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ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

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

Friday

February 28, 1969

8:00 P.M.

ARMENIAN CULTURAL BUILDING

22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield Michigan

A G E N D A

1. Opening Prayer
2. Verification of Eligible Voters
3. Election of Parish Assembly Officers (Chairman and Secretary)
4. Minutes of the 1968 Annual Parish Assembly
5. Election:
 - a. Partial election of Parish Council (6)
 - b. Partial election of Auditors (2)
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. Pledge Committee Report
12. In Lieu-of-Flowers Donations Report
13. Apostolic Society Report
14. Statistical Reports and Financial Statements of Church Auxiliaries
(Oral reports by chairmen of respective Auxiliary Organizations)
15. Auditors' Report
16. Diocesan Delegates Report
17. Proposals to the Diocesan Assembly (by the Parish Assembly)
18. New Business
19. Election Results
20. Adjournment and Benediction

PARISH COUNCIL

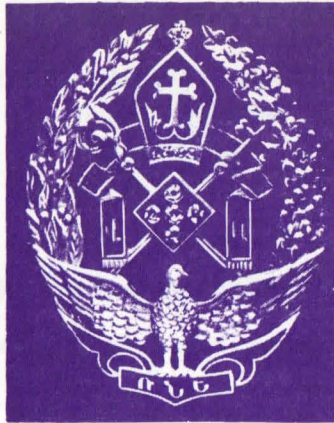
VERY REV. YEGHISHE V. GIZIRIAN
Senior Pastor

REV. FR. DIRAN PAPAZIAN
Pastor

PRESIDENT

MARTIN P. APKARIAN
Chairman

GARBIS OHANIAN
Secretary



PATRIARCHAL VISIT OF HIS HOLINESS

St. John's Armenian Church of Greater Detroit and the Armenian Community were honored by a pontifical visit of His Holiness, Lord Lord Vasken I, Catholicos and Supreme Patriarch of All Armenians, to our city for the second time in a decade. The Vehapar visited the Detroit community from Friday, May 10, through Monday, May 13, 1968 following His consecration of the new St. Vartan's Armenian Cathedral in New York City. His Holiness' entourage included Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of our Diocese; Bishop Komitas Der Stepanian, Primate of the Diocese of Georgia, Gerogian S.S.R.; The Very Rev. Nerses Bozabalian, Staff-bearer and the Rector of the Etchmiadzin Theological Seminary; Mr. Artoon Hadidian, Editor of the Etchmiadzin monthly; and Bishop Karekin Kazanjian, Primate of Australia.

His Holiness took this occasion to consecrate the Altar of our new Church with a pontifical Divine Liturgy, on Sunday, May 12. A solemn banquet was held in honor of His Holiness on Sunday evening in the Armenian Cultural Building.

Vehapar left Detroit on Monday, May 13, leaving the Detroit community with rich and fond memories of a historic and memorable weekend with the Supreme Patriarch and head of their Church.

PASTORAL REPORT For The Year of 1968

Dear Parishioners,

With the grace and mercy of God another year has elapsed in the life of our church.

The year of our Lord 1968 was a significant year and will remain ever memorable in the annals of our community life with the pontifical visit of His Holiness, L. L. Vasken I Catholicos of All Armenians. His Holiness made his second historic visit to the United States to consecrate our Mother Cathedral in New York on April 28, 1968, and on this occasion His Holiness graced his flock in Detroit during the days of May 11-13 and consecrated our Main Altar on Sunday, May 12, officiating at a pontifical Divine Liturgy. His Holiness' visit was an occasion of inspiration for our community and rededication for greater achievements in the vineyard of our Lord.

It is indeed gratifying to review the harvest of a year's endeavors and welcome the challenge of the year ahead of us. The Pastors brought their share in the spiritual, religious and cultural efforts of our large community in administrative capacity.

We, herewith, submit to our Parish Assembly for review a brief account of some phases of our pastoral overall activities and accomplishments during the year of our Lord 1968.

WORSHIP

The Pastors conducted Divine Liturgy every Sunday. Sermons were given in both Armenian and English, without exception, during all the Sundays of the year. Divine Liturgy and other church ceremonies were also conducted on special occasions throughout the year as follows:

THEOPHANY EVE (Fri., January 5)

Badarak was celebrated on Friday evening prior to Holy Theophany.
ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS OR COMMEMORATION OF THE FEAST OF

THEOPHANY (Sat., 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.

Also on this occasion Christmas Holy Communion was administered to the pupils of our Armenian and Church Schools.

BLESSING OF WATERS, "CHURORHNEK" (Sun., January 7)

This ceremony was performed in commemoration of Christ's Baptism on Armenian Christmas.

FEAST OF ST. VARTANANTZ (Thurs., February 22)

Badarak was celebrated on Thursday morning on the day of the feast.

SUNRISE SERVICES (Mar. 3-Mar. 31)

These services were performed during the Sundays of Lent following closed Lenten Badarak.

LENTEN VIGIL SERVICES "Peace and Rest Hours" (Feb. 28-Apr. 3)

These services were held every Wednesday during the Lenten period.

TRUNPATZEK CEREMONY "Opening the Curtains of the Altar"
(Sun., Apr. 7)

This special ceremony was conducted on Palm Sunday following Divine Liturgy.

HOLY WEEK was observed with the following services and ceremonies:

MAUNDY THURSDAY (Thurs., Apr. 11)

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

FEET-WASHING CEREMONY "VODNALUVA" (Thurs., Apr. 11)

This special ceremony was conducted on the evening of Great Thursday.

BETRAYAL OF CHRIST "KHAVAROOM" (Thurs., Apr. 11)

This ceremony, with the service of "Tenebrae," was conducted on Thursday evening.

CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST "TRE-ORE" SERVICES ON GOOD FRIDAY
(Fri., Apr. 12)

The Good Friday Services were conducted on Good Friday noon, in English, for the benefit of our younger generation.

BURIAL OF CHRIST "TAGHOOM" (Fri., Apr. 12)

The ceremonies of the Burial of Christ were conducted on Good Friday evening.

EASTER HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES (Sat., Apr. 13)

Special Badarak was performed and Easter Holy Communion was administered to the Armenian and Church School pupils on Saturday morning prior to Easter.

EASTER EVE "JURAKALOUYTZ" (Sat., Apr. 13)

Badarak was offered as Easter Eve Celebration on Saturday evening.

A DEMONSTRATED BADARAK (Sun., Apr. 21)

A Demonstrated Badarak, with commentary, was presented in our Church as part of Interfaith Youth Seminar to the youth groups of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Roman Catholic Church and Shaarey Zedek Synagogue on Sunday evening.

BLESSING OF "MADAGH" (Sun., Apr. 21)

Following Badarak madagh was blessed in memory of the martyrs of the great massacre.

GRAPEBLESSING CEREMONY "KHAGHOGHORHNEK" (Sun., Aug. 18)

The ceremony of Grape Blessing was conducted on the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God.

ANTASDAN "Blessing of Four Corners of the World"

This ceremony was performed on major Feast Days during the morning hour preceding the Solemn High Mass.

FESTIVE ANTASDAN (Sun., Sept. 15)

This processional Antasdan was conducted on the Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross following Badarak.

PONTIFICAL PRAYER SERVICE "HAYRABEDAGAN MAGHTANK"

These services were conducted on various occasions according to our church calendar including the Name Day of the Catholicos, (Sun., Feb. 25); Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin (Sun., May 23); The Twelfth Anniversary of the Consecration of His Holiness, the Catholicos (Sun., Oct. 6)

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES (Tues., Dec. 24)

Candlelight ceremony was conducted on Christmas Eve (Tues., Dec. 24 midnight) in English for our young people sponsored by the ACYOA.

HOKEHANKIST, "REQUIEM SERVICE"

Hokehankist was conducted almost every Sunday as requested by parishioners and also special Hokehankist was conducted on special occasions as directed by the Diocese or our Church calendar.

SACRAMENTS AND RITES

The following services have been duly recorded in our Parish Registry for 1968:

BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS, 70. In addition to this number, 17 adult baptisms and confirmations were separately administered as a result of conversion cases from non-Armenian faiths to the Armenian Apostolic faith in connection with inter marriages.

WEDDINGS, 32. Several **BETROTHALS** were also performed.

FUNERALS, 76.

The Pastors, also on occasions, visited different communities under Diocesan order for the celebration of Badarak and to conduct funerals and other rites or services.

On three occasions the parish of East St. Louis, Missouri was visited by our Pastors to celebrate **DIVINE LITURGY**.

A **WEDDING** was conducted in London, Ontario in Canada.

Two **FUNERALS** were conducted in Cleveland, Ohio, another in Toledo, Ohio and one in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Also a **MEMORIAL SERVICE** was conducted in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

PASTORAL VISITATIONS

This is a very important service which is rendered by the Pastors to the best of their ability, in order to cement good relations between the church and its members. 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 and necessity; and spiritual guidance was extended to engaged couples as a preparation for their forthcoming marriage.

The Pastors who initiated the Visitation and Census Program gave their utmost attention to its proper adaptation and implementation. The Visitation and Census Program was conducted a year ago successfully by the Parish Visitation and Census Committee. The members of this committee with ardent eagerness and under the dedicated leadership of Dr. Dennis Papazian, touched about one thousand families in the Metropolitan area securing valuable data about them which hopefully will be utilized by the Church in the coming years. The Pastors will continue, to the best of their ability, to give full satisfaction to the spiritual needs of our parishioners.

Also in this respect it is worth mentioning the successful series of fellowship dinners for our parishioners which were initiated during the latter part of 1968, under the guidance of the Pastors, Visitation and Pledge Committee to create close contact and relationship between the parishioners and the church. This project of fellowship dinners was an innovation for our parish and proved to be very worthwhile since it generated a considerable amount of enthusiasm among our parishioners at which time, for the first time, they signed their pledge cards on a collective basis.

MEETINGS

The Pastors presided over the numerous meetings of the Parish Council and church organizations, including some executive body meetings and standing committees throughout the year. They offered prayers and gave their advice and guidance whenever needed.

The Pastors made some out-of-town trips to participate in meetings on the Diocesan level. They represented our church with their attendance and participation in the historic CONSECRATION OF ST. VARTAN CATHEDRAL in New York by His Holiness, Vasken I on Sunday, April 28. They participated in the DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY AND CLERGY CONFERENCE following the Consecration, which was convened in the Diocesan Center during the first week of May, presided by His Holiness.

Our church was also represented in the ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ACYOA in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin during Labor Day weekend. Unfortunately the Pastors could not attend the ANNUAL SUMMER CLERGY CONFERENCE held in Wisconsin August 27-29.

CHURCH PUBLICATIONS

The TORCH BEARER "JAHAGIR," official paper of our parish, published monthly and occasionally bi-monthly during 1968, was sent to a church mailing list of approximately 1,800. Other publications were: ANNUAL REPORTS BOOKLET FOR 1967; special brochures on the occasions of the visit of His Holiness, Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians and the Testimonial Dinner of Messrs: Alex Manoogian and Edward Mardigian. A Choir Assembly Booklet was published on the occasion of the 22nd Annual Assembly of the Armenian Church Choirs of America convened for the fourth time in Detroit last October. Sunday Church Bulletins were prepared and distributed to the congregation by the Ushers Corps every Sunday uninterruptedly. Special

Church Sunday Bulletins were also prepared on the occasion of Armenian Feast Days. A booklet containing the Order of the Consecration of the Baptismal Font was prepared on the occasion of the consecration of the newly built Baptismal Font on January 28.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

St. John's Armenian Church and the AGBU have pulled their resources together in order to promote Armenian Arts and Culture in our community as effectively as possible. Many cultural programs were presented to the community in the Armenian Cultural Building. We thank Messrs: Edward Mardigian, President of AGBU Midwest District and Mihran Kupelian, Executive Secretary of the Midwest District who were instrumental in developing such a program as this.

