

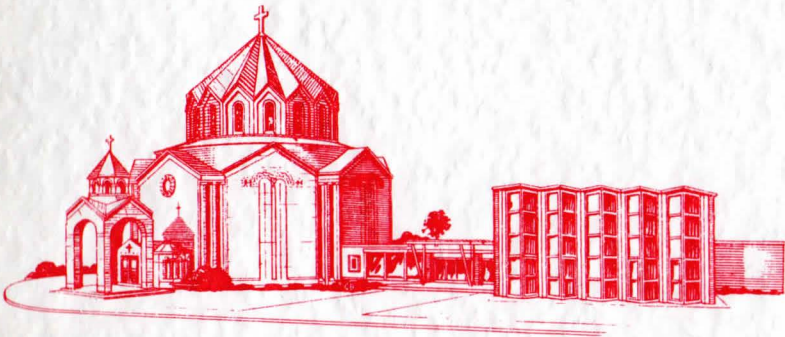


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ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH
OF GREATER DETROIT

22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, Michigan 48075

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT
Southfield, Michigan

INVITATION TO ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday

February 23, 1968

8:00 P.M.

AT THE ARMENIAN CULTURAL BUILDING

22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, Michigan

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Verification of Eligible Voters
3. Election of Parish Assembly Officers (Chairman and Secretary)
4. Minutes of the 1967 Parish Assembly
5. Election:
 - a. Partial election of Parish Council (5)
 - b. Partial election of Auditors (1)
6. Pastors' Annual Report
7. Parish Council's Annual Report
8. Budget Committee Report
9. Armenian Cultural Building Report
10. Cemetery Committee Report (Armenian Memorial at Woodlawn)
11. Membership Committee Report
12. Pledge Committee Report
13. In Lieu of Flowers Donations Report
14. Apostolic Society Report
15. Statistical Reports and Financial Statements of Church Auxiliaries
(Oral report by chairmen of respective auxiliary organizations)
16. Auditors' Report
17. Diocesan Delegation's Report
18. Proposals to the Diocesan Assembly of 1968 (by the Parish Assembly)
19. New Business
20. Election Results
21. Benediction

PARISH COUNCIL

VERY REV. YEGHISHE V. GIZIRIAN
Senior Pastor

REV. FR. DIRAN PAPAZIAN
Pastor

PRESIDENT

MARTIN P. APKARIAN
Chairman

HARRY ZARTARIAN
Secretary



ԱՂԵՐՍ ԳՈՐԾԻ ՁԵՌՆԱՐԿԵԼԷ ԱՌԱՋ

Հայեա Տէր ի ծառայս քո,
Եւ ի գործս ձեռաց քոց,
Եւ առաջնորդեա որդւոց նոցա.
Եղիցի լոյս Տեառն Աստուծոյ ի վերայ մեր:

Զգործս ձեռաց մերոց ուղիղ արա ի մեզ Տէր.
Եւ զգործս ձեռաց մերոց յաջողեա մեզ:

Փառք Հօր եւ Որդւոյ եւ Հոգւոյն Սրբոյ.
Այժմ եւ միշտ եւ յաւիտեանս յաւիտենից, ԱՄԷՆ:

(ԺԱՄԱՄՈՒՏ - ԱՌԱՌՕՏԵԱՆ ԺԱՄԵՐԳՈՒԹԻՒՆ)

ԱՂՕԹՔ ԺՈՂՈՎԷ ԱՌԱՋ

Իմաստութիւն Հօր Յիսուս,
Տուր ինձ իմաստութիւն՝
Զբարիս խորհիլ, եւ խօսել, եւ գործել,
Առաջի քո յամենայն ժամ.
Ի չար խորհրդոց, ի բանից եւ ի գործոց՝
Փրկեա զիս,
Եւ ողորմեա քո արարածոց,
Եւ ինձ բազմամեղիս:

(ՆԵՐՍԷՍ ՇՆՈՐՀԱԼԻ - ՀԱՌԱՏՈՎ ԽՈՍՏՈՎԱՆԻՄ)





PRAYER BEFORE A MEETING

Jesus, Wisdom of the Father,
Give me wisdom
To think and talk and do that what is good
Before you always;
From evil thoughts, words and deeds
Deliver me;
And have mercy upon your creatures
And upon me who am most sinful. AMEN.

ST. NERSES SHNORHALI (THE GRACEFUL)

AGHOTK DZO-GHO-VEH ARATCH

Imas-doo-tiun Hor Hisoos,
Door intz imas-doo-tiun
Uzparis Khorhel, yev khosel, yev kordzel
Arachi ko hame-nain zham;
Ee char khor-hur-totz,
Ee panitz, yev ee kor-dzotz purgia zis.
Yev vo-ghor-mia ko a-ra-ra-dzots
Yev intz paz-ma-me-ghis. AMEN.



ԽՕՍԲ ՀՈՎՈՒԱԿԱՆ

ՅուՆուար, 1968

Սիրելի Մխականներ,
Իբրեւ Աստուծոյ այգիին մշակները, հաւաքուած ենք մեր Տարեկան ժողովին առթիւ, վայելելու համար մեր տարեկան հունձքը եւ արժեւորելու ձեռք բերուած աշխատանքը 1967 տարւոյ ընթացքին:

Աստուծոյ առաջնորդութեամբ եւ ձեր ազնիւ ջանքերով բոլորեցինք տարին օգտաշատ աշխատանքներով: Մեր եկեղեցւոյն համար յառաջիկայ տարիներուն կը բացուի գործունէութեան նոր շրջան մը: Բոլորս նուիրական պարտականութիւն ունինք աւելի եւս զօրացնելու մեր ջանքերը, մեր սուրբ եկեղեցւոյն ի սպաս դնելով մեր հաւատարմութիւնն ու զոհաբերութիւնը:

Սոյն պատեհ առիթով պարտք կզգանք մեր գնահատանքը յայտնելու եկեղեցւոյս Մխական Խորհուրդին, Թեմական Պատգամաւորներուն, Շինութեան Յանձնախումբին (Աբոսթոլիք Սոսայէթի), եկեղեցւոյ երգեցիկ խումբին, սուրբ սեղանին ծառայող Սարկաւազաց դասին եւ բոլոր ենթակայ մարմիններուն, կազմակերպութեանց ու Յանձնախումբերուն որոնք իրենց ազնիւ գործունէութեամբ ջանացին առաւելագոյն չափով արդիւնաւորել մեր աշխատանքներն ու ձգտումները յօգուտ մեր եկեղեցւոյ պայծառութեան: Ջերմապէս կը գնահատենք նաեւ մեր սիրելի ժողովուրդը որ ամեն կերպով աջակցեցաւ մեզի եւ զօրաւիզ եղաւ մեր նպատակներու իրագործման: Բոլորին կը մաղթենք հոգեկան այն երջանկութիւնը որ բարի եւ աստուածահաճոյ գործ կատարողներու լաւագոյն վարձատրութիւնն է:

Արտագինս կ'աղօթենք որ Աստուծոյ հո-

վանին անպակաս ըլլայ ձեր բոլորին վրայէն, գօրացնէ ձեզ, եւ աւելցնէ ձեր եռանդը, եւ օրհնէ ձեր սրտին ու մտքին աշխատանքը:

1968 տարւոյ սեմին՝ մեր բոլորին նը-
ւիրական պարտականութիւնը պէտք է ըլլայ
անդրադառնալ այն հսկայ աշխատանքին ու
նուիրումին որ մեզմէ իւրաքանչիւրը բե-
րելու է եկեղեցւոյ պայծառութեան եւ Աս-
տուծոյ գործին յառաջդիմութեան համար:
Բոլորս ալ առաւել կամ նուազ չափով պաշ-
տօններ ու պարտականութիւններ ունինք այս
համայնքին մէջ՝ մեր հայրերու սուրբ հա-
ւատքը ու մեր ազգային ժառանգութիւնները
վառ պահելու եւ յաւերժացնելու համար:

Աստուծոյ այգիին մէջ ջանանք ըլլալ
հաւատաւոր, օգտակար ու բարի մշակներ եւ
լաւագոյնս արդիւնաւորենք մեր պարտակա-
նութիւնները: Մեր նախահայրերը հաւատ-
քով ապրեցան, ստեղծագործեցին ու կտակե-
ցին իրենց մտքին ու հոգիին արդիւնքները:
Շարունակ ենք անոնց սուրբ գործը եւ նախան-
ձախնդիր ըլլանք մեր հոգեւոր ժառանգութ-
եանց պահպանման:

Աղօթեցէք որ Աստուած իր իմաստութիւնը
եւ շնորհները պարգեւէ իր հոգեւոր մշակ-
ներուն, որպէս զի անոնք գործեն Աստու-
ծոյ այգիին մէջ իր սուրբ կամքին համա-
ձայն՝ լիագոյնս արդիւնաւորելով իրենց
հովուական աշխատանքները:



1967 PASTORAL REPORT

Dear Parishioners,

With the grace of God another year has passed in our community life with some noteworthy accomplishments.

How gratifying it is to review the fruitful harvest of a year's endeavors and to welcome the challenge and demand of the year ahead of us.

We herewith submit to our Parish Assembly, for review, a brief account of some of our pastoral activities and accomplishments during 1967:

WORSHIP

Divine Liturgy was held every Sunday by the Pastors. During all of the Sundays of the year, without exception, appropriate sermons were given in both Armenian and English. On special occasions throughout the year Divine Liturgy and other church ceremonies were also conducted.

ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS (Fri., January 6)

Badarak was offered with the participation of members of the Cultural Society of Armenians from Istanbul singing the Gomidasian version of the Badarak under the direction of Vartkes Yeghiayan from Chicago, Illinois.

THEOPHANY EVE, "JURAKALOUYTZ" (Thursday, January 5). Badarak was celebrated.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE FOR CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH AND ARMENIAN SCHOOLS (Sat. morning, January 7).

This special Badarak was performed on the occasion of Armenian Christmas.

BLESSING OF WATER, "CHURORHNEK" (Sun. January 8). This ceremony was performed in commemoration of Christ's Baptism on Armenian Christmas.

FEAST OF ST. VARTAN (Thur., February 2). Badarak was celebrated.

SUNRISE SERVICES were performed during Lenten Sundays.

LENTE VIGIL SERVICES (PEACE AND REST HOURS) were held every Wednesday during Lent.

HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCES were conducted.

MAUNDY THURSDAY (Thu. noon March 23).

Badarak was celebrated in commemoration of the Last Supper and Institution of Holy Communion.

FEET-WASHING CEREMONY (Thu. evening, March 23).

BETRAYAL OF CHRIST, "KHAVAROOM" (Maundy Thu. evening, March 27).

