical gathering of the Armenian Church. 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, sacraments, 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 explaining the fundamental differences between the Apostolic and Protestant Churches. In

addition I have continued to present instructional Badaraks periodically. This year we also had two Children's Badaraks, and began a Godparents Day which was a wonderful success.

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 1998, 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

2/22/98 Natalie Anoush Mardoian
3/28/98 Mara Kohler Hoplamazian
4/26/98 Joseph Markarian
6/6/98 Michael Stepan Noah Haroutiun Boyajian
7/12/98 John David Srabian
8/23/98 Gianna Marie Kmiec

Nshandook (Ring Blessing for an Engagement)

8/8/98 Michael Sarkis Arakelian and Kimberly Rio

Weddings

6/13/98 Anthony Melikian Jr. and Heather Dawn Griffin
12/20/98 Michael Nahabedian and Jennifer Wisniewski (at St. Gregory's Chicago)

Funerals

2/6/98 Hagop Hakalmazian
5/26/98 Walter Davitian
6/29/98 Ann McTigue (at the Orland Methodist Church)
7/14/98 Genevieve Samarjian
8/17/98 Ovsanna Kelikian (at St. James, Evanston)
8/27/98 Adam Malikoff

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 1998 visitations of parishioners and church related meetings totaled approximately 116. 96 being visitations to our parishioners and 20 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 in addition to his presence on Sundays 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: Corresponding with parishioners, our sister parishes, area clergy, and the Diocese, researching issues of importance to parishioners, organizing upcoming events, maintaining the parish calendar, maintaining existing, and developing specified church mailing lists; helping the needy who contact the church for assistance, reading, sorting, filing and responding to mail; visiting post office as needed; organizing and doing mailings, facilitating church maintenance needs, maintaining/acquiring office equipment and supplies; corresponding with businesses, preparing Sunday Bulletins and flyers, compiling/preparing the annual Parish Assembly Booklet, running off copies and outsourcing copying as needed, 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 special thanks to Sona Diorio, Lorene Skinner, Anna Giragosian, Gladys Avakian, and Sue Semerdjian their help with mailings this year.

I also had the privilege of serving as a delegate to the 1998 Diocesan Clergy Conference and Diocesan Assembly. I also prepared for and taught classes at Hye Camp, and presented lectures at the St. Nersess Summer Programs.

The Midwest Clergy met six times in 1998. I continue to serve as recording secretary. A highlight of the year included being involved in planning the joint Chicagoland Armenian Martyrs Day Commemoration. In addition, we organized two regional ACYOA Junior Lock-ins, one in Racine, and one at St. George Armenian Church. We also planned a joint Midwest relationship retreat which took place in November of 1998. The retreat was well received and attended by some 50 area parishioners. We also continue to present a traveling Patristic Seminar to the Midwest area churches; the clergy group presented at our parish in September.

As Pastor and ex-officio president of the Parish Council I attended all Parish Council meetings during the course of 1998. 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. I especially want to thank Richard Nalbandian for all his hard work, it was a pleasure to work with him throughout the year. I also wish to thank Zareh Avedoumian who, being a new member of the church, became our Treasurer at the very first Parish Council meeting he ever attended. His willingness to 'step up to the plate' is commendable. 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 1999.

Church Auxiliary Organizations and Committees

The Ani Newsletter

The church newsletter was published six times in 1998. 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.

Anniversary Committee

During November of 98 we marked our 40th Anniversary of being a parish. I enjoyed working with the Chairperson of the committee, Rosig Yeretsian and all the committee members. The event was a wonderful time to reflect upon all the Lord has given us and how He has grown our church

through the years. Special thanks to all the committee members who worked so diligently to make the event a success; and especially to all those who donated and helped the church reach her 40 thousand dollar goal. During one of the initial meetings we bowed our heads in prayer and asked the Lord to touch the hearts of our parishioners so that we could meet our financial goal. We thank God for touching the hearts and minds of so many people and answering our prayer.

Special mention must also be given to Virginia Bogosian and Sonia Harlan for the many hours they put in fund-raising for the event; their diligence played an important part in the event's success.