To mention some of the highlights of cultural life: AGBU Annual Founders Day in April; Second Armenian Education Week under the joint sponsorship of Church and AGBU October 14-28; Levon Jamgochian, Art Exhibit, November 17-25.

In cultural life special mention should be made of the Cultural Society from Istanbul (CSAI) who enriched the cultural and social life of our community with its Annual Concert, Youth Chorus, Annual Benefit Dance and many other activities.

Other activities such as the AGBU Third Annual Cotillion, Annual Banquets and programs of different church and community organizations, joint Jubilee Celebration for Armenian Newspapers 45th Anniversary of "Baikar," Armenian Daily, and the 35th Anniversary of "The Armenian Mirror Spectator," conventions and assembly meetings of different national organizations have greatly enhanced our cultural and social life.

We should also mention that for the sake of Armenian culture the Pastors took time in presenting cultural and spiritual messages on the Armenian Radio Hour to our Armenian community.

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

Our Church is an official member of METROPOLITAN DETROIT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (MDCC). The Council of Churches is comprised of some 900 churches in the Metropolitan area of Detroit. The Pastors attended meetings whenever possible and served on the Board of Directors as well as serving on various departments. Our Youth Director, Deacon Nersess Jebejian also served in various Departments of the Division of Service. In addition, Deacon Nersess is an officer of the Department of Youth Ministry of National Council of Churches (NCC). In this capacity he attended meetings of the Youth Department, some of which were out-of-town meetings. It is also worth mentioning that Deacon Nersess attended, as an advisor, the Fourth Assembly of the WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES in Uppsala, Sweden (July 4-20).

Our clergymen are members of the SOUTHFIELD CLERGY ASSOCIATION which was formally organized last February embracing the clergy of all faiths having churches or synagogues in the Southfield and Lathrup Village

area. Fr. Diran Papazian is serving on the first Executive Committee of the Association as Treasurer. Our clergy have displayed leadership and actively participated in the activities sponsored by the Southfield Clergy Association. They also attended the meetings and participated in the activities of the DETROIT PASTORS' UNION, which is an organization of clergymen under the auspices of the MDCC.

The following are some of the meetings and inter-denominational services in which our Church was represented most of the time with an active participation by our clergy in the spirit of Ecumenical movement.

Our Church was represented in the CONSULTATION ON GOALS FOR MISSION planned by the National Council of Churches at the Statler Hilton Hotel (Jan. 18-Jan.20).

Our youth participated in a YOUTH RALLY sponsored by the Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches, the Catholic Archdiocesan Youth Committee and the Jewish Youth groups held at the University of Detroit Field House (Jan. 21).

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY with a special service at St. Anthony's Chapel at Duns Scotus College, sponsored by Southfield Clergy Association (Jan. 24).

Our church was represented by a member of our church in a PANEL DISCUSSION sponsored by the Church Women United which was held in the YWCA in Detroit (Feb. 2).

INSTITUTE OF JUDAISM at Temple Beth-el (Feb. 16).

A PUBLIC SERVICE sponsored by Detroit Inter-Denominational Ministers' Alliance at Cobo Hall (Feb. 29).

A SERMON was given as part of the ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICE SERIES at the North Congregational Church in Southfield (Mar. 12).

SLIDES were shown on "Vestments and Vessels" and "Divine Liturgy" at Westminster Church of Detroit and the Komitas Choir participated by singing (Mar. 13).

SLIDES on the "Divine Liturgy" were shown at the Trinity Church of Detroit (Mar. 14).

A PRAYER was offered at a Lenten Luncheon of Detroit Pastors' Union at the Central Methodist Church (Mar. 21).

Pastors attended a TESTIMONIAL LUNCHEON in tribute to Dr. G. Merrill Lenox upon his retirement as Executive Director of MDCC at the Founders Room of the Engineering Society of Detroit (Mar. 21).

Participation in INTER-FAITH MEMORIAL SERVICE, commemorating the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who was assassinated on April 4 in Memphis, Tennessee, sponsored by the Southfield Clergy Association, was held on the campus of Duns Scotus College (Apr. 7).

Presiding in the TRE-ORE SERVICES, held at Northland Auditorium, sponsored by the Southfield Clergy Association (Apr. 12).

Attending A RALLY OF HOPE (an interfaith response to crisis) at the University of Detroit Stadium on Easter Sunday afternoon (Apr. 14).

Attending the TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE CITY OF SOUTHFIELD at the Civic Center (Apr. 28).

The Pastors attended a FAREWELL DINNER OF GRATITUDE AND AGAPE in honor of Bishop Germanos, prelate of the Greek Church of Midwest on the occasion of his retirement, which was held at the Latin Quarter (May 22).

A SPEECH was given on the history and faith of the Armenian Church at the Highland Park Rotary Club (July 2).

Eastern Orthodox Faith was represented by a member of our Church on an INTERFAITH PANEL at the meeting of the Women's Guild of Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church (Sept. 17).

Attending as a guest at a LITURGICAL SERVICE on the feast day of St. Francis at Duns Scotus College (Oct. 4).

The Pastors attended a FESTIVAL OF CHRISTIAN RENEWAL by participating in an Ecumenical Dinner at the Diocesan Center of the Episcopal Church and then taking part in the procession for the installation of the new Executive Director of M.D.C.C. in St. Paul's Cathedral (Oct. 10).