TRE-ORE SERVICE, CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST, in English (Good Fri. noon, March 24).

BURIAL OF CHRIST, "TAGHOOM" (Good Fri. evening, March 26).

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE FOR CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH AND SCHOOLS (Sat. morning, March 25). This special Badarak was performed on the occasion of Easter.

EASTER EVE, "JURAKALOUYTZ" (Sat. evening March 25). Badarak was celebrated.

GRAPE BLESSING CEREMONY on the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God (Sun., August 13).

FESTIVE ANTASDAN (Processional of Blessing of Four Corners of the World), on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Sun, September 17).

ANTASDAN was performed on major Holy Days during the morning hour preceding the solemn High Mass.

PONTIFICAL PRAYER, "HAYRABEDAGAN MAGHTANK," services were offered on various occasions according to our church calendar, including the Name Day of the Catholicos (Thu., February 2): Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin (Sun., May 28): the 12th anniversary of the consecration of His Holiness, the Catholicos (Sun., October 1).

HOKEHANKIST (Requiem Mass) was conducted almost every Sunday as requested by parishioners and also on special occasions as directed by the Diocese.

SACRAMENTS AND RITES

The following services have been duly recorded in our Parish Registry for 1967:

BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS, 70. Added to this number, 5 adult confirmations were separately administered as a result of conversion cases of non-Armenian Christian faiths to the Armenian Apostolic faith in connection with their marriage to an Armenian.

PASTORAL VISITATIONS *FUNERALS: 68*
MARRIAGES: 24

The Pastors rendered this service conscientiously visiting families on numerous occasions to the best of their ability as time permitted. The Pastoral visitations include sick calls in hospitals and at home, consolation visits to bereaved families; and Christian fellowship visits. Pastoral counseling conferences were also extended upon request.

VISITATION AND CENSUS PROGRAM

For the first time a major project of this nature has been undertaken by our Church (November 19 - 27) to keep contact with the people dispersed in metropolitan area of Detroit. A special committee was organized by the pastors to plan this enormous program. More than one thousand families were contacted by one hundred captains under the direction of a score of majors who were all trained previously for several weeks by the committee chairman, Mr. Dennis Papazian. Several pamphlets were published in connection with this program both in Armenian and English to introduce our Church and parish activities to our parishioners. Census forms were prepared which were filled by the visitors. When the committee finishes the evaluation of these forms, the results will be reported to the Parish Council with the intention of implementing the desires of the parishioners expressed by them during the visitation.

MEETINGS

The Pastors presided over an average of one meeting each day of the year. Such meetings were: Parish Council, Apostolic Society and almost all of those of the membership and executive body meetings, standing committee meetings scheduled by the church organizations. They were helpful in giving their advice and guidance and encouragement.

CHURCH PUBLICATIONS

The Jahagir (The Torch Bearer), official paper of our parish, was published monthly during 1967 and was sent to a church mailing list of approximately 1,800, which includes the Churches of our Diocese and the Diocese of California. Every effort is made to present topics of interest to our membership in addition to current and timely news pertaining to our parish. During 1967 the format of the paper was changed making it larger

and more attractive. Along with the Annual Reports Booklet for 1966 special issues of bulletins were published on the occasion of the Diocesan Convention (May); and the Cathedral Project (June). Sunday bulletins were prepared for each Sunday of the year and other announcements and fliers on many occasions. Pamphlets were also prepared for Lenten Sunrise Service and the Service of Festival Procession of the Feast of Holy Cross to be used by the faithful.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

The very Rev. Yeghishe V. Gizirian, a member of the Diocesan Council, attended the monthly meetings of the Council in New York up to May after which time his term expired.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Cultural activities were held in our Armenian Cultural Building with the participation of distinguished guest lecturers. We commend the fine work of the A.G.B.U. Midwest District Community in Detroit headed by Mr. Edward Mardigian as its President with Mr. Mihran Kupelian as its Executive Secretary, who were instrumental in presenting Cultural Programs of best quality to our people. Plans are underway by A.G.B.U. and the church to pull their resources in order to build a better Armenian Cultural Community life in Detroit. We hope to launch this program in early 1968.

21ST ANNUAL ACYOA ASSEMBLY AND CLERGYMEN'S CONFERENCE

The 21st Annual Assembly of the ACYOA convened in Pawling, New York on Friday, September 1 through Monday, September 4. Preceding the Youth Assembly, a Clergymen's Conference was held under the presidency of the Primate, Bishop Torkom. Fr. Diran attended the proceedings.

METROPOLITAN DETROIT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Our Church is a member of the Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches which is comprised of 900 churches representing 23 denominations. The Pastors tried to fulfill their obligations to this religious body, serving on the Board of Directors and attending departmental meetings whenever possible. Our Youth Director, Deacon Nersess Jebejian served as a member in the various departments of the Division of Service.

INTER-CHURCH AND CIVIC RELATIONS AND THE CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY

The 48th Annual Meeting of Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches convened in our Cultural Building on February 9, conducting their business meeting, dinner and ecumenical worship service. The Pastors participated in the deliberations and played host to the distinguished guests. Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches, New York, was guest preacher at the ecumenical worship service which was conducted in our church in connection with the Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches 48th Annual Meeting.

Rendition of Public School Lectures at the Clinton Junior High School in Oak Park about the Armenian Church on February 16.

The Highland Park Chapter of the Lions Club met in the Armenian Cultural Building on March 1, invocation was offered.

At the Orchard Lake Community Presbyterian Church, Armenian worship was conducted, also a lecture and discussion were held by the Pastors on March 5.

Armenian Church Services were conducted on WWJ-TV, Channel 4, on the program of "Church at the Crossroads" sponsored by the Metropolitan Council of Churches and on the Radio Station WWJ, on February 26.

At the Groundbreaking banquet for the New Armenian Congregational Church in Southfield on March 16, our church was represented.

Invocation offered at the Common Council on April 11, by Deacon Nersess Jebejian.

Invocation offered at the Spring Banquet of the Southfield Business Association at the Plum Hollow Country Club on May 11. At this banquet St. John's Armenian Church received a citation for its beautiful architecture from "Keep Southfield Beautiful, Inc.", which is the local organization of the nationwide "Keep America Beautiful".

St. John's participated in the Triannual Ecumenical Acolyte Festival sponsored by St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Port Huron, Michigan on May 28.

Michigan Regional Conference on Crime and Delinquency with luncheon held in Oakland University in Rochester on June 8. Our church clergy were invited and attended.

The Clergy and the Law, a legal service for clergymen, sponsored by the Detroit Bar Association on June 28. A Thanksgiving Prayer following the luncheon was offered.

Ground Breaking Ceremonies of new Sts. Peter & Paul Syrian (Asori) Orthodox Church in Southfield was held on July 23 with participation of our clergy.

Consultation Meeting of Radio-TV Department of the Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches on July 31, at the Detroit Press Club. Deacon Nersess Jebejian participated.

Danny Thomas Benefit Dinner and Show for the Middle Eastern refugees of the Middle East Arab-Jewish war, on September 23 and September 24 at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel and Masonic Temple. Pastors and our community leaders were in attendance.

United States Conference on Church and Society, called by National Council of Churches, was held in Detroit on October 22 - 26, at the Statler Hilton Hotel. Our clergy participated as representatives of our Diocese.

Youth Ministry of National Council of Churches convened in Detroit October 27 - 29 at Fort Shelby Hotel. Deacon Nersess Jebejian and Deacon Hovhannes Kasparian participated representing the Diocese.

United Foundation Drive Report Luncheon at Sheraton Cadillac Hotel, November 8. Invocation was offered.

Greeting the retired 99th Archbishop of Canterbury Lord and Lady Geoffrey Fisher at the Episcopal Diocesan Center, November 9. Our clergy were invited and were in attendance.

VISITORS TO OUR CHURCH ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS

The Radio and TV Department of the Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches held its Annual Meeting at the Cultural Building on January 12.

Southfield Ministerial Association held its first monthly meeting of the New Year on January 12.

Twenty-five women from the Young Women's Christian Association visited our church on January 12.

Youth groups from St. James Episcopal Church of Birmingham, St. Joseph Episcopal Church of Detroit and Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church of Lapeer visited our Church on Friday, January 20.

Taking part in the service, in connection with Ecumenical Week of Prayer, January 18 - 25, were area clergymen from the Roman Catholic, Protestant and Eastern Churches. The Southfield Ministerial Association sponsored an ecumenical worship service in our church on January 25.

On the occasion of their 48th Annual Meeting the Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches visited our church on February 9.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 1611 of Royal Oak and their families attended Divine Liturgy in our church on Sunday, February 12.

The Girls Club of Office Employees at the Detroit Plant and Allen Park Uniroyal, Inc., took a tour through our church and building on April 11.

A group of women from the Birmingham area toured our church and building on June 12.

Twenty 13 year old children from the Crossman School in Detroit visited our church. The group is under the auspices of "Operation Go" which is a federally-sponsored summer school extension program. They toured the church on July 17.

A group from the First Methodist Church of Dearborn toured our church and building on August 23.

Women representing Bloomfield Country Day School and Oakland Hills Country Club toured our church on September 13.

Women's Fellowship of Boulevard Congregational Church visited our church on October 5.

Methodist Youth Group visited our church on Sunday, October 8.

Women's Association of Bushnell Congregational Church, 200 in attendance, toured our church on October 10.

Professional Women's Group toured the church and building on October 17.

Women from Y.W.C.A. toured the church on October 16.

Some 350 Roman Catholic, Jewish, Protestant and Orthodox women, from the Women's Division of the Detroit Round Table had its holiday meeting in the Cultural Building on December 5.

GUEST CLERGY

THE RIGHT REV. BISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, Primate of our Diocese, visited our Parish May 3-8 on the occasion of the 65th Annual Diocesan Assembly and Clergymen's Conference.

THE MOST REV. TIRAN ARCHBISHOP NERSOYAN, visited our parish on several occasions, March 28-29, August 2-3 and August 24-25.

THE MOST REV. ARCHBISHOP SION MANOOGIAN, former Primate, has established residence in Detroit since November 1966. His Grace attends church services every Sunday and delivers sermons on festive occasions.

BISHOP RAPHAEL BAIYIAN, Spiritual Leader of the Armenian Catholics in Egypt, paid a visit to our church on September 12.

VERY REV. MESROB SEMERJIAN, visited our parish on two occasions: February 10-12, to participate as a lecturer for the Religious Study Conference at Kellogg Center in East Lansing; during the same year on December 29-31, he also conducted a Retreat Program for ACYOA Seniors at St. Lawrence Retreat House in St. Claire, Michigan.