In addition, the Thursday evening of the Anniversary Weekend Rev. Dr. Daniel Findikyan graced us with a lecture on the Armenian Apostolic Church's understanding of Sts. Joachim and Anne. (Fr. Daniel will be presenting a full day seminar at our church on Saturday, February 27th from 9:30-3:30).

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

The group had a social outing in February, participated in two regional lock-ins during the year and had four meetings. They also sold fire extinguishers to raise funds for their pilgrimage to Armenia and Jerusalem. The members served the November 22nd Ordination Dinner when Srpezan was here. We have about 8-10 Juniors at this time.

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

Three of our ACYOA Senior age parishioners took on the responsibility of organizing a dinner/dance for Feb. of 1998, and what a dance it was. The Poon Paregentan Dance (the first dance in eight years at our parish), brought some three hundred people together for the dinner and an additional hundred for the dance. The dinner dance drew the Midwest Armenian Community closer together and was a great success socially and organizationally. In addition this group of organized committee members brought in a profit to the church. My thanks to Kevin Giragosian, Shunt Madanyan and Carina Sawaya for spearheading the Poon Paregentan dance and for being instrumental in putting together a committee of some 20 of our church youth. The Seniors also have begun plans for a 1999 Poon Paregentan Celebration at the Condessa Del Mar in Alsip scheduled for February 6th and are encouraging all to make the event another great success. ACYOA Seniors begin at age 18.

Bible Study

We had seven Bible Studies offered during the year. Attendance is usually about six people. This year we also had a Bible Study at the home of Gregg and Maureen Hakalmazian. Our Orthodox tradition encourages all those who wish to know God better to study the Bible; and are encouraged to attend in 1999.

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 drew 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 10 times during 1998, Children's Bible Story Hour averaged attendance of three preschoolers and two mothers. The children attending Bible Story hour in the Spring of 1998 began preschool in the Fall of 98; therefore Children's Bible Story Hour did not take place in the Fall.

Choir/Altar Servers

This year, in preparation for Deacon Norayr's ordination and for Srpazan's arrival, I prepared and presented 12 deacon's training sessions. I also coordinated services with the choir director and organist as needed.

Cultural Committee

My special thanks to Sonya Harlan and Rosig Yeretsian for co-chairing the committee and organizing one wonderful program along with the help of Edma Dumanian: By their collective efforts, Dr. Robin Darling Young lectured on Yeznig Goghbatsee in May.

Golf Outing

Paul Mardoian did a great job organizing the 1998 golf outing and dinner which was successful (despite a often rainy day).

Picnic Committee

Our picnic was again wonderfully arranged by Brian Nigohosian. Special thanks go to him as well as to all those who made the Picnic so successful.

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: Linda Esposito and Jennifer Volpe for teaching the youngest class; Jill Soghomonian for teaching the 4-6yr. olds; Irene Gawron and Gail Santucci for teaching the 7-9yr. olds; Gary Mazian, Sue Mardoian and Joyce Michaels for teaching the 10 and older class. Special thanks also to Dennis VanderMeer for pinch hitting as Assembly Director, and to all those who helped out substituting.

We had five staff meetings during 1998. We also had two 'Children's Badaraks' and our very first 'Godparents Day' in October, which was a wonderful success. The Palm Sunday Brunch was another great success as was our annual Halloween Party. The 98 Halloween Party was again organized by Gary and Patty Mazian who did a terrific job. Opening and Closing Programs, as well as the annual Christmas Program also went wonderfully. (This year's Christmas program was sensational!) Traditionally, Sunday School attendance is much better in the Fall than in the Spring. Let's remember in 99 to keep bringing those kids. We have a great group of dedicated teachers who have so much to offer. Let's offer them a full class of students to teach to.

Vacation Bible School

July 16-18 were the dates of this year's Vacation Bible School. We had aprox. 35 children enjoyed the program which ended with a party at Kegham and Anna Giragosian's house. Thanks to all the teachers and parents for making Vacation Bible School such a success; and to the Giragosians for hosting the post Vacation Bible School pool party. We are looking forward to continuing this ministry to our church youth in 1999.

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 Lottie Mikaelian, who did a terrific job chairing the guild. 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.