The Pastors also attended the Observance Dinner of UNITED NATIONS' DAY at the Highland Park YWCA, which was sponsored by the Highland Park Lions Club. Archbishop Sion Manoogian offered the closing prayer and the Benediction (Oct. 23).

Participation in community THANKSGIVING EVE CELEBRATION held at Glenn Levy Junior High School in Southfield, sponsored by Southfield Clergy Association (Nov. 27).

The Clergy attended the DEDICATION CEREMONIES of the newly built Sts. Paul and Peter Assyrian Church in Southfield. Archbishop Sion Manoogian took part in the ceremonies, reading some of the prayers (Dec. 1).

The Pastors attended the DEDICATION CEREMONIES of St. Bede's Roman Catholic Church in Southfield (Dec. 13).

CHURCH TOURS

Our Church, with its unusual Armenian architectural style, since its consecration in November 1966, attracted numerous groups from many churches and organizations who visited the church and on these occasions our clergy gave these groups a comprehensive Church tour with lectures on the history and faith of the Armenian Church.

On occasions other members from the Church School staff assisted in this project by conducting church tours and introducing the Armenian Church to various groups, serving as guides, Deacon Nersess Jebejian, Mrs. Anoush Papelian, Miss Sirvart Mezian and Miss Louise Yeghissian.

A group of 60 young people with their pastors from the Franklin Methodist Church (Jan. 14).

One hundred students from Macomb College in Warren, Michigan (Jan. 14).

A group of Women from Ladies Guild of Covenant Baptist Church (Feb. 22).

A group from Young People's Fellowship of Northminster Presbyterian Church in Troy (Feb. 25).

A group from the First Methodist Church of Dearborn (Feb. 25).

Women from St. James Church (Mar. 5).

Guests from Deborah Circle of Beverly Hills Methodist Church (Mar. 7).

Some women from the Women's Group of Drayton Avenue Presbyterian Church (Mar. 14).

Youth from Senior Youth Fellowship of Aldersgate Methodist Church of Redford Township (Mar. 17).

Women from the United Presbyterian Church of Southfield (Mar. 19).

A group from Redford Presbyterian Church Women's Association (Mar. 27).

Highland Park Rotary Club (Apr. 6).

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Chapter of People to People had its April meeting at the Cultural Building. Mrs. Clara Dzovigian spoke and demonstrated Armenian folk dances and Mrs. Susie Hoogasian discussed Armenian legends and folk tales. A church tour was also conducted for the group (Apr. 16).

The Dearborn Woods United Presbyterian Church Women's Association (Apr. 27).

A group of students from the Social Studies class of Southfield High School (May 2).

A group from the Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Grand Blanc, Michigan (May 13).

A group of students from Epiphany Roman Catholic School in Detroit (May 22).

The Junior Youth Fellowship of Trinity Lutheran Church of Berkley attended Divine Liturgy and toured the Church School (May 26).

The Junior confirmation class of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (June 1).

Fifty Dearborn Teachers and Administrators were guests at our church. Zubel Kachadoorian the artist of our Madonna, discussed his art after the informative church tour given to them (June 25).

The youth group of Epiphany Lutheran Church (July 12).

Delegates of the American Romanian Orthodox Youth who were convening for their Annual Assembly at our neighboring St. George's Romanian Cathedral visited the church (Aug. 24).

One hundred women from Michigan Federation of Business and Professional Women attended our Church services on the occasion of the opening day of the National Business Women's Week (Oct. 20).

A group of 120 women from North Rosedale Park Women's Club (Nov. 1).

On Election Day, November 5, Mrs. Anoush Papelian spent the entire day giving Church Tours to those who made their request known (Nov. 5).

A group of female students from the Convent of Sacred Heart of Birmingham (Nov. 6).

VISITING CLERGY

Throughout the year we were privileged with the visitation of clergymen. The following clergy visited our church during the year of 1968.

THE MOST REV. ARCHBISHOP TIRAN NERSOYAN of New York visited Detroit on several occasions; January 11-13, February 2-6, April 3-5 and August 3. On one of these occasions he lectured to our youth on "The Problem of Unity within the Armenian Church" and on another occasion he gave the sermon.

THE REV. GAREN GDANIAN, Pastor of St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church of New York visited our parish on February 3-4, and celebrated Holy Badarak on Sunday, February 4.

DEACON HAGOP NERSOYAN, of Ohio visited Detroit on Several occasions. February 3-4, May 10-13, as interpreter for His Holiness, and on August 4, giving the sermon on that Sunday.

THE VERY REV. DIRAYR DERVISHIAN, Pastor of St. Sarkis of East Los Angeles visited our church on April 23 en route to New York to attend the Cathedral Consecration.

REV. FR. SHAHE ALTOONIAN, Pastor of Holy Trinity of Fresno, California visited our church on April 23 en route to New York to attend the Cathedral Consecration.

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, Primate, visited our parish on May 10-13 accompanying His Holiness, Vasken I. The Primate visited our parish on official business on July 20-21 and on this occasion he presided at the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, July 21 on the feast of "Vartavar" Transfiguration, and returned again for the Choir Convention on October 10-13. Surpazan Hayr was celebrant and preacher in our church on Sunday, October 13 and on this occasion he ordained seven acolytes.

BISHOP KAREKIN KAZANJIAN, Primate of Australia, visited our parish on May 10-13 accompanying His Holiness, Vasken I.

BISHOP KOMITAS DER STEPANIAN, Primate of Diocese of Georgia, Georgian SSR visited our parish on May 10-13 accompanying His Holiness Vasken I as a member of the official entourage of His Holiness.