THE VERY REV. KUDE VARTABED NAKKASHIAN, Vicar General of the Diocese of Western Europe, residing in Paris, France, visited our church on October 2-3.

THE VERY REV. VASKEN TATOYAN, Pastor of the Armenian Church of Montreal, Canada, paid a visit to our church to participate in a marriage ceremony and he was the guest celebrant on September 24.

REV. FR. LEVON ARAKELIAN, Executive Secretary of the Cathedral and Cultural Center Project in New York, paid us an official visit on March 6-8, to discuss the Cathedral Fund Campaign scheduled in Detroit on June 11. On a second occasion Fr. Arakelian was the guest celebrant and preacher during Divine Liturgy on June 11.

REV. ARNAK KASPARIAN, Pastor of St. Thomas Armenian Church in Tenafly, New Jersey, visited our church and community on September 25-27.

REV. FR. PAPKEN AND YERETZGIN MAKSOUDIAN, Pastor of Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston, Massachusetts, were in town on August 21-23, during a part of their vacation and visited our church.

REV. FR. DAJAD DAVIDIAN, Pastor of St. Mesrob's Armenian Church of Racine, Wisconsin, visited Detroit and conducted a Lenten Retreat for ACYOA Juniors at the St. Lawrence Retreat House in St. Claire, Michigan on February 17.

DEACON MISSAK KEHIAYAN, (presently ordained into priesthood with the name of Rev. Fr. Ari) visited us July 5 on the occasion of the death of his uncle and our Church Sexton, Garabed Kahayian.

DEACON HOVHANNES KASPARIAN, Executive Secretary of ACYOA, New York, visited Detroit and conducted a Religious Study Conference at Kellogg Center in East Lansing on February 10-12.

DEACON MEGERDITCH MOORADIAN, outgoing Executive Secretary of the ACYOA, visited our parish March 16-19.

DEACON HAGOP JANOYAN, of Minneapolis, Minnesota was in town with his family during Holy Week and Easter, and assisted on the Holy Altar on March 25 and 26.

FORTHCOMING VISIT OF HIS HOLINESS VASKEN I

During 1968 the most significant event will be the visit of His Holiness VASKEN I, Catholicos of All Armenians. His Holiness will arrive in New York in April to consecrate our Mother Cathedral and then he will grace the Detroit Armenians with his special visit to our Church on May 11-13 to consecrate our Main Altar. This will, indeed, be a very memorable and blessed occasion for all of us. The Holy Father's gift of the Silver Cross which he sent to us from Geneva, Switzerland; through Mr. Alex Manoogian while he was visiting the headquarters of the Council of Churches there; is the main attraction of our Holy Altar.

APPRECIATION

We extend our appreciation and gratitude to all of our Church organizations and their respective standing committees and to individual parishioners for their ardent dedication and tireless efforts on behalf of our church. May God continue to guide and inspire them for even greater productivity.

As we begin a New Year, we ask your prayers and encouragement in the fulfillment of our tremendous responsibilities in the service of our Church.

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December 31, 1967

Dear Members of the Parish,

It was a great pleasure to me to have served once again as Chairman of the Parish Council of our church. Our parish, while it has not grown in numbers, is continuing to grow in programs and public service. I know that our parishioners are appreciative of the great challenge and tremendous amount of work that comes with expansion. This challenge requires a renewed dedication of our clergy and laity to support our church.

I was particularly pleased this year with the great impact that the Parish Visitation program had on the morale of our community. This well-organized and effective group, representing the single largest working committee our church has ever had, did yeoman service in bringing to the people evidence of the church's constant concern.

The coming visit of the Catholicos will be another milestone in our Church's life. Each one of us should take it as an opportunity to dedicate ourselves more fully to service in the church and for the church's people. There is no work which is as meaningful.

It is only appropriate that I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Fathers Yeghishe Gizirian and Diran Papazian, the Pastors of our Church, and to all those individuals who have contributed to the health of our parish over the past year.

Please allow me to wish each and everyone of you a New Year of happiness and personal fulfillment.

Very sincerely yours,

Martin Apkarian

MARTIN P. APKARIAN
Chairman, Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BODY

A joint meeting with the outgoing and incoming members of the Parish Council was held on March 7 under the presidency of The Very Rev. Yeghishe V. Gizirian in the Armenian Cultural Building to conduct a formal transfer of duties following the ratification and blessings of the newly-constituted Parish Council. The following were elected to serve as the 1967-68 officers:

Chairman:	Martin P. Apkarian
Vice-Chairman:	Deacon John K. Semizian
Secretary:	Harry Zartarian
Treasurer:	Harry A. Kezelian
Advisors:	Col. Parnag G. Adamian
	Stephen Boyajian
	Prof. George M. Kurajian
	Michael Megregian
	Albert Sarkisian
	Dicron Tafraian
	Archie Yeghissian

Appointments and Committees

The following members of the Parish Council were appointed to serve as the 1967-68 liaison officers to our respective church auxiliaries and as members of standing committees:

Liaison Officers

Armenian Apostolic Society	Martin P. Apkarian
St. John's Armenian Church School	Prof. George M. Kurajian
Calouste Gulbenkian Armenian School	Harry Zartarian
Armenian Co-operative Nursery School	Col. Parnag G. Adamian
Ladies' Auxiliary	Harry Zartarian
Women's Guild	Stephen Boyajian
Men's Society	Harry A. Kezelian
Komitas Choir	John K. Semizian
A.C.Y.O.A. (Juniors and Seniors)	Dicron Tafraian
Church School P.T.A.	Michael Megregian
Library Guild	Michael Megregian

Standing Committees

Pledge	Archie Yeghissian
Membership	Stephen Boyajian
Armenian Cultural Building	John K. Semizian
Budget and Finance	Dicron Tafraian, Chairman
	Martin P. Apkarian, Assistant
	Harry A. Kezelian, Assistant
	John K. Semizian, Assistant
	Harry Zartarian, Assistant

Books, Plates and Candles

Hairabed Mikaelian, Chairman
Prof. George M. Kurajian,
Assistant

In-Lieu-of-Flowers

Prof. George M. Kurajian,
Chairman

Albert Sarkisian, Assistant

Cemetery

W.S.U. Armenian Studies

Michael Megregian, Chairman

Archie Yeghissian

Honorary Positions

Honorary Chairman

Peter Manoogian

Honorary Member

Hairabed Mikaelian

CULTURAL BUILDING REPORT FOR THE YEAR OF 1967

Meetings held by the following organizations: Parish Council, Ladies Auxiliary, Women's Guild, ACYOA, Jrs., ACYOA, Seniors, Men's Society, Church School Teachers, Armenian School Teachers, P.T.A., Nursery School Teachers, AGBU, Men, AGBU, Women, AGBU, Metropolitan, AGBU, Youth, AGBU, Midwest, Apostolic Society, Michigan Home for the Armenian Aged, K. of V. Shavarshan, K. of V. Nareg, D. of V. Zabelle Otyag.

The Detroit Bible Students meet every Monday & Wednesday.

Nursery School is held three days a week from October thru May.

Church Bazaar held in September for two days.

Diocesan Convention held here in May for 5 days.

Sunday School classes every Sunday from the latter part of September to the first of June.

Armenian School classes held every Saturday & Sunday from September through June 1st.

Easter & Christmas Communion breakfasts held for the children.

Bridge classes twice a month.

Fencing classes held once a week.

A total of 64 paid rentals held for the year.

30 Church and affiliated group affairs held.

Detroit Council of Churches held their Annual Meeting and dinner here in February.

Nord Bar Review Courses were held three days a week during the summer, for a total of 8 weeks.

A total of approximately 454 meetings were held in the building during the year.

The Detroit Round Table of Christian & Jews also held a meeting here in December.

REGULAR & SPECIAL MEETINGS DURING 1967

A total of 32 regular meetings were held during the year 1967. A number of special meetings were held with the Diocesan Delegates along with various auxiliary meetings with the church auxiliaries and representatives of our Church Schools to discuss and solve problems that have arisen during the year.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND PLEDGE SYSTEM

Since its introduction some 12 years ago, the Pledge System has inched its way to full acceptance by the Parish. This does not mean that everyone who considers himself a member of our Parish is a participant

in this system of voluntary giving, nor does it mean that every participant is generous enough with his contribution to make our Pledge System really successful. But it is a fact, and we can derive some satisfaction from it, that a large majority of our communicants have come to realize that the Pledge System is the main source of income for our church and deserves universal support.

At the end of 1966 some 290 parishioners owed the church about \$22,000.00 in unpaid pledges for 1966 and previous years. The Pledge Committee, with the full support of the Parish Council, spent a great deal of time and effort to induce the delinquent pledgees to fulfill their obligations. This effort has been only partially successful as not more than one half of the above sum was collected. Some of these members chose to withdraw from the Pledge System and others reduced their pledges to circumvent the decision of the Parish Assembly held on February 24, 1966 establishing a minimum pledge of \$2.00 per family per week for voting members.

The Parish Council and Pledge Committee fervently hope that in the very near future our Pledge System will have reached a degree of maturity which will enable the church to meet all of its obligations from this direct and certainly equitable form of support.

PARISH COUNCIL PLEDGE TO BUILDING FUND

At the dedication Banquet of our Church on November 20, 1965, a new pledge of \$20,000, payable in two years, was made to the Society by the Council. Of this amount \$10,750.00 has been paid and a balance of \$9,250.00 remains.

CATHEDRAL FUND RAISING

A small group of community leaders gathered on June 8, in the Veterans Building at a dinner with the presence of members of the Central Committee of the Cathedral and Cultural Center Project from New York, to launch a campaign to raise Detroit's quota of the Diocesan Cathedral and Cultural Center Project Fund. Messrs: Alex Manoogian and Edward Mardigan pledged \$100,000.00 each at this gathering. The campaign was continued later in our parish totaling our pledge and donations to this date \$239,925.00.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

This Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Martin Apkarian, has closely supervised the use and activities of our Cultural Building. It is constantly striving to improve the building facilities, services, maintenance, etc. The excellent condition of our building is a source of satisfaction to our entire community and is the result of the efforts of the House Committee and our capable maintenance staff under the supervision of Mr. Frank Bartholomew.

ARMENIAN COMMUNITY MEMORIAL AT WOODLAWN CEMETERY

In 1959 an Armenian Cemetery Section was instituted in cooperation with the Woodlawn Cemetery Association. This project was expanded in 1964 for the benefit of our parishioners. The sale of lots thus far has kept up with our commitment of payments to the Woodlawn Organization. However, since the original offering of spaces, prices have risen and are continuing to rise. Re-examine your position. Take advantage of today's pre-need prices before any future increases in cost take place.