Also a special thanks to Lisa Schlessinger who chaired this year's Bazaar. I think everyone who attended enjoyed the many wonderful things the Bazaar has to offer.

Young Couples

The Young Couple Group was involved in three activities in 1998. In March the group had a pot luck dinner at the home of Richard Nalbandian. In the summer they had a social at the home of Shanoor and Silva Varjabedian, and in November they organized a fund raising dinner to begin a Christian Book and Video library for the Happy Room. My thanks to Rich and Karen Nalbandian and Shanoor and Silva Varjabedian for hosting the socials, and to all the Young Couples who participated in making the November Dinner go so smoothly.

Membership

During 1998 Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Apostolic Church welcomed 7 people as new dues-paid members of our community. Below they are listed with the date they became 'members in good standing'.

Colette Arakelian	1/25/98
Gregory Dumanian	6/28/98
Zepure Samawi	7/20/98
Alan Nalbandian	9/6/98
Judy Arakelian	11/8/98
Onig Madanyan	11/22/98
Haig Megerdichian	12/11/98

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 is great. He has touched us in so many wonderful ways during this last year. We saw his loving hand at work when he drew the Midwest Armenian Apostolic Church parishioners together on April 24th. We felt his joy when we danced at the first dance our church has had in years during Poon Paregentan. We saw how he touches peoples hearts when, responding to his call, our parishioners generously gave to place our church on a must stronger fiscal ground. We saw God's love in the eyes of the seven new parishioners who made a commitment to support and build His holy church. God is certainly involved in our humble parish.

While 1998 was a great year, I believe 1999 will be even greater. Our church vision statement is to grow the church 'for the greater honor and glory of God'. Throughout the coming year let us do this by dedicating ourselves and one another to coming into a closer and more loving communion with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us serve him by serving one another. Let us grow his kingdom by growing the church, and by reaching out around the corner and around the world to all those in need. Let each step we take as a community be filled with a deep and abiding faith and peace in our Lord, so that our joy in the salvation we have received in Christ will be evident. By living a life of faith, may we give Him greater honor in 1999, as we expectantly await his imminent return, when *at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the Father.* (Phil 2)

In Christ,

Rev. Fr. Tavit
Rev. Fr. Tavit Boyajian

1998 A LOOK BACK

What a year of great happenings! In some areas we broke new ground, and in others, the things we do best, just got better. The A.C.Y.O.A. Srs. put on our first POON PAREGENTAN DANCE (Armenian Mardi Gras). It was such a great success that the next one is planned for February 6th this year. Our thanks go to Kevin Giragosian, Shunt Madanyan, Carina Sawaya, and everyone else who had a hand in making it such a fine event.

During the year all the events that have come to make our church a special place for us and our children took place. A couple of new faces chaired two of our favorite events. Brian Nigohosian took over the picnic and Lisa Schlesinger chaired the bazaar. There is a long list of events that went on during the year that is included in your booklet. The Parish Council would like to thank all those people who gave their time and energy to make each event possible.

The Church also celebrated its Fortieth Anniversary with a gala dinner dance held at the Radisson Inn Alsip. His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian graced us with his presence and was the keynote speaker. The true meaning of Christianity came through when he bestowed honors to Alice Boyajian, Anna Giragosian, and Dr. and Mrs. Raffy Hovanesian for their long service to our Church, our Diocese, and the Armenian community. The entire event was arranged by Rosy Yeretsian and her committees who spent many long hours planning. Our thanks to them for making this such a truly memorable occasion.

These are just a couple of a long list of events that took place during the past year. The question we must answer is what are we going to do in the future to help make sure that our children will have a church to come to. We can't take the successes of the past for granted. We must insure that the future will be preserved.

Other people will have to step forward to fill the shoes of those who have done and are doing what is necessary today.

Beyond what we do at church we have a responsibility to reach out to those who need our help. Look around you to see where you can make a difference, and not just at Christmas. People need help all year long.

This being the end of my second year as Parish Council Chairman, I would like to thank Paul Mardoian, Gary Mazian, Zareh Avedoumian, Virginia Bogosian, Sarkis Boyajian, Dr. Heratch Doumanian, Brian Nigohosian, and Paul Simonian for making my job much easier.

