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Board of Trustees
St. Gregory's Armenian Church
1000 North Hoyne Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Der Hayr & Trustees,

The following is a summary of the activities of the Young Women's Guild during the year 1961.

The Young Women's Guild has just completed its 4th year of existence and has 19 paid members of which 17 are active.

1) Each year we start out our program by having our installation of new officers at a candlelight ceremony at which time we invite our husbands as guests and have a small reception following the installation program. Der Hayr is invited and present.

2) In February some of the members helped to serve the Vartanaz Dinner.

3) During the month of March, our lenten program was a cake decorating demonstration. The ladies of the parish were invited to attend and later had refreshments with us. Also at Der Hayr's request we replenished all of the artificial flowers on the altar with new plastic flowers.

4) On Palm Sunday we prepared and served a dinner to the congregation. We were disappointed at the decline in attendance in comparison to last year, but we feel this was due to too many previous dinners at church.

5) On Easter Sunday The Young Women's Guild presented an Easter Lily plant to be placed before the altar.

6) The most satisfying accomplishment came in the month of May, when we sponsored the Annual Womens Fellowship of the Armenian Churches of Chicagoland. The purpose of

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this program is to bring the Armenian and the American Armenian ladies of the different Armenian churches in Chicagoland closer together socially and spiritually. The clergy of the churches were in attendance along with 120 women, who fully enjoyed the program and refreshments later.

7) In the month of June, the treasurer of the Young Womens Guild presented the Parish Council with a check for \$ 326.20 . Prior to this time we had not contributed to the Parish Council because the Young Womens Guild was the sole support of the Sunday School, but since there were not any large expenditures for the year we decided the Church should have the money.

8) Throughout the year, members of our guild have helped set tables and serve dinners in the church hall following a funeral. We have also sent many get well cards and congratulatory cards during the year.

9) In September we had our one big money making event of the year, our third annual fashion show at Rosen's Inc. Over 200 women attended and we made a profit of \$478.57.

10) The Young Womens Guild members served food and sold items on the Friday of the three day annual bazaar that the Central Ladies Auxilliary sponsors. We brought in a total of \$140.50 for the night, which was turned over to the treasurer of the Central Ladies Auxilliary.

December is a family month for The Young Womens Guild. Instead of our regular general meeting, we had a Christmas party with our husbands. All expenses for our own personal enjoyment is paid by us and does not come out of the treasury.

Since Sunday School has not been active this year, the treasurer of The Young Womens Guild has another check which she will present to the Parish Council before the end of the year.

We feel that we have had a full year and hope that we have been an asset to our church. We hope to have more affairs in the coming year that will help make more money for the Church and keep the congregation together.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman, Young Womens Guild 1961