Cemetery lots must be purchased at a greater rate this year if we are to keep up with our commitment of payments to the Woodlawn Organization.

CHURCH PICNIC

The 8th Annual Church Picnic took place on Sunday, August 13 at the Michigan State Fair Grounds under the chairmanship of Mr. Albert Sarkisian. The Picnic Chairman and Parish Council are grateful to all of our Church organizations and energetic committees who volunteered their time and talents to make this affair the gratifying success that it was. The Council especially commends Mr. Sarkisian for the fine organization of the picnic and the efficient manner in which it was conducted.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Parish Council was helpful in financially assisting students to attend the Summer Study Program of St. Nersess School in Evanston, Illinois, and in aiding Retreat and Conference Programs of our Junior ACYOA Chapter during 1967.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

The seventh Annual New Year's Eve Celebration, sponsored by the church in the Cultural Building, was a tremendous success. This affair continued in the tradition of giving our people an enjoyable evening in a beautiful atmosphere.

The Parish Council is grateful to the New Year's Eve Committee and particularly to Mr. John Semizian, Chairman, for the excellent job they rendered in providing those in attendance an unforgettable evening. It was a gratifying social and financial success.

APOSTOLIC SOCIETY

The Armenian Apostolic Society, Inc., serves in our parish as the Building Committee responsible for the erection of our cultural and church buildings.

After completing the new Armenian Cultural Building in 1961, in its new center in Southfield, the Society launched its next phase which was the construction of the new church adjacent to the building.

Construction of the new church by late 1966 has been completed under the leadership of Messrs. Alex Manoogian and Edward Mardigian, the Apostolic Society and its dedicated members.

As a gesture of tribute St. John's Armenian Church will tender a Testimonial Banquet March 10, honoring Messrs: Alex Manoogian and Edward Mardigian and members of the Apostolic Society for their leadership in realizing a fond dream of many years which was shared by every Armenian in this community.

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL

The School began its 1967-68 academic year with some changes in its administrative staff. Three persons were appointed to head the school. Mr. Nurhan Akarakian is supervisor for the Sunday session. Mr. Armen Ovhanesian is supervisor for the Saturday sessions and Mr. Mihran Kupelian is publicity chairman. Classes in Armenian Language, songs, folk dances and history are offered on Saturday mornings in addition to the Sunday Armenian School Program. We urge our parishioners to support this program.

The Parish Council takes this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation to Mr. Antranig Keledjian who assumed the post of Principal

of the Calouste Gulbenkian Armenian School for the 1966-67 school session. We also extend our deep appreciation to the above mentioned supervisors and to the devoted school staff of 23 members.

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN KINDERGARTEN

The Calouste Gulbenkian Kindergarten has continued its growth under the devoted leadership of Mrs. Nellie Boyajian, Administrative Supervisor, and Mrs. Arshaloys Nersesian, Supervisor of the Armenian language program, who were invited to head the Kindergarten staff for the 1967-68 academic year. The Mangabardez is preparing pre-school children for the Church and Armenian Schools, making the transitional period for these children a pleasant and useful experience. 140 children, aging from three to five years old, are being cared for by a dedicated staff of 35 members.

ARMENIAN CO-OPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL

The Nursery School, a self-sustaining project, is in its fourth year of operation. The School reopened on September 25, under a well qualified instructor, Mrs. Catherine Borbi and a capable staff assistant Mrs. Mary Egigian, with 25 pre-school children in attendance. Classes are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. The Parish Council commends the Board and staff members for the fine program and steady growth of the School.

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL

The 1966-67 academic year brought to a close another productive year in the religious training and Christian nurture of our children of the Church School. The Parish Council takes this opportunity to extend its sincere appreciation to the Board and Staff Members of the School and in particular, to Deacon Nersess Jebejian, Superintendent and Chairman of the Board.

The School began its 1966-67 academic year with a full program and new zeal. Several changes were made both in the curriculum and also on the administrative board. An Educational Supervisory Board was formed this fall to supervise and make policy for the Church School; to work with the Pastors and Superintendent, and to advise in the School's procedures and activities and make recommendations.

Mrs. Margaret Tehlirian was appointed as the organist for the Church School Worship Services.

It gives us much pleasure to know that a well-qualified Administrative Board and devoted staff of 66 members are working harmoniously for a student body of 751, the largest in our Diocese. This number can be increased with little effort; however, the problems of space and more qualified personnel remain to be solved. It is hoped that the new Supervisory Board will soon be able to present solutions to these problems, along with a carefully studied expansion program.

Appreciation is extended to Miss Louise Yeghissian, who once more, led the class for training acolytes and who has already started a new class for altar servers. Appreciation and thanks also to Mr. Robert Sivazlian, who again this year, conducted free fencing lessons in the Cultural Building for our Church School students. Classes are held weekly on Tuesday evenings during the school year.

ARMENIAN-AMERICAN VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

This beautiful building has been put to extensive use, not only by the Armenian-American Veterans but also by the ACYOA, Church School and

Kindergarten. The Parish Council wishes to express its gratitude to the Veterans in their generous donation of the building. The Veterans have also excelled in the area of maintenance and upkeep of the excellent memorial to the Armenian American Veterans.

SECRETARIAL CHANGE IN CHURCH OFFICE

After working diligently for a period of more than two years our efficient church secretary, Miss Lucy Merzian, resigned from her post in September 1967. Mrs. Rose Boudakian has presently assumed the church secretarial duties.

CHURCH BAZAAR

On September 16 and 17 a most successful Church Bazaar was held with our very capable Mrs. Marie Manoogian as General Chairman. The full and rich program that insured something of interest for all those who visited the bazaar was accounted by all as being the most exciting in many years.

The Parish Council would like to thank Mrs. Manoogian, her committee and all Church Auxiliaries along with the Women's Auxiliary of the Armenian-American Veterans for working together so harmoniously and making the 1967 Bazaar such an outstanding and memorable occasion.

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

The Parish Council acknowledges with deep appreciation the efforts of this group and especially to Mrs. Takouhi Papazian, Co-ordinator of the Committee, who has devoted her talent for the project in the name of the church.

Their activities include furnishing appropriate display windows assigned to the Armenians at the International Institute. The Committee prepares the material according to designated themes.

KOMITAS CHOIR

The Parish Council gratefully acknowledges the services of Dr. Harry Begian, Director, Miss Louise Sarkisian, Organist and Mrs. Margaret Tehlirian, Assistant Organist and the Komitas Choir members for the sacrifices made in order to enrich our Badarak on Sundays and on feast days throughout the year. The Choir will be host to the Annual Choirs Association Convention in October. In connection with the Choir special mention of thanks should be made to our Deacons who serve the Altar every Sunday. They are as follows: Deacon Levon N. Zenian; Deacon Harry H. Ekizian; Deacon Ara Haig; Deacon Daniel Shahan, Deacon John Semizian. Sub-deacons: Mihran Hoplazian; Hagop Asadurian; Hagop Janoyan and also Stole-Bearers: Hairabed Mikaelian and Hayrabed Merhafian.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Among the activities sponsored by the A.C.Y.O.A. in the Metropolitan Detroit area were religious, educational and social activities. The youth of the church have made use of the facilities provided by the Armenian American Veterans for their activities night and also for the basketball evenings.

The Parish Council wishes to express its appreciation to the veterans organization for making its facilities available to the youth of our community. It has been gratifying to find members of our church community, such as the veterans and other individuals, who are willing to make available time, effort, and facilities for our youth so that they may find an

interest and desire to meet and share experiences with each other within the surroundings of our church community.

Under the direction of the Youth Director, Deacon Nersess Jebejian, the ACYOA has had many diversified activities and have maintained a membership of 70 for 1967.

CHURCH SCHOOL P.T.A.

The P.T.A. experimented this summer with a two week camp session at Clear Lake Camp in Oxford, Michigan. Serving as Camp Director was Harry Couyoumjian, Deacon Nersess Jebejian as Spiritual Director and John Ohanian as PTA Chairman.

The Parish Council would like to thank the P.T.A. Committee, camp staff and counselors who unselfishly gave their time and effort to this worthwhile project, and also for the Christmas and Easter Communion Breakfast for the Church School children.

USHERS CORPS

The Parish Council would like to thank the Ushers Corps, a project of the Men's Society, for the efficient handling of our worshippers during the Badarak on Sunday mornings and all other days that services are conducted in the church. The following are members of the Corps: Berg Kurkechian, Captain; Ushers: Jack Kezelian, George Elian, Art Boudakian, John Javizian, Mickey Amboyian, Harry Andonian, Art Mardigian, Andy Tarpinian, Alex Karabajakian, Mike Megerian, Charles Takessian, Eli Sarkisian, Jim Baharozian.

LIBRARY GUILD

Formal opening of the library took place on Friday, September 29, with the Order of Home Blessing celebrated by the Pastors. The Parish Council would like to thank Mrs. Varsenek Samarian, Chairman, the committee and all those who put countless time and effort into this project.

We urge our parishioners to make use of the library which contains books, journals, and newspapers in English, Armenian and other languages on the subject of religion, the Armenian Church and her teachings, and on the history and culture of the Armenian people.

RETIRED SENIOR MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH

This organization is in its third year of existence and fills a long needed source of recreational activities for our retired parishioners. We welcome retired members of our church to join their colleagues weekly in the Cultural Building.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL AT NORTHLAND CENTER & GROSSE POINTE

In co-operation with the United Nations Association of Detroit, Northland Center held an International Festival for the second time on the occasion of the 22nd Anniversary of the United Nations on October 23-28. Many of our church organizations participated in the festival with exhibits, demonstrations of needlework, bake sale and fashion show. The Narine Dance Group represented our church in the entertainment program. Mrs. Takouhi Papazian was General Chairman devoting her time and talents toward a successful festival.

The Grosse Pointe International Festival sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Commerce, was held on May 18-20 under the General Chairmanship of Mrs. Nora Mazlounian.

The Parish Council extends its thanks to all who participated in these

festivals in the name of the church.

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY ARMENIAN STUDIES

Our church is continuing its support for this worthwhile program of Armenian studies at Wayne State University. We are hopeful of the continued expansion of this program.

JAHAGIR (THE TORCH BEARER)

The Parish Council takes this opportunity to express its appreciation to the members of the editorial staff and our church auxiliary reporters of the Jahagir, official parish paper published monthly, for their volunteer time and talents in producing this fine publication.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Annual Preliminary Parish Assembly was held in the church following services on Sunday, December 17. Elected to serve on this committee were: Mr. George Keurajian, Chairman; Mr. Martin Manoogian and Dr. Dennis Papazian. The responsibility of this committee will be to present candidates to be elected for the Parish Council and Auditing Committee at our Annual Parish Assembly on Friday, February 16, 1968. 23

LOAN OF CARS

The Parish Council would like to express their deep appreciation to Mr. Mike Dorian, President of Mike Dorian Ford, Inc.; Mr. Ed Kasparian, President of Kasparians Northland Ford; and Mr. John Stephanian, President of King Auto Sales, for making automobiles available for the pastors' use in church work.