I'd also like to thank Der Tavit Boyajian for coordinating virtually everything that goes on in our Church and for keeping Christ before us. May the Lord recognize your sacrifices.

Richard Nalbandian
Parish Council Chairman

Paul Mardoian

STS. JOACHIM & ANNE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
Sunday, January 25, 1998

The Annual Parish Assembly was brought to order by 1997 Parish Assembly Chariman Garbis Meguerian at 12:50 P.M with an opening prayer by Rev. Fr. Tavit Boyajian, Pastor of Sts. Joachim & Anne Armenian Apostolic Church. Roll call was taken with 49 members present. Thirty members were needed to form a quorum, therefore a quorum was established.

Garbis Meguerian opened the floor for nominations to serve as Chairman of the assembly. Dr. Raffy Hovanesian nominated Dr. Garbis Meguerian and there was a second. Dr. Meguerian accepted the nomination and the assembly approved unanimously.

Dr. Meguerian opened the floor for nominations to serve as Secretary of the assembly. There was a nomination for Annette Sultanian and there was a second. Annette accepted the nomination and the assembly approved unanimously.

Richard Nalbandian acknowledged the service of Sona Doumanian and Dennis Vander Meer. Both had served the Parish Council faithfully for the past six years.

Dr. Hovanesian made a motion to change the agenda as written to move the elections to the next item of business. There was a second. There were no objections and the agenda was approved as amended.

Gail Santucci, Nominating Committee, asked for nominations from the floor for Parish Council. The ballot included Robert Auer, Zareh Avedoumian, Sarkis Boyajian, Heratch Doumanian, Paul Mardoian, and Richard Nalbandian. There were no nominations from the floor. Rosy Yeretsian motioned to close nominations and motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Gail Santucci clarified that we needed to re-elect Rev. Fr. Tavit Boyajian to a five year term. His original election was for three years. Dr. Hovanesian made a motion to elect Rev. Fr. Tavit Boyajian for an additional five years. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Dr. Meguerian explained that the auditing committee member was elected for a term of three years with a new election being held each year. The Nominating Committee proposed a ballot for the Auditing Committee with the name of Charles Terzian. Ara Yeretsian moved that nominations for the Nominating Committee be closed. The motion was seconded and the motion was approved.

Dr. Meguerian opened the floor for nomination for the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee stated that the ballot included Martha Auer, Gail Santucci, Peggy Enokian-Mason, Anna Giragosian and Liz Sahagian. Virginia Bogosian made a motion to

close nominations for the Nominating Committee. There was a second and the motion carried.

Ballots were pass out.

Next on the agenda was the minutes to last year's assembly. Bob Auer made a motion to accept last year's minutes as presented. There was a second and the motion carried.

Ballots were collected as names were called off.

The next item on the agenda was the Mission and Vision Statement. Der Hayr noted that the statement was passed out during badarak. Brian Nigohosian made a motion to approve the proposed vision statement which is to read "*For the greater honor and glory of God.*" The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

Dr. Hovanesian made a motion to accept the Mission Statement as passed out during badarak. There was a second and the motion carried.

The 1998 Budget was next on the agenda. It was noted that Item 7 (1998 Budget) on the agenda should have included the Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Sona Doumanian reported the following:

Balance as of 12/31/96	\$ 38,879.95
Revenues for 1997	126,253.52
Expenses for 1997	<u>113,984.38</u>
Balance for 1997	\$ 12,269.16
Balance as of 12/31/97	\$ 51,149.11
Balance at Merrill Lynch	\$ 37,052.14
Balance at Heritage Bank	<u>14,094.44</u>
Total monies	\$ 51,146.58

Dr. Meguerian spoke on behalf of the Auditing Committee and explained that the Auditing Committee spent six hours going over the treasurer's books. They found very few errors and made the corrections, however there was a \$2.53 discrepancy which could not be found.

Zareh Avedoumian made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. There was a second, however the motion was tabled due to questions in the proposed 1998 budget.