THE VERY REV. NERSES BOZABALIAN, Staff-bearer of His Holiness, and Rector of the Etchmiadzin Theological Seminary accompanied Vehapar on May 10-13 as a member of the official entourage of His Holiness.

PROF. ARTOON HADIDIAN, Teacher at the Etchmiadzin Theological Seminary and Editor of "Etchmiadzin," official organ of Catholicate, visited our parish May 10-13, accompanying Vehapar as a member of the official entourage of His Holiness.

REV. FR. ARNAK KASPARIAN, Pastor of St. Thomas Church, New Jersey, visited our parish August 13-19. Der Hayr was celebrant and preacher on Sunday, August 18, on the occasion of "Verapokhoom" Feast of Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

ARCHBISHOP SEROVPE MANOUGIAN, Primate of France, was in our parish from October 4-7. Surpazan Hayr was celebrant and preacher on Sunday, October 6.

DEACON HOVANNES KASPARIAN, Executive Secretary of ACYOA, New York visited Detroit October 10-13 as a Central Council member of the Association of the Armenian Church Choirs of America (AACA) to attend the Choir Assembly.

FATHER JIRAYR TASHJIAN, of Toronto visited Detroit on October 10-13 as a delegate from his church to the Choir Assembly.

THE GREAT PROJECT OF ARMENIAN DAY SCHOOLS

The year 1969 promises to be an eventful year. After the historic pronouncement of AGBU for establishing Armenian Day Schools in America, we look forward with great anticipation to see the materialization soon of this greatest project ever undertaken which will open a golden page in our annals and will assure the survival of our future generations in this country.

In Detroit a general cultural committee has been organized already and steps have been taken to establish a Day School by next Fall. Detroit is indeed blessed as the home of AGBU national leaders, Messrs: Alex Manoogian and Edward Mardigian who are giving great impetus to this gigantic project. With the help of many dedicated fellow Armenians interested in this project, Detroit promises to be one of the first centers in America of the Eastern Diocese to be endowed with the construction of an Armenian Day School.

DEPARTURE OF ARCHBISHOP SION MANOOGIAN

After spending about a period of two years in Detroit as Resident Bishop, Archbishop Sion left Detroit in December to assume his new assignment as Patriarchal Delegate of Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia. He gave his farewell sermon on December 15 and a farewell dinner was given in his honor by the Parish Council on December 19, in the Armenian Cultural Building. During his residency in Detroit Archbishop Sion extended his fatherly assistance to our church and preached from our church pulpit on special occasions.

APPRECIATION

As an epilogue to this Report, it is very much in order to express our heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation to all our church organizations and standing committees for various projects and also to individual parishioners for their dedicated cooperation and unselfish service in the accomplishments of our activities. These all, undoubtedly, helped towards the development of a stronger church community. Our prayers are with all of them for their continuous dedication and their well being.

As we embark into another year, we ask your prayers and encouragement so that your humble servants, with the grace of God, may satisfactorily perform their tremendous tasks during the coming year of 1969 for the greater glory of God.

May the blessings and guidance of God be with you always.

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January 15, 1969

Dear Parishioners:

I am grateful for having had the pleasure to serve our Church and our people for the past eight years as a member and the chairman of the Parish Council. These years marked a period of great opportunity for development and growth, and I hope that I have made some small contribution to the vast expansion of church facilities and other development of new church programs that we have seen. Today, due to the efforts and leadership of many people, our Church is outstanding both in Metropolitan Detroit and certainly among our own Armenian Churches of the Diocese.

This great expansion of our church facilities and program has made the governing of the parish an especially difficult challenge. We are called upon now to raise unprecedented amounts of money to maintain the church's budget and to coordinate a multiplicity of programs. Just think for a moment of the complexity of our educational system alone – a Church School, Nursery School, Kindergarten, Sunday Armenian School, Saturday Armenian School, youth program, and youth camps – and all these need money and leadership of a quantity and quality never realized before.

It was with regret that I reached the decision not to offer to serve another term on the Parish Council. During this time of rapid change it would be exciting to continue in the work. Yet I feel more strongly now than ever before that our Church belongs to all of us and therefore it is every member's responsibility to support and serve it. If each of us does not accept the challenge and responsibility of properly supporting our Church, we are all in danger of seeing our community stagnate and even decay.

I am happy that during my term of office we have been able to comfortably move into our new facilities and to inaugurate an expanded program. These years of service have been made more enjoyable and productive due to the encouragement and cooperation of many of those with whom I have worked. I want to thank in particular the two fine clergymen of our parish, the officers of the Apostolic Society and all those members of the Parish Council who have served with me over the past eight years. My only hope now is that our expanded church program will receive the full and complete support of every member of our parish. As retiring chairman I see this as the most important issue facing us.

Sincerely,

MARTIN P. APKARIAN
Chairman, Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 1968

ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BODY

A joint meeting with the outgoing and incoming members of the Parish Council was held on March 5 under the presidency of the Very Rev. Yeghishe 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 1968-69 officers:

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

Appointments and Committees

The following members of the Parish Council were appointed to serve as the 1968-69 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	Edward B. Korkoian
Calouste Gulbenkian Armenian School	Garbis Ohanian
Armenian Cooperative Nursery School	Col. Parnag G. Adamian
Ladies' Auxiliary	Archie Yeghissian
Women's Guild	Dicron Tafraian
Men's Society	Harry A. Kezelian
Komitas Choir	John K. Semizian
ACYOA (Juniors and Seniors)	Albert Sarkisian
Church School PTA	George M. Kurajian
Library Guild	Michael Megregian

Standing Committees

Pledge	Michael Megregian
Membership	Archie Yeghissian
Armenian Cultural Building	John K. Semizian
Budget and Finance	Dicron Tafraian
	Martin P. Apkarian
	Harry A. Kezelian
	Edward B. Korkoian
	Garbis Ohanian