VISITATION PROGRAM

This program came about because the Church was losing contact with its people. It was felt that a grass roots personal contact approach would be the most beneficial. The program had the following purposes: Increase the membership; collect unpaid pledges; take a census; visit our people so that they would know that the Church cares for them.

Instead of several committees working on the afore mentioned purposes possibly with the same people, we formed one committee with the following members: Fr. Yeghishe Gizirian; Fr. Diran Papazian; Dr. Dennis Papazian, Acting Chairman; Steve Boyajian; Chairman, Membership Committee; Nellie Boyajian, Secretary; Dicron Tafraian, Vice Chairman, Membership Committee; Mihran Kupelian, Advisor; Rose Samarian, Advisor; Michael Megregian, Vice Chairman, Pledge Committee, John Hovey, who provided all the technical equipment necessary.

The most significant and difficult task was undertaken by the majors and captains without whom this project would have been impossible. They visited approximately 1200 families. It is the first time a project of this enormity has been undertaken by this church. When the Board finishes the follow up and evaluation of the census cards, the results will be reported to you and the success of this program will be evident when the desires of the parishioners are implemented.

MEMORIAL SHRINE HONORING ARMENIAN MARTYRS OF 1915

The Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide was held in our church on April 25, 1965. The Commemoration Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Hagop S. Derderian, announced that an appropriate monument would be erected on our church grounds

as a permanent memorial and tribute to the Martyrs of 1915. As of December 31, 1967. Mr. Howard Atesian, Committee Treasurer, advises that a total sum of (\$5,052.89) has been collected in pledges towards this noble project, including bank interest.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR DEACON HARRY H. EKIZIAN

Six hundred members of the St. John's Armenian Church community gathered together in the Cultural Building on Sunday, February 19, to pay tribute to Deacon HARRY H. EKIZIAN for his forty years of continued service to the church and the Armenian community as choirmaster of the Komitas Choral Union. The tribute took form of a dinner program sponsored by the Parish Council under the joint chairmanship of Deacons Ara Haig and John Semizian.

A plaque which will be placed in the Cultural Center was presented by Mr. Apkarian on behalf of the Parish Council to Mr. Ekizian on the occasion of his retirement with the inscription: "This plaque placed in honor of Deacon HARRY H. EKIZIAN in grateful acknowledgement for forty years of devoted service as founder and Choirmaster of the Komitas Choir of St. John's Armenian Church of Greater Detroit 1966".

65th ANNUAL DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY GREAT SUCCESS

The 65th Annual Diocesan Assembly and Clergymen's Conference which met in Detroit on May 4-7, 1967, were accounted by all participants as uniquely successful events. The Diocesan Clergymen's Conference was well attended by approximately 43 priests and deacons.

Representatives of almost 43 parishes of our Diocese were in attendance at the Diocesan Assembly presided over by BISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, the Primate.

Two local people were chosen to participate in official capacities in the activities of the Assembly. Dr. Dennis Papazan was elected second secretary of the tivan, and Mr. Martin Apkarian was appointed a member of the Diocesan Budget Committee.

Deacon Ara Haig, chairman of the Diocesan Assembly Arrangements Committee and his committee members deserve a vote of thanks from the Detroit Community for the outstanding fashion in which they arranged to meet all of the needs of the Diocesan Assembly and Clergymen's Conference.

KOHAR KASPARIAN CONCERT

KOHAR KASPARIAN, Coloratura Soprano of Yerevan, gave her long-awaited concert in Detroit on May 7, in the Ford Auditorium. ELEANORA VOSKANIAN, a very capable pianist was the accompanist to Kohar Kasparian. Miss Kasparian arrived with her accompanist in Detroit on May 4.

The Pastors and Parish Council wish to express their deep appreciation to Miss Sylvia Artinian, Chairman, and to the members of the Concert Committee for their dynamic and conscientious work.

CULTURAL-EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

The following Cultural-Educational events were presented in the Armenian Cultural Building and in the Community during 1967.

The first Armenian Education Week, sponsored by the AGBU, exhibited valuable Armenian Books, Records and Art Objects the week of January 23-29.

A Memorial Program and Dinner was held in honor of the late HAMASDEGH, "Father of Armenian Folk Tales", by the combined Detroit

Hamasdegh Committee in the Cultural Building on January 22.

DR. VAHAKN DADRIAN, Professor of Sociology, Wisconsin State University was the guest speaker on February 3, at the International Institute by the Cultural Society of Armenians from Istanbul. His subject was "The Meaning of Preserving our National Identity".

The Annual affair of the LADIES' AUXILIARY celebrating Vartanantz Day and the feast of Paregentan was held on February 5 with an appropriate and inspiring program.

MAJORIE HOUSEPIAN, Author of the best seller and widely acclaimed book, "A Houseful of Love", was the guest speaker at the AGBU Armenian Forum Series on February 10, in the Cultural Building. Her subject was "The Armenian Image as seen by Foreign Travelers and Scholars".

The Intermediate Chapter of the AGBU presented a Symposium on Medical Emergencies on February 15, in the Cultural Building. Participating were: DR. MARTHA BALABEGIAN, who spoke on General Medical Emergencies; DR. ARSHO BARTEVIAN, Psychiatric Emergencies; DR. HAIG GARABEDIAN, Dental Emergencies; and DR. ARAM JANIGIAN, Surgical Emergencies.

A drama, "Challenge of the Cross", was presented by MRS. ROBERT WILLOWBY, at the Women's Guild Lenten Luncheon on February 21, in the Cultural Building.

An Armenian dramatic play, "King Arshag and Princess Parantzem" was presented in the Cultural Building on March 12. On the occasion of the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Armenian Radio Hour. The play was performed by the Apelian Drama Group under the direction of MR. HAGOP DER STEPANIAN.

MR. RALPH YAGJIAN, of Worcester, Massachusetts, a former ACYOA Central Council Chairman, was the guest speaker at the Annual ACYOA Day Celebration at the Cultural Building on March 19.

MR. JOHN FARSAKIAN, of the Ford Motor Company, Advertising Research Staff was the guest speaker at the Senior ACYOA Cultural Night on March 29. He spoke on Consumer Motivation created by various types of advertising.

DR. HAMPARTZOU KELIKIAN, well known Bone Specialist of Chicago, Illinois, was the honored guest and speaker at the AGBU Anniversary Dinner (Founder's Day) in the Cultural Building on April 9.

The Cultural Society of Armenians from Istanbul presented its third Annual Concert on April 16, at Wayne State University Community Arts Auditorium under the direction of MRS. PETER KAVAFIAN.

DR. VASKEN PARSEGAN, eminent Scientist and Professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic University, Troy, New York, was the guest speaker at the AGBU Armenian Forum Series on April 19, at the Cultural Building. His subject was "The 50th Anniversary: Where Do We Go From Here"?

A lecture forum on Vietnam, sponsored by ACYOA and Men's Society took place on May 1, in the Cultural Building. The three speakers for the evening were: MR. RUSSELL BARNES, Foreign News Analyst and Columnist for the Detroit News; DR. JOHN DEMPSEY, Professor of Political Science at the University of Michigan and FR. DAVID GRACIE, Draft Counselor and former Pastor of St. Joseph Episcopal Church, Detroit.

MR. WILLIAM L. CAHALAN, Prosecutor of Wayne County, was the guest speaker on October 20. His subject was "The Recent Race Riot in Detroit". The lecture was sponsored by the Men's Chapter of AGBU.

In cooperation with the United Nations Association of Detroit, Northland Center held an INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL for the second year on the occasion of the 22nd Anniversary of the United Nations from October

23-28. Twenty foreign countries including our church, participated in the 6 day festival.

LEON GREGORIAN, Pianist of Michigan State University and LORIS A. CHOBANIAN, Classical Guitarist of Michigan State University were the guest artists at the Annual Choir Day Celebration on November 5, in the Cultural Building.

LOU D'ANNUNZIO, Baseball Scout from the Detroit Tigers, lectured at a Men's Society Meeting in the Cultural Building on November 6.

THE LADIES' AUXILIARY participated on November 16-19 at the Old World Market. Needlework and rug making were demonstrated every day and Armenian food and pastries were sold.

DR. E. ADLER, Eye Specialist, was guest speaker at the Men's Society Meeting of December 4 in the Cultural Building. His subject was "Eye Care and the Eyes".

DR. HAGOP NERSOYAN, noted lecturer from New York and a member of the Council of Religious Education of the Diocese of America, was the speaker on the occasion of the Clergymen's Conference of our Diocese. He spoke on "The Armenian Church and the Ecumenical Movement".

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

PETER BRAUNSCHWEIG, of Beirut, Lebanon, paid a visit to our Pastors on Good Friday, March 24, on a special mission concerning the Institute for Armenian Blind, Deaf and Retarded in Beirut of which he is Director.

PROF. STEVAN AVYAN (STEPAN DER AIVAZIAN) "Aiveszovsky" Engineer of Armenian precision time and regarded as one of the World's foremost authorities in Horology, visited our parish June 2.

MR. HAIK KAVOOKJIAN, Director and Treasurer of Cathedral and Cultural Center Project and MRS. ALICE KAVOOKJIAN, MR. DADOUR DADOURIAN, Assistant Director-Treasurer, Coordinator of Cathedral Project and RICHARD K. GREGORY, Counsel of Cathedral and Cultural Project, visited our parish on June 10-12 on the occasion of Cathedral Banquet.

PROF. EDOUARD UTUDJIAN, Architect from Paris, France and Consultant-Architect to our New Church and the Mother Cathedral in New York, visited Detroit and our parish June 16-18.

PROF. FREDERIC FEYDIE, Armeniologist from Paris, France; MR. ARPAG MEKHITARIAN, Egyptologist, of Brussels, Belgium; DR. LOUIS NALBANDIAN, Historian, from Fresno State College, California; MR. ARSHAG SARKISIAN, Historian of the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.; MR. VAHAN MUGURDITCHIAN, Economist from Armenia visited Detroit and our church on August 16, on the occasion of the 27th International Congress of Orientalists at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor on August 13-19.

MR. & MRS. HAIG EMIRIAN, of Buenos Aires, Argentina, visited our church on August 18. Mr. Emirian is the President of the AGBU in Buenos Aires.