Ara Yeretsian questioned that the proposed "Secretarial Help" for 1998 was \$5,000, yet in 1997 nothing was budgeted or actually spent. Der Hayr suggested that we eliminate the

proposed "Secretarial Help" of \$5,000 . He explained that he himself does the secretarial work for the Church. He stated that the secretarial work done for Church would require a secretary who got paid more that \$5,000 (closer to \$15,000-20,000). He went on to say that to hire someone to come in once a week would require more time of him in explaining what work needed to get done, therefore it was easier for him to do the work himself.

Some parishioners said they still wanted to keep the money in the budget should the church need special secretarial assistance during the year. Dennis Vander Meer made a motion to reduce the 1998 budget by \$5,000 and delete the "Secretarial Help." The motion was seconded and defeated.

There was a question from the floor about what types of expenses were included under Miscellaneous. Treasurer Sona Doumanian broke the items down.

Parish Council member Paul Mardoian stated that Stewardship has steadily been going down. The Church still operates and needs the continued support of pledges to keep the church going.

There was a motion by Dr. Ara Yeretsian to accept the Treasurer's Report. There was a second and the motion carried.

Zareh Avedoumian made a motion to accept the 1998 budget as presented. There was a second and the motion carried.

Treasurer Sona Doumanian stated that she enjoyed her tenure as treasurer. She acknowledged all the help and support of various members of Parish Council and of the Church.

Assistant Treasurer Virginia Bogosian acknowledged the donation of \$16,000 from Sts. Joachim & Anne Armenian Church Women's Guild. She also stated that Women's Guild was going to donate an additional \$13,000 later that week. Donations were also given by Sunday School in the amount of \$4,000 and from Senior Citizen's \$2,857.

Dr. Meguerian noted that the Parish Council Report should have been included with the agenda.

At this time, the Nominating Committee announced the results of the elections. The results were as follows:

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Paul Mardoian	47 votes	
Richard Nalbandian	46 votes	
Sarkis Boyajian	46 votes	
Zareh Avedoumian	42 votes	
Heratch Doumanian	40 votes	
Bob Auer	29 votes	(Alternate)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Martha Auer	48 votes	
Gail Santucci	44 votes	
Liz Sahagian	42 votes	
Anna Giragosian	41 votes	
Peggy Enokian-Mason	17 votes	(Alternate)

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Charlie Terzian	51 votes
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PASTOR

Rev. Fr. Tavit Boyajian	51 votes
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Dr. Meguerian thanked the Nominating Committee for all the work they did.

The next item on the agenda was Diocesan By-Law Amendments. The proposed amendment was submitted by the Parish Council. This amendment would be an addition to By-Law 31. It would be 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." Discussion followed. After discussion, the Parish Council withdrew the motion for further consideration.

Church Building and Usage Fee/Rent/Donation Schedule was the next item on the agenda. Paul Mardoian proposed a fee and rental schedule for the hall. Questions and discussion about who cleans up and pays for the clean up arose. There was also discussion about a deposit. Paul said both items would be made clear and written in the contract. The contract would be reviewed by the two attorneys on Parish Council.

A motion was made by Dennis Vander Meer to accept the Fee/Rental/Donation Schedule. The motion was seconded and carried.

Under New Items from the Floor, Andy Sahagian brought up the topic of the suggestion box. At the last Mid-Year Assembly, the idea of a suggestion box was mentioned and nothing had been resolved regarding this item. Andy Sahagian made a motion that an Idea Box be made available for suggestions and comments. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed and a vote was taken. Fourteen (14) votes against the motion and eleven (11) for. The motion was defeated.

Anna Giragosian questioned why there were only treasurer reports, and no non-financial reports from the auxiliary organizations in the Parish. Garbis stated that these reports still needed to be included in the Parish Assembly Report in order to be sent to the Diocese. Garbis announced that all auxiliary reports needed to be submitted by Sunday, February 2nd.

Parish Council Chairman announced the upcoming events. (1) Poon Paregentan Dinner/Dance to be held Saturday, February 21, 1998. (2) Coffee Hour list would be circulated for sign-up for fellowship. Gary Mazian will take care of making sure a list gets

out with names and addressed. If parties who signed up cannot make-it, they should be able to contact and trade with someone else. (3) Lenten dinner would be on Wednesdays during Lent.

A motion was made by Dr. Raffy Hovanesian to thank the young Parish Council members for all their hard work. The motion was seconded and carried.