Books, Plates and Candles
In-Leiu-of-Flowers
Sacraments and Gifts
Cemetery

Hairbed Mikaelian
George M. Kurajian
George M. Kurajian
Martin P. Apkarian

Honorary Positions

Honorary Chairman
Honorary Member

Peter Manoogian
Hairbed Mikaelian

REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS DURING 1968

Special meetings were held with the Diocesan Delegates, various church auxiliary organizations and representatives of our Church Schools to solve problems that have arisen during the year. A total of 34 regular Parish Council meetings were held during the year.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, PLEDGE SYSTEM, FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

The Pledge Committee, found a complete apathy among many of our parishioners concerning the payment of their past dues. Even though a concerted effort was made by letters and phone calls, the response was not encouraging. At the beginning of 1968 a balance of \$28,000 was carried over from previous years. Of this amount \$9,000 has been collected this year. At the present time 180 parishioners are in arrears for more than \$19,000 in unpaid 1966 and 1967 pledges. One hundred of these parishioners have not completely paid their pledges for two years or more, and 80 have not completed their 1967 pledge.

The pledge chairman with the full support of the Parish Council, spent a great deal of time and effort to induce the membership to fulfill their obligation for 1968. By the end of the year \$60,000 had been collected. If each pledge paying member had paid in full we should have collected over \$78,000 in 1968. At the present time our deficit is \$18,000.

At the beginning of the year 1968, there were approximately 940 families on the church pledge membership list. A number of deaths, families moving away, and request for removal from the pledge list reduced our membership by some 20 members. However, 60 new families have increased our membership for 1969 to 980.

An earnest attempt was made to have all parishioners sign 1969 pledge cards. A series of four fellowship and information dinners were given. These dinners were an attempt to increase a feeling of fellowship, inform our membership about the church activities, benefits, its needs and financial status, and to sign a pledge card for 1969.

A total of 1162 invitations were mailed, one to each member on the membership list as well as approximately 200 non-members who belong to church affiliated organizations. A total of 500 parishioners were served at the four fellowship dinners. Most of the parishioners present signed their 1969 pledge card with many increasing their pledges.

The Parish Council and the pledge committee fervently hope that by the time this report is printed all parishioners will have signed their pledge cards for the year 1969 thus enabling us to meet its many obligations and responsibilities.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Mr. Martin Apkarian, chairman, has closely seen to the supervision and activities of our Cultural Building. The maintenance staff, under the supervision of Mr. Frank Bartholomew, has put forth tremendous efforts in keeping the building in excellent condition and by so doing making it a source of pride to our community.

CULTURAL BUILDING REPORT FOR THE YEAR OF 1968

Meetings held by the following organizations: Parish Council; Ladies' Auxiliary; Women's Guild; ACYOA Seniors; ACYOA Project Youth; Men's Society; Church School Teachers; Armenian School Teachers; Nursery School Teachers; AGBU Men; AGBU Women; AGBU Metropolitan; AGBU Youth Midwest, Apostolic Society; Michigan Home for the Armenian Aged; K. of V. Shavarshan Lodge; K. of V. Nareg Lodge, and D. of V. Zabelle Otyag Lodge.

The Detroit Bible Students meet every Monday and Wednesday.

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

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

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

Easter and Christmas Communion breakfasts were held for the children.

Fencing classes were held once a week.

A total of 55 paid rentals for the year.

Thirty church and affiliated group affairs were held.

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

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

The Komitas Choir Convention was held in October.

Four fellowship dinners for parishioners were given by the Membership Committee.

PARISH COUNCIL PLEDGE TO BUILDING FUND

The Parish Council's balance of \$9,250 of the \$20,000 pledged for the Church Building Fund has been paid to the Apostolic Society.

ARMENIAN COMMUNITY MEMORIAL AT WOODLAWN CEMETERY

Since the Armenian Community Memorial Section at Woodlawn Cemetery was established in 1959 under the sponsorship of St. John's Armenian Church, the project has continued its successful beginning. The sale of lots thus far has kept up with our commitments to the Woodlawn Cemetery Association and our payments are up to date.

We urge our parishioners to avail themselves of the spaces they may require, because we are certain that in the near future the project will be completely sold out. This worthwhile community project deserves your support, and it will be a credit to our community with its beautiful memorial.

VISITATION PROGRAM

The efforts of a team of 250 hard working parishioners, visiting almost 1,000 families, made the visitation program a huge success. Information was

gathered and recorded on computer cards which are now on file in the church office. They will be kept up to date and used at appropriate times. The Pastors and Parish Council commend this committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Dennis Papazian, for their efforts in one of the largest and most worthwhile undertakings of our parish.

CHURCH PICNIC

The 9th Annual Church Picnic was held on Sunday, August 11 at the Michigan State Fairgrounds under the chairmanship of Mr. Albert Sarkisian. The Parish Council and Picnic Chairman are grateful to all of our church organizations and committee members who volunteered their time to make the picnic a tremendous success. The Council also commends Mr. Sarkisian for the fine leadership shown in managing the affairs of the picnic.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

The Parish Council is grateful to Col. Parnag Adamian and his committee for the excellent handling of the Eighth Annual New Year's Eve Celebration held in the Cultural Building. A joyous and unforgettable evening was had by those in attendance.

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY ARMENIAN STUDIES

Our church is continuing its support to this worthwhile program of Armenian Studies at Wayne State University. Continued efforts have been made to strengthen the program. Presently the committee is working on plans to expand the program.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Parish Council aided students in attending the Summer Study Program at St. Nerses School in Evanston, Illinois and also conference programs of our Junior ACYOA during 1968.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH SCHOOL

The 1967-68 academic year brought to a close another successful and productive year in the Christian training and nurture of our children in 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 1967-68 academic year began with a full program and renewed energy. The new Administrative Board made several changes in policy and disciplinary action, along with the Superintendent, for a more efficient and operational school.