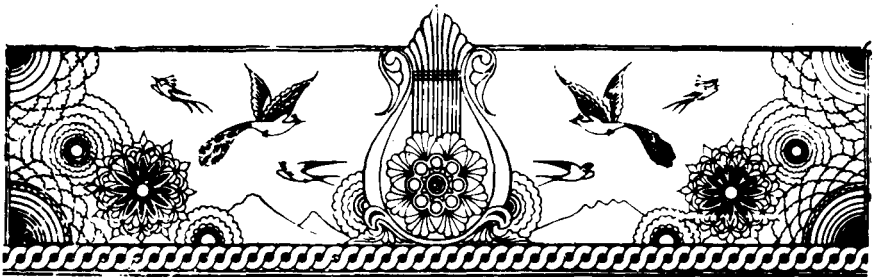
MR. & MRS. DICKRAN MISSIRLIAN of Manhasset, Long Island, New York, visited our church on October 9-10. They are community leaders of the Parish Holy Martyrs, Long Island and are active members of the Diocesan Cathedral and Cultural Center Project.

MR. & MRS. SOOREN HANESIAN, and his sister MARIE of Nice, France, visited our church on October 12.

MAYRABED YEVKINE YEGHISSIAN, a nun in the order of "Anarad Hughoutian" within the Armenian Roman Catholic Church in Rome, visited our parish November 30 - December 27. Sister Yeghissian stayed at the home of her first cousin, Parish Council Member, Mr. Arshavir Yeghissian.

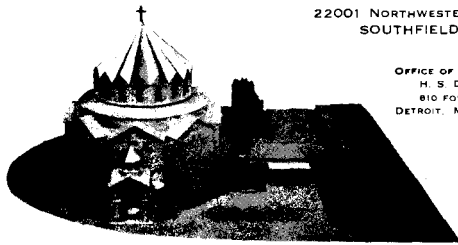
APPRECIATION

The Pastors and Parish Council extends its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the Diocesan Delegates, Church Auditors, Apostolic Society, all church organizations, volunteer workers assisting the Church office, and to the countless faithful parishioners for their unselfish service and tireless efforts of time and energy toward the development of a strong community.



ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC SOCIETY, INC.

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December 31, 1967

Dear Parishioners,

Am I happy! I don't know if it's because our church is completed and our bills paid up to date, or because it's the beginning of a great new year full of many interesting events and great anticipation, including the visit of His Holiness Lord Vasken I to our great city and the consecration of our beautiful and now famous church.

For all practical purposes, our project is complete with the exception of a few minor additions and corrections including the finalizing of our landscaping early in the spring.

Our main activities in the next few months will be to collect the outstanding pledges, pay off the balance of our debts and the preparation of our complete and detailed Consecration Book to coincide its publication with the visit of our Vehapar. It is our intention to have our church completed and free of all debts by that time. This will not be difficult if all pledges are paid by the first of April. Furthermore, the Consecration Book must go to print shortly after that date and we can only print the amount of money actually received, so will you please make a special effort to complete the balance due on your pledge prior to that date. A complete financial report will be prepared after that date and published, as we have in the past. Suffice to say, if all pledges outstanding are paid, we will be able to take care of our present commitments. However, there are still so many things that perhaps are not essential but would do so much to further improve and beautify our church. We hope that we can get sufficient donations from individuals in memoriam for pews, windows, chandeliers, etc., for these additions.

This tremendous project would not have been possible if it weren't for our vision, faith, determination and the guiding hand of God to bring it to its present successful conclusion.

I would like to express my appreciation to all the members and friends of the Armenian Apostolic Society, the Parish Council, all our church organizations and all those who possessed continuing faith and confidence in this noble and worthy accomplishment, giving unselfishly of their time, as well as financial aid, to make this greatest dream of our community become a reality. May this beautiful house of worship fulfill our religious and spiritual needs for many generations.

Sincerely yours,
EDWARD MARDIGIAN, President
Armenian Apostolic Society, Inc.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF CHURCH AUXILIARIES

MEN'S SOCIETY

Chairman: Mr. Narses Gedigian

Total Membership: 106

Number of Meetings (Executive & General): 20

Main Activities: Ushers' Corps; Blood Bank; Bridge Club; Church Bazaar; Christmas Party; Good Friday Luncheon; Visitation Program Luncheon; Mystery Trip; Fisher Theater Trip; New Year's Eve Raffle.

Future Projects: Usher Corps; Blood Bank-April; Honor Guard-May; Sunday School Communion Pancake; Bridge Club; New Year's Eve Raffle; Christmas Party; October Dance.

LADIES' AUXILIARY

Chairman: Mrs. Haiganoush Toundaian

Total Membership: 214

Number of Meetings (Executive and General): 25

Main Activities: Armenian Christmas; Southfield Dignitaries; Vartanantz; Michink; Bake Sale; Hampartzoom; Church Bazaar, International World's Fair

WOMEN'S GUILD

Chairman: Mrs. Mary Tirakian

Total Membership: 145

Number of Meetings (Executive & General): 20

Main Activities: Lenten Luncheon; Two Bake Sales; Mother-Daughter Banquet; Formal Dinner Dance; Christmas Dinner; Christmas Project at Michigan Home for the Armenian Aged; and Packing of "Mas" on Sundays.

A.C.Y.O.A. SENIORS

Youth Director: Deacon Nersess Jebejian

Chairman: Mr. Gary Zamanigian

Total Membership: 70

Number of Meetings (Executive & General): 24

Main Activities: ACYOA Day, Spring Spectacular, Memorial Day Picnic, July 4th Picnic, Sponsor Christmas Eve Services, Fall Dance, Christmas Party

A.C.Y.O.A. JUNIORS

Youth Director: Deacon Nersess Jebejian

Chairman: Richard Kemsuzian

Total Membership: 39

Number of Meetings (Executive & General): 39

Main Activities: Youth Rally, Ski Trip, ACYOA Initiation, ACYOA Dance, Fathers Day Banquet, Mid-West Regional Conference.

KOMITAS CHOIR

Chairman: Miss Shakey Godoshian
Choirmaster: Dr. Harry Begian
Total Membership: 40
Number of Meetings (Executive & General): 4
Number of Rehearsals: 52
Main Activities: Annual Choir Affair

ALTAR GUILD

Chairman: Mrs. Vartanoush Soultanian
Total Membership: 9
Number of Meetings (Executive & General): 2
Purpose: Caring and cleaning of the Altar
Future Plans: Cabinets to be made for storing all church linens.

LIBRARY GUILD

Chairman: Mrs. Varsanek Samarian
Total Membership: 20
Number of Meetings (Executive & General): 10
Main Activities: Grosse Pointe Fair; Bake Sale; Northland Festival dedication & Opening of Library.
Purpose: To maintain our Church Library.

RETIRED SENIOR MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH

(formerly known as Senior Citizens)

Chairman: Mr. George D. Bayleran
Membership: 15
Meetings Days: 1 - 5 p.m. on Tuesdays
1 - 4 p.m. on Thursdays
Purpose: To give purpose and pleasure to leisure hours for senior retired members of our parish.
Future Plans: To visit convalescing senior retired members of our parish.

CHURCH SCHOOL P.T.A.

Chairman: Mr. John Ohanian
Number of Dues-Paying Members: 0
Number of Meetings (Executive & General): 10
Main Activities: Talent Show; Easter Communion Breakfast; Church School Picnic; Junior Bowling Banquet; Annual Camp; Christmas Communion Breakfast.
Future Projects: To enlarge camp program to include parents and retirees and purchase our own camp.

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL

Superintendent: Deacon Nersess Jebejian

Enrollment: 751 (Ages 6 - 17)

Number of Staff Members: 66

Classrooms: 39

School hours and days: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Sundays

Annual Affairs: Rally Day, Christmas Program, Staff Christmas Dinner, Christmas and Easter Communion, Commencement Exercises and End of School picnic.

Curriculum: The Bible, History and Faith of the Armenian Church, Catechism and Divine Liturgy.

Future Plans: Lenten Mite boxes for Cathedral Project; Curriculum revision and expansion of the Church School Program on Sunday mornings.

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL

Board of Supervisors: Mr. Nurhan Akarakcian

Mr. Armen Ovhanesian

Mr. Mihran Kupelian

Enrollment: 142

Number of Staff Members: 23

Classrooms: 15

School Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on Sundays

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays

Annual Affairs: Two Dinner Hanteses, Lectures, Dance Group participation in International Programs.

Curriculum: Armenian Language, History, Music and Dance.

Future Projects: Preparation of Teaching Material for American born Armenians and improve teaching technics.

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN KINDERGARTEN

Administrative Supervisor: Mrs. Nellie Boyajian

Supervisor of the Armenian Program: Mrs. Arshaloys Nersesian

Enrollment: 130

Number of Staff Members: 34

Classrooms: 11

School Hours and Days: 10:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Sundays

Annual Affairs: Christmas Party for students.

Curriculum: The Bible; and Armenian Language teaching.

ARMENIAN COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL

Head Teacher: Mrs. Catherine Borbi

Staff Assistant: Mrs. Mary Egigian

Enrollment: 25

Number of Staff Members: 2

Classrooms: 6

School Hours and Days: 9:00-11:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesday and Thursdays.

Main Activities: Nut Sale, Christmas Cookie Sale, Church Bazaar

Curriculum: Pre-School Education, including teaching of the Armenian Language.

Future Plans: Fund Raising.