Shunt Madanyan Co-Chairman of the Poon Paregentan Dinner/Dance urged all to buy tickets for this event. Tickets need to be bought in advance so as to notify the Country Club of the number of sales. One hundred and fifty was the minimum needed. Gail Santucci announced that she would be conducting Armenian dance lessons on Wednesday, February 11th to prepare for this dinner/dance.

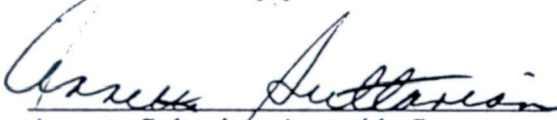
A motion was made by Paul Mardoian to adjourn the meeting. There was a second and the motion carried.

The Annual Parish Assembly was adjourned by 3:18 with a closing prayer by Der Hayr.

Respectfully submitted,


Rev. Fr. Tavit Boyajian, Pastor


Dr. Garbis Meguerian, Assembly Chairman


Annette Sultanian, Assembly Secretary

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6/7/98 Midyear Parish Assembly Minutes

The meeting was called to order at noon by Parish Council Chairperson Richard Nalbandian. Der Tavit offered the opening prayer.

A financial update was given by the Parish Council.

Der Tavit presented a Parish Council Recommended financial plan for the ACYOA Juniors to take a pilgrimage to Armenia and Jerusalem. The below plan was duly passed by the Assembly.

ACYOA Junior trip to Jerusalem and Armenia

a ministry of Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Apostolic Church

Pilgrimage Notes

1. Juniors will visit the site where our Lord walked and see their homeland.
2. The Juniors will attend numerous classes on the holy sites in preparation for their pilgrimage
3. Juniors will give a presentation of the sites they visited to our parishioners upon their return.
4. This program will be repeated periodically in order to provide all teens in the parish with the opportunity to make this pilgrimage
5. Juniors will learn organizational and fund raising skills while preparing for their trip.
6. Juniors will be expected to continue working for their church after returning from the pilgrimage.
7. The Juniors trip(s) to Armenia and Jerusalem are tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2000

Fundraising Plan

	Raised per child	Retained per child
Poon Paregentan Feb 98 Ticket sales	150	120
Palm Sunday Raffle 98	0	0
Spring 98 Fund Raiser (item sales*)	0	0
Summer 98 Fund Raiser (item sales*)	375	300
Kef Night- Fall 98/Raffle	400	300
Christmas fund raiser	375	300
Poon Paregentan Feb 99 Ticket sales	150	120
Palm Sunday Raffle	125	100
Spring 99 Fund Raiser (item sales*)	400	320
Summer 99 Fund Raiser (item sales*)	400	320
Kef Night- Fall 99/Raffle	400	320
Christmas fund raiser 99	375	300
Poon Paregentan Feb 00 Ticket sales	150	120
Palm Sunday Raffle	125	100
Spring 00 Fund Raiser (item sales*)	375	300
Totals	3800	3020
Total to Child	3020	
Total to Parish	780	

Fund Raising Notes

1. 80% of all Jrs. individual sales retained for pilgrimage - 20% to parish - retroactive to 1/98.
2. The Juniors remittance to the parish will be earmarked as chaperone monies.
3. All numbers listed above are approximations.
4. \$800 of ACYOA monies held by the Parish Council will be available as ACYOA Jr. starter funds.
5. Parents will sign a form stating that they will pay the difference for their child's trip(s) or surrender the monies raised by their child to the parish to be put toward the chaperone and Junior pilgrimage expenses.