A well-qualified Administrative Board and devoted Staff of 65 members are working harmoniously for a student body of 756, the largest in our Diocese. Mrs. Margaret Tehlirian has continued her work as the organist for the Church School Worship Services.

Appreciation is extended to Miss Louise Yeghissian, through whose efforts the first group of acolytes were ordained clerks by our Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. They are: Michael Aginian, Harry Kezelian, Jr., Ronald Nishan, Armand Samouelian, Edward Sarkisian, Leon Sarkisian, and Dicon

Tafralian. She also continued the training of other acolytes groups. Appreciation and thanks also to Mr. Robert Sivazlian, who again this year, conducted free fencing classes in the Cultural Building for our Church School students.

ARMENIAN CO-OPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL

The Armenian Co-operative Nursery School is in its fifth year of operation, opening on September 23 under a new, well qualified director, Mrs. Jean Pinkelman.

The Parish Council would like to thank Mrs. Cathrine Borbi, former director, for her loyalty and dedication to the children, and also Mrs. Mary Egigian, Staff Assistant for her many devoted hours to the school. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 to 11:30 A.M.

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL

The School began with a new Saturday Principal, Mr. Souren Shorvoghlian, three teachers and twenty-two pupils for the Saturday session. A varied curriculum of language, dance, history and music is offered to the children at 9:30 to 12:30.

Sunday classes have been divided into two sessions; the first starting at 10-11 a.m., and the second beginning at 11 a.m. A total of 95 children, 12 teachers and substitute teachers are headed by principal, Mr. Nurran Akarakcian.

The Parish Council expresses its deep appreciation to the above mentioned supervisors and staff for the tremendous effort put forth in teaching our children about their Armenian heritage.

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Nellie Boyajian and Mrs. Arshaloys Nersesian were once again invited to head the Kindergarten School by the Parish Council for the 1968-69 Academic Year. A dedicated staff of 35 prepared 220 pre-school children for the Church and Armenian Schools, making the transitional period easier and pleasant for these children. The Parish Council expresses its deep appreciation to the devoted supervisors and staff members for their untiring efforts.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

During the past year, the A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors and Seniors were active again with religious, educational and social activities. Activities Night and various other sports events were continued in the Armenian American Veteran's Building, through the courtesy of the Armenian American Veterans. The Parish Council wishes to express its appreciation to the veterans organization for making its facilities available to the youth of our community.

A new program called PROJECT YOUTH was initiated this year for the Juniors with the planning and support of Deacon Nersess and a Parents' Committee to strengthen and increase Junior membership. Last February, a dinner was given to all parents and youth in the 13-17 age bracket. It was a time for reassessing our youth programs and planning for the future. Upon the suggestions, comments and ideas received from the youth and parents, a schedule was made and executed during the past year. The whole project proved very successful and created a new atmosphere of enthusiasm and active participation. Under the direction of the Youth director, Deacon Nersess Jebejian, a more diversified and full program is prepared for the coming year.

KOMITAS CHOIR

The Parish Council would like to acknowledge the services of Dr. Harry Begian who resigned as Choir Director in August and welcomes Deacon Ara Haig as our new Choir Director. Acknowledgements are due to Miss Louise Sarkisian, organist, Mrs. Margaret Tehlirian, assistant organist and the Komitas Choir members, Proto-deacons: Daniel Shahan and John Semizian; Sub-deacons: Hagop Asadurian, Mihran Hoplamazian, Hagop Janoyan; Stole-bearers: Hayrabad Merhafian, Hairabad Mikaelian and Clerk: Masa Carman for their devoted service on the Holy Altar on Sundays and on Feast Days throughout the year. Also acknowledgements are due to our retired Proto-deacons: Levon N. Zenian and Harry H. Ekizian for their continuous support and help.

The Komitas Choir was host to the 22nd Annual Choirs Association Assembly in October with the Primate Archbishop Torkom Manoogian presiding.

LIBRARY GUILD

The Pastors and Parish Council would like to commend this group for the way in which they have maintained our Library. Our Parishioners, particularly our young people, are welcome to take advantage of the fine reference books, magazines, and fiction books, both in Armenian and English that are available.

USHERS CORPS

The Ushers Corps, a project of the Men's Society, has proven to be an asset to our church. The excellent direction given to our worshippers during Divine Liturgy on Sunday mornings, and other occasions when services are conducted, is appreciated. The Parish Council would like to commend Mr. Berj Kurkechian for two years of devoted service as Captain of the Ushers. The Parish Council also commends Mr. Mickey Amboyan, the new Captain, for assuming this great responsibility. Junior Ushers, boys from the Senior class of Church School, are a new addition to the Ushers Corps.

RETIRED SENIOR MEMBERS

The Retired Senior Members of St. John's Armenian Church are in their fourth year of existence and provide a source of recreational activities for its members, weekly in the Armenian American Veterans Building.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Third Annual NORTHLAND FESTIVAL was held on September 19-21 with the Women's Guild participating.

OLD WORLD MARKET took place on October 10-13 at the International Institute under the direction of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

GROSSE POINTE FESTIVAL was held on May 23-25 at Jacobson's in Grosse Pointe. The Library Guild participated in this festival which is held under the auspices of the Grosse Pointe Commerce and Civic Association.

ARMENIAN-AMERICAN VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

The Parish Council wishes to express its gratitude to the Veterans for their generous donation of the use of the Armenian American Veterans Building for the ACYOA-Project Youth, Church School and Kindergarten School. The

Veterans are to be commended for the fine manner in which they have maintained this beautiful building in memory of our honored war dead.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Sunday, November 24 the Annual Preliminary Parish Meeting was held following Divine Liturgy to elect a nominating committee. This committee will present candidates to be elected to the Parish Council and Auditing Committee at our Annual Parish Assembly on Friday, February 28, 1969. Elected to serve on this committee were: Dr. Dennis Papazian, Messrs: Jack Kazanjian and Edward Sarkisian.