OPERATING FUND - PARISH COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Year ended December 31, 1967

REVENUES

Pledges:

	Actual	Budget
Current year	\$ 57,250	\$ 78,000
Prior years	10,680	17,000
Plates and candles	6,357	7,000
Gifts and requiems	5,613	6,000
Christmas and Easter offerings	2,132	2,000
Annual and Special Activities		
Picnic and New Year's Eve	5,217	5,000
Bazaar	12,716	-0-
K. Kasparian Concert	1,412	-0-
Interest earned on Saving Accounts	683	750
Building rentals:		
Church organizations	2,200	2,950
Others	27,854	22,000
Bequest - Armenag Sarajian	2,015	-0-
Miscellaneous		
Church	2,867	3,000
Building services	4,622	5,500
	TOTAL REVENUES	\$141,618
		\$149,200

EXPENDITURES

Salaries, wages and stipends:

Priests, including expense allowance	15,968	16,000
Other church salaries	5,422	5,250
Office	10,752	11,500
Youth Director	5,980	6,000
Building maintenance	21,756	20,000
Temporary help	1,807	3,500
Payroll taxes	1,743	2,000
Insurance, including employee benefits	7,556	6,000
Utilities	11,968	12,000
Telephone and telegraph	2,339	2,200
Postage and freight	1,196	1,500
Supplies:		
Church	1,921	2,000
Office	1,009	1,500
Buildings and ground	6,631	6,000
Repairs and maintenance:		
Current year	2,018	5,000
Provision for future years	5,000	2,500
Printing expenses, including annual report	3,453	3,500
Visiting clergy expenses	542	750
Travel expense	38	100
Armenian School expenses	3,260	5,000
Advertising and miscellaneous contributions	507	450
Capital improvements	3,956	2,500
Diocese dues, including \$400 for Etchmiadzin	8,800	7,800
Detroit Council of Churches dues	300	300
Wayne State University Armenian Studies	215	215
Contributions:		
New Church Building - Parish Council	10,750	10,000
New Church Building - Other Organizations	4,250	-0-
Armenian Congregational Church	2,000	2,000
Miscellaneous expenses	2,292	3,635
Deficit Recovery	-0-	10,000
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$143,429
	REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ (1,811)

PROPOSED BUDGET — For Calendar Year 1968

ESTIMATED REVENUES	Estimate 1968
Pledges	
Current Year	\$ 64,400.00
Prior Year	12,000.00
Rentals:	
Member Church Organizations	2,950.00
Hall Rentals	25,000.00
Plates and Candles	7,000.00
Gifts and Requiems	6,000.00
Christmas and Easter Offerings	2,500.00
Annual Activities	
Picnic	2,000.00
New Year's Eve	3,000.00
Interest on Savings	750.00
Sacraments	3,000.00
Miscellaneous Hall and Office	5,000.00
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	Total
	\$133,600.00
 ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	
Salaries and Stipends:	
Clergymen	
Salaries	\$ 7,500.00
Home Allowance	2,928.00
Auto & Utilities Allowance	5,500.00
Total	\$ 15,928.00
Church:	
Sexton	1,500.00
Choir Director	2,500.00
Organist	770.00
Total	4,770.00
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Secretarial	8,216.00
Building	21,788.00
Extra Help	2,500.00
Youth Director	5,980.00
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Total Salaries	\$ 59,182.00
Payroll Tax Expense	1,800.00
Employee Benefits	2,700.00
Insurance Expense	4,500.00
Capital Addition (Auto)	2,500.00
Repair & Maintenance of Facilities:	
General & Service Contracts	3,000.00
Parking Lot	5,000.00
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Total Repairs	8,000.00
Provision for future repairs	2,500.00
Utilities	12,000.00
Supplies:	
Church	2,000.00
Office	1,000.00
Building	6,500.00
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Total Supplies	9,500.00
Postage and Freight	1,200.00
Telegraph and Telephone	2,200.00
Printing:	
Torchbearer and other	3,000.00
Advertising and Publications	250.00
Armenian School Expense	4,000.00
Visiting Clergy	1,000.00
Travel Expense, Clergy & Delegates	300.00
Dues - Diocese and Etchmiadzin	8,900.00
Contribution - New Church	9,250.00
Contribution - Detroit Council of Churches	300.00
Wayne State University Armenian Studies	215.00
Miscellaneous Contributions	303.00
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Total Anticipated Expenditures	\$133,600.00

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT
IN-LIEU-OF-FLOWERS FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES
IN BANK BALANCES
Year ended December 31, 1967

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Apostolic Society</u>	<u>Others</u>
Cash In Bank At January 1, 1967	\$1,652.58	\$1,647.08	\$ 5.50
*CASH RECEIPTS (Contributions in memory of):			
Hovsep Vartanian	115.00	115.00	
Rose Kassarian	171.00	171.00	
Charles (Garabed) Mardigian	69.00	69.00	
Leon (Levon) Barsamian	513.06	513.06	
Anna Hunagont Bagdasarian	5.00	5.00	
Beatrice Virtanessian	301.00	301.00	
Roupen Yessayan	203.00	203.00	
Harry Rapiel (Rapielian)	209.00	209.00	
Haig Sohigian	451.00	451.00	
Vartan Ovhanessian	581.00	290.50	290.50
Aghavni Torosian	625.00	312.50	312.50
Armanan Anna Sohigian	90.00	90.00	
Pepron Hovnanian	37.00	37.00	
Jack Roushanian	98.00	98.00	
Richard Seahawk	10.00	10.00	
Setrak John Mendeljian	115.00	115.00	
Onnig (John) Krikorian	262.00	87.34	174.66
Nishan Baharozian	673.00	341.50	331.50
Nishan Aghababian	182.00	100.00	82.00
Lucy Mikaelian	1,984.75	1,984.75	
Yervant Kasparian	73.00	73.00	
Noucherunanig Daigian	78.00	39.00	39.00
John Fundukian	1,062.42	536.21	526.21
Veronica Karabajakian	462.00	462.00	
Aghavni Partogian	578.00	289.00	289.00
Fred K. Sohigian	2,053.00	1,026.50	1,026.50
Garabed C. Mihertadian	325.27	325.27	
Agnes Jibilian	173.00	173.00	
Oski Karabajakian	282.00	141.00	141.00
Mugrdich Stambouljian	926.00	926.00	
Takoohy Avedisian	386.00	386.00	
Garabed Kahayian	874.00	874.00	
Elizabeth Katchadurian	113.00	113.00	
Elizabeth Nazarian	120.00	120.00	
John Bahlavooni	65.00	32.50	32.50
Krikor George Misserlian	97.00	97.00	
Edward Matheson	750.00	750.00	
George J. Bahadurian	4,041.00	4,041.00	
Garabed (Charles) Minasian	100.00	100.00	
Vahan Dakasian	65.00	65.00	
Propion Sayranian	11.00	11.00	
Helen Hegine Karajian	18.00	18.00	
Ohanes Karibian	118.00	118.00	
Osan Keoplelian	175.00	175.00	
Harry Giragosian	258.00	258.00	
Vahan Garabedian	6.00	6.00	
Arthur Sarchian	216.00	216.00	
Esgouhy (Agnes) Krikorian	52.00	13.00	39.00
Nishan Apkarian	115.00	115.00	
Garabed Hoplamazian	5,249.00	5,249.00	
George (Karnig) Nakashian	76.00	76.00	
John Onnig Avakian	1,063.00	531.50	531.50
Mary Mekjian	350.00	175.00	175.00
Arpine Aznavorian	248.00	62.00	186.00
Mike M. Zarzorlian	73.00	73.00	
Elmon Bynderian	\$ 373.01	\$ 93.25	\$ 279.76

IN-LIEU-OF-FLOWERS FUND (con't)

Ruth Ekizian	1,731.00	1,731.00	
Sarah Vosgianian	899.00	899.00	
Garabed (Charles) Vahratian	617.00	617.00	
Charles Astourian	809.00	809.00	
Khoren Geragosian	135.00	80.00	55.00
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	\$31,920.51	\$27,398.88	\$4,511.83
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:			
Baikar Assn., Inc.	290.50		290.50
Eritassart Hayastan	486.00		486.00
Lraper Publication	87.33		87.33
Soorp Purgeech Hospital - Istambul	376.33		376.33
Pan Sepastia Rehab. Un., Inc.	857.71		857.71
Heart Fund	41.00		41.00
Social Dem. Hunchakian Assn.	41.00		41.00
St. Sarkis Armenian Church	39.00		39.00
A. G. B. U.	1,166.38		1,166.38
Everek & Fenese Society	706.50		706.50
Hama Erzinga	186.00		186.00
Armenian Relief Society	139.88		139.88
American Cancer Society	39.00		39.00
Needy of Palou	55.00		55.00
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	\$ 4,511.83		\$ 4,511.83
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CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1967	\$ 174.92		
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* - This report is on a cash basis. Contributions for In-Lieu-of-Flowers not received as of December 31, 1967, will be reported with our 1968 statement.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF CHURCH AUXILIARIES
MEN'S SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS
Year ended December 31, 1967

CASH IN BANK AND ON HAND AT DECEMBER 31, 1966	\$2,132.82
 CASH RECEIPTS:	
Pre-Meeting dinners	\$ 690.05
Fisher Theater Trip	423.00
Membership Dues	279.00
Mystery Trip	266.00
New Years Raffle (1967)	210.00
Prior New Year Raffle	139.40
Key Chains	91.00
50-50 Raffle	41.25
Miscellaneous	50.28
Total	\$2,189.98
 CASH DISBURSEMENTS:	
Church Building Fund	\$2,200.00
Pre-Meeting dinners	829.32
Fisher Theater Trip	310.00
Mystery Trip	243.84
New Years Raffle (1967)	85.50
Postage	40.00
Minor Activities	93.15
Miscellaneous	32.80
Total	\$3,834.61
LESS: excess of cash disbursements over receipts	\$1,644.63
CASH IN BANK AND ON HAND - DECEMBER 31, 1967	\$ 488.19

LADIES' AUXILIARY

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year ended December 31, 1967

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1966 \$2,309.93

CASH RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 716.00
Gifts	499.85
Vartanantz - net profit	786.09
Michink - net profit	339.12
Hampartzoum - net profit	499.17
Crosses	14.00
Interest income	120.75
Mas Donation	250.00
Labor for New Year's Eve Celebration	300.00
45th Anniversary - additional	275.00
Bake Sales	459.16
Meeting dinners - net profit	84.16
Avak Thursday	30.66
International Bazaar - net profit	1,139.92

Total \$5,513.88

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Payment-Building Pledge	\$3,000.00
Flowers	74.00
Gifts	75.00
Printing	354.94
Postage	16.70
Miscellaneous	272.04

\$3,792.68

Add: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements over
cash receipts \$1,721.20

CASH ON HAND AND IN BANKS - December 31, 1967

Savings account	\$2,154.13
Checking account	1,877.00

\$4,031.13

WOMEN'S GUILD
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS
Year ended December 31, 1967

CASH IN BANKS AT DECEMBER 31, 1966

Manufacturer's National Bank (Checking)	\$ 261.85
Standard Federal Savings & Loan (Savings)	890.75

Total Cash and Investment - January 1, 1967	\$1,152.60	\$1,152.60
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CASH RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 358.00
Fall Bake Sale 1966	2.00
Hye Hullabaloo 1966	27.54
Spring Bake Sale 1967	190.16
Fall Bake Sale 1967	206.00
Raffles	31.85
Skirt Rental	70.00
Lenten Luncheon	325.88
Mother & Daughter Banquet	2,508.26
Detroit Council of Churches Dinner	96.00
Diocesan Assembly Luncheon & Dinner	350.00
Highland Park Lions Club Dinner	142.28
T. V. Station Outing	62.50
Narine Dance Group	50.00
Gifts and Donations	25.00
December Dinner Dance	3,005.72
Christmas Dinner	302.42
Christmas Project	39.87
Interest Earned on Savings	43.07