*** item sales may include, but will not be limited to the following:
Candy, fire extinguishers, Christmas Ornaments, dish towels, first aid kits, baked goods etc.**

The meeting closed with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

1998 Parish Council

SS. JOACHIM & ANNE ARMENIAN CHURCH
 SUNDAY SCHOOL
 1998 TREASURER'S REPORT
 DATED: JANUARY 1, 1999

Cash Balance Forward - from 12/31/97 \$ 658.22

INCOME

Sunday Collection Plate, Birthday Cake, Candles	\$ 1,190.73	
Senior Citizens Birthday Cake		61.35
1997 Breakfast w/ Santa	\$ 372.00	
Less expenses	255.16	116.84
1/5/98 Christmas Luncheon	312.00	
Less expenses	107.68	204.32
Lenten Dinner	142.00	
Less expenses	70.00	72.00
Palm Sunday Bake Sale		486.20
Palm Sunday Brunch	1,196.00	
Less expenses	92.94	1,103.06
Mothers' Day Flower Sale	145.00	
Less expenses	50.00	95.00
Closing Day Luncheon	311.00	
Less expenses	76.65	234.35
Vacation Bible School	330.00	
Less expenses	212.15	117.85
Opening Day Cookout	330.00	
Less expenses	185.98	144.02
Knights of Vartan Breakfast		256.00
Halloween Party	510.00	
Less expenses	178.41	331.59
1998 Breakfast w/ Santa	535.00	
Less expenses	263.81	271.19

12/20/98 Christmas Luncheon	541.00		
Less expenses	330.00	211.00	
Total Income			4,895.50

EXPENSES

Diocese Lenten Offering	75.00		
Sunday School Basketball Hoop	107.90		
Classroom Supplies	357.84		
Christmas Gifts	217.89		
C.A.S.P.	200.00		
Total Expenses			(958.63)

Total Funds Available			4,595.09
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Disbursements to Parish Council			(4,100.00)
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Balance at December 31, 1998			\$ 495.09
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Respectfully Submitted,

Denise A. Stachowiak
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(Prepared by: Dennis L. Stachowiak)

Expenses 1998 and Projected 1999

	PROJECTED 98	ACTUAL 98	PROJECTED 99
Clergy Stipend and Expenses (99 stipend = 26814 exp.=27986)	53083	53122	54800
Clergy Conference/Diocesan Assmb.	1500	0	1500
Secretarial Help	5000	0	5000
Diocesan Dues	12500	10880	11207
Operating Expenses			
Telephone	1400	1090	1400
Office Supplies	2500	6869	2500
Sanctuary Supplies	2200	1972	2200
Newsletter/Flyer	3200	1022	4200
Furniture/Comp. Equip.	500	28	500
Contributions	500	551	500
Honorariums	1200	163	2000
Miscellaneous	4000	969	1000
Kitchen	1700	4436	1700
Bank Charges		185	
Expenses of Delegates			
Diocesan Delegates	2500	1126	2000
Choir Delegates	500	0	500
Building and Grounds			
Utilities			
Gas	2000	1209	2000
Electricity	7000	8159	8000
Water and Sewage	1000	117	600
Maintenance (refuse-800, cleaning-2700, landsc.-2800 repairs-1200, Other 2500)	10000	11281	12000
Parking Lot Repair	0		2000
Other Capital Improvement	1500	2440	1500
Building Insurance	1500	3310	1500
Church Affairs			
Golf and Recreation	1000	10478	1700
Anniversary Dinner	6500	8014	1000
ACYOA		1650	9000
Sum Total	122783	129071	130307

55,800

REVENUES: 1998 and Projected 1999

	BUDGET 98	ACTUAL 98	BUDGET 99
Dues	16800	17610	17000
Plate	2000	1589	2000
Sacraments and Rituals	1800	2185	800
Christmas Offering and in lieu of cards	1500	1840	1500
Easter Offering	2000	1700	2000
Candles	1000	1201	1300
Auxiliary Organizations			
Sunday School	4000	4100	4000
Women's Guild	18000	17000	18000
Sr. Citizens	4000	4868	5000
Choir	0	0	0
ACYOA Seniors		15632	12000
Church Affairs			
Picnic	10000	7806	7500
Anniversary Dinner	20000	48672	8500
Other (Lenten, Coffee hour etc.)	3500	1502	
Golf Outing	2000	2490	2500
Donations			
Stewardship	12000	7650	13500
In Lieu of Flowers	1000	8758	1500
In Lieu of Christmas Cards	1400	0	1500
Other Donations	9000	9589	9200
Other Income			
Interest/Dividend	2000	2563	3000
Hall Rental	4000	3242	4000
Ani Publication		1950	2000
Misc.			
Sum Total	116000	161947	116800