LOAN OF CAR

The Parish Council would like to express their deep appreciation to Mr. Mike Dorian, President of Mike Dorian Ford, for his donation of a 1968 White Station Wagon for the Pastors use. This is the fourth consecutive year that Mr. Dorian has presented the church with a courtesy car.

MEMORIAL SHRINE HONORING ARMENIAN MARTYRS OF 1915

A monument is to be erected as a memorial and tribute to the Martyrs of 1915 as was stated at the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide which was observed in 1965, under the chairmanship of Mr. Hagop S. Derderian. Mr. Howard Atesian, committee treasurer, reports that the collections for this project and bank interest amounted to \$5,258.03 as of December 31, 1968.

JAHAGIR (THE TORCH BEARER)

The JAHAGIR, one of the finest official parish papers, published monthly is a source of communication and information to our parishioners as well as out-of-town Armenians. The Parish Council wishes to express its appreciation to members of the editorial staff and our church auxiliary reporters for their volunteer time devoted to this fine publication.

66TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

The 66th Annual Diocesan Assembly and Clergymen's Conference which met in the Diocesan Center in New York was presided over by His Holiness, Lord Lord Vasken I Catholicos of All Armenians, on May 3-4, 1968. Diocesan delegates who attended from our parish were: Mr. Martin Apkarian, Deacon Ara Haig, Mr. Edward Korkoian, Deacon Daniel Shahan and alternate Dr. Dennis Papazian. Our Pastors attended the assembly in their official capacity.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Annual Parish Assembly took place on Friday, February 23, 1968 at 8:00 p.m., in the Armenian Cultural Building. Officers elected were Deacon Ara Haig and Mr. Nerses Nersesian, chairman and secretary of the Parish Assembly, respectively.

The date, February 23, coincided with the Tenth Anniversary of the ordination of our parish priest, Fr. Diran Papazian who received a standing ovation from the parishioners during the assembly, congratulating him.

After a fruitful meeting refreshments were served and parishioners had the opportunity to socialize together. This was the largest Annual Parish Assembly that was ever held, with 400 people present of which 385 were eligible to vote.

CONSECRATION OF NEW BAPTISMAL FONT

The newly installed Marble Baptismal Font, a gift of our Church School children, was consecrated on Sunday, January 28, by Archbishop Sion Manoogian, assisted by our Pastors. On this occasion the painting of the Baptism of Christ was also consecrated.

ARAM KHACHATURIAN CONCERT

World renowned composer, director, Aram Khachaturian conducted the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra at the Masonic Temple Auditorium on Sunday, February 4, 1968. A banquet was held in his honor following the concert at the Armenian Cultural Building with 450 people in attendance.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER

Messrs. Alex Manoogian and Edward Mardigian were honored, along with members of the Armenian Apostolic Society, at a banquet held in the Armenian Cultural Building on Sunday, March 10, 1968.

Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh issued a Proclamation from the Executive Offices of the City of Detroit appointing March 10 as Manoogian-Mardigian Day. The guest speaker for the occasion was Mr. Dickran H. Boyajian of Boston, noted lecturer, author and attorney. An impressive bronze plaque with bas-relief of Messrs: Manoogian and Mardigian, the names of the clergy associated with the building of the church, and the Apostolic Society Executive Board, was presented, and is now in our Church Lobby.

ARCHBISHOP SEROVPE MANOUGIAN

His Grace, Archbishop Serovpe Manougian, Primate of France, visited our parish on Sunday, October 6. Surpazan Hayr was the guest celebrant and preacher for the day. The Pastors and Parish Council entertained him with a dinner in the evening.

ARCHBISHOP SION MANOOGIAN

After residing in Detroit for two years, The Most Rev. Archbishop Sion Manoogian left our parish on Friday, December 27, to assume new duties as Patriarchal Delegate to the Diocese of Egypt. The Parish Council honored him at a farewell dinner on December 19, in the Cultural Building.

STEINWAY GRAND PIANO FUND

A need of a grand piano for our Cultural Building was felt. It was believed that the beautiful Armenian Cultural Building and the many talented Armenian young artists in our midst, especially in the realm of music, warranted the acquisition of a permanent concert piano of the highest quality.

Seeking to satisfy this need a committee of twenty-four dynamic young women was formed under the able chairmanship of Mrs. Varsenick Apkarian, and co-chairman Mrs. Priscilla Sarkisian with the approval of the Pastors and Parish Council to raise the necessary fund for a concert piano.

These imaginative women thought of the idea of acquiring the grand piano by collecting merchandise stamp books of all types equivalent to the value of a Steinway Grand Piano. The goal is to collect 2,750 books which will realize the \$5,500.00 needed for the Steinway. Donation in lieu of stamp books are also

being accepted. The committee is also raising money through different fund raising activities.

The Steinway Grand Piano is already in our Cultural Building. The dedication is scheduled for March 2, 1969. In connection with the dedication a concert is to be presented by young talented Armenian musicians.

To date through stamp books, monetary contributions and fund raising activities, the half way mark for the total value of the piano has been collected. The committee hopes with the cooperation of our parishioners the balance will be raised soon and the committee will have had part in the acquisition of a beautiful new Steinway concert piano.

CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EVENTS AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

SUREN PILAFIAN, architect, presented a lecture with colored slides on January 23, 1968. His slides and commentary explained the architectural style and bas-relief motif decorating the outside of the Church Building.

MR. DICKRAN H. BOYAJIAN, lecturer, author and community leader from Boston was guest speaker at the Testimonial Dinner given in honor of Messrs