Total	7,836.55
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CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Christmas Project 1966	\$ 12.45
Visiting Committee 1966	3.64
Secretarial Supplies and Mailings	126.42
Films and Processing	29.34
Lenten Luncheon	161.75
Mother and Daughter Banquet	1,307.73
Detroit Council of Churches Dinner	51.60
Diocesan Assembly Luncheon & Dinner	350.00
Gifts & Donations	184.58
T. V. Station Outing	51.00
Narine Dance Group	50.00
Miscellaneous Supplies	4.00
December Dinner Dance	1,462.65
Armenian Apostolic Society	1,000.00
Christmas Dinner	187.75
Christmas Project	40.00

Total	\$5,022.91
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Add: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements	\$2,813.64
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CASH IN BANKS - DECEMBER 31, 1967

Manufacturer's National Bank (Checking)	\$3,032.42
Standard Federal Savings & Loan (Savings)	933.82

	\$3,966.24
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ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION
OF AMERICA
SENIOR CHAPTER
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS
Year ended December 31, 1967

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1966 \$1,784.06

CASH RECEIPTS

Membership dues	& 279.00
Special activities:	
Eastern Melodies	141.00
Spring Spectacular	1,170.68
ACYOA Day	302.50
Picnics	402.80
November Dance	916.57
Ski Trip	362.00
Coca Cola	287.30
Miscellaneous activities (Net)	174.57

Total \$4,036.42

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

ACYOA Central Council Taxes	\$ 596.75
Church Building Fund	500.00
Delegates Expenses	315.00
Central Council dues and fees	176.00
Special Activities:	
Eastern Melodies	411.32
Spring Spectacular	537.88
ACYOA Day	332.43
Picnics	306.74
November Dance	570.54
Ski Trip	392.60
Coca Cola	165.62
Postage	211.16
Donations	225.00
Miscellaneous	125.96

Total \$4,867.00

Less: excess of cash disbursements over cash receipts \$ 830.58

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1967 \$ 953.48

**ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION
OF AMERICA
JUNIOR CHAPTER**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS
Year ended December 31, 1967**

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1966		\$514.87
* CASH RECEIPTS	\$1,415.18	
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:		
Regional Conference	30.00	
Retreat	319.76	
Central Council Dues	89.00	
Central Council Taxes	119.35	
Father's Day	557.25	
Trips and Socials	84.23	
Postage and Stationery	53.67	
Father's Day - 1966	130.00	
Miscellaneous	81.23	
	Total	
	\$1,464.49	
Less: Excess of disbursements over receipts		\$ 49.31
CASH IN BANKS - DECEMBER 31, 1967		
Savings Account	220.31	
Checking Account	245.25	
		\$465.56

NOTE:- * Detailed records of receipts not available. The complete audited Financial Report will be given at the meeting.

KOMITAS CHOIR

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS Year ended December 31, 1967

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1966 \$ 489.83

CASH RECEIPTS:

Plate collections and donations	\$ 867.68
Annual affair - joint recital	744.35
Liturgy books	281.80
Gift for Choir Director	334.75
Diocesan Assembly Reception	215.00

Total \$2,443.58

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Dues and plate collections to Central Council	195.68
Delegate expenses to AACCA Assembly	100.00
Liturgy books	682.00
Gift for Choir Director	430.50
1966 Annual Affair - dinner	12.50
1967 Annual Affair - recital	336.00
Diocesan Assembly Reception	215.00
Gifts and flowers	115.18
Miscellaneous	61.53

Total \$2,148.39

ADD: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements \$ 295.19

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1967 \$ 785.02

ALTAR GUILD

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS Year ended December 31, 1967

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1966		\$97.59
LESS CASH DISBURSEMENTS:		
Materials	\$40.35	
Hangers for Vestments	10.30	
Miscellaneous Expense	1.00	51.65
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CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1967		\$45.94

LIBRARY GUILD

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS Year Ended December 31, 1967

CASH IN BANK DECEMBER 31, 1966		\$1,340.13
CASH RECEIPTS:		
Grosse Pointe Fair	\$ 979.15	
Dues	24.00	
Bake Sale	185.73	
Northland Festival	1,090.40	
Bank Interest	35.55	
Donations	732.52	
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Total	\$3,047.35	
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CASH DISBURSEMENTS:		
Grosse Pointe Fair	\$ 182.68	
Bake Sale	41.07	
Northland Festival	98.78	
Furniture	423.18	
Books	73.90	
Stationery & Misc.	84.23	
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Total	\$ 903.84	
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ADD: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements		2,143.51
CASH IN BANK DECEMBER 31, 1967		\$3,483.64

CHURCH SCHOOL P. T. A.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS Year Ended December 31, 1967

CASH IN BANK DECEMBER 31, 1966 \$2,645.29

CASH RECEIPTS:

Membership dues	\$ 44.50
1967 Camp Income	3,661.00
Talent Show	340.70
Bowling Income	191.00
Pancake Lunch	140.00
Donations - Picnic	280.00

Total \$4,657.20

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

1966 Camp - partial	\$1,976.26
1967 Camp	3,915.37
Talent Show	249.10
Bowling	281.39
Dinner Meetings - net	21.73
Pancake Lunch	194.27
Picnic	165.92
Communion Breakfasts	181.44
Miscellaneous	27.30

Total \$7,012.78

Less: excess of cash disbursements over cash receipts \$2,355.58

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1967 \$ 289.71

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Year ended December 31, 1967

CASH IN BANKS AT DECEMBER 31, 1966

Checking account	\$1,818.12	
Savings account - Building Fund	252.49	
Savings account	3,694.82	5,765.43

CASH RECEIPTS:

Offerings (regular):		
Primary	1,033.01	
Junior	1,080.02	
Senior	933.41	
Assembly	228.29	
Special offerings:		
Birthdays	257.00	
Book Sales	205.60	
Baptismal Font	1,064.81	
Lenten offering	591.39	
Easter offering	316.15	
Christmas offering (1966)	208.59	
Gifts and donations	97.00	
Staff Photos (additional)	3.00	
Exchange Items:		
Christmas party (Kindergarten share) 1966	20.00	
Interest earned	269.66	

Total \$6,307.93

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Lesson material	\$1,837.43	
Books and publications	31.87	
Postage and Stationery	238.70	
Supplies	145.22	
Miscellaneous	6.00	
Scholarship	100.00	
Petty cash	25.00	
Office supplies	24.59	
Books - Resale	69.92	
Teachers' gifts	54.00	
Lenten Cans and expenses	8.15	
Graduation Reception	33.00	
Flowers	7.50	
Awards	17.62	
Travel expense	6.00	
Baptismal Font pledge	2,000.00	
Christmas dinner (additional) 1966	4.10	
Christmas dinner 1967	126.54	
Exchange items:		
Library fund	440.75	
Gifts	8.60	

Total \$5,184.99

Add: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements

\$1,122.94

CASH IN BANKS - DECEMBER 31, 1967

Checking account	\$1,151.09	
Savings account - Building Fund	731.06	
Savings account	5,006.22	

\$6,888.37

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS Year Ended December 31, 1967

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1966 \$ 112.10

CASH RECEIPTS:

Parish Council Subsidy	\$1,800.00
Book Sales	159.75
Tuition	498.00
Donations	269.00
Hantes (June)	277.29

Total \$3,004.04

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Teachers salaries	\$1,990.00
Refreshments & Lunch	32.88
Advertising	25.00
Costumes	9.43
Photo	10.00
Teaching aids	29.84
Workshop (Teacher training)	150.00
Hantes (June)	268.82
Postage	4.40
Staff dinner	33.28
Music & supplies	38.19
Hantes (January)	32.58

Total \$2,624.42

Add: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements \$ 379.62

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1967 \$ 491.72

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN KINDERGARTEN

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended December 31, 1967

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1966		\$ 94.37
CASH RECEIPTS:		
Offerings:		
Kindergarten	\$545.16	
Birthday	23.03	
Lenten (Building Fund)	89.00	
Sales of pictures	15.00	
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	Total	\$672.19
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CASH DISBURSEMENTS:		
Textbooks and teaching material	\$351.86	
Supplies	41.31	
Juice, cookies, etc.	134.24	
Postage	2.00	
Staff Group Pictures	67.00	
Staff Christmas dinner	20.00	
Picture Frames	50.00	
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	Total	\$666.41
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Add: excess of Cash receipts over cash disbursements		\$ 5.78
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CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1967		\$100.15
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ARMENIAN CO-OPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS Year ended December 31, 1967

CASH ON HAND AND IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1966 \$504.82

CASH RECEIPTS:

Tuition	\$3,540.80
Registration Fees	170.00
Insurance Charges	62.00
Nut Sales	1,507.95
Cookie Sales	197.50
Tiles Sales	27.25

Total \$5,505.50

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Cost of Nuts	\$1,159.38
Teacher's Salaries	2,332.00
Groceries	120.32
Play Supplies and New Equipment	734.08
Office Supplies	30.38
Postage	18.50
Dues and Subscription	68.75
Repairs and Improvements	61.49
Meeting Expense	47.10
Loan Repayment on Fence	410.00
Petty Cash Expenses	55.00
Refunds - Registration	10.00
Insurance Premiums	36.80

Total \$5,083.80

Add: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements \$421.70

CASH ON HAND AND IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1967 \$926.52

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. George Keurajian, Chairman
2. Dr. Dennis Papazian
3. Martin Manoogian

NOMINATIONS

CANDIDATES FOR PARISH COUNCIL

(5 to be elected for 2-year term)

1. Stephen Boyajian (incumbent)
2. Adam Karapetian
3. Harry Kezelian (incumbent)
4. Edward B. Korkoian
5. Prof. George M. Kurajian (incumbent)
6. Norman Messelian
7. Garbis Ohanian
8. Dicron Tafralian (incumbent)
9. Charles Takessian
10. Dr. John Toomajanian

AUDITING COMMITTEE

(elected 1967)

1. Garbis Ohanian (3-year term)
2. John Bahadurian (2-year term)
3. Albert P. Semonian (1-year term)

CANDIDATES FOR AUDITING COMMITTEE

(1 to be elected)

1. Richard Aginian
2. Albert P. Semonian (incumbent)

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING CHURCH MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

“Members who fail to pay their dues for one or more years thereby automatically forfeit their right to vote or hold office in parish meetings and are subject to the provisions of this article, unless they pay all their dues in areas of the dues of the period covering not less than the last four years.”

Article 8 under the heading of “Parish Assembly” of the By Laws of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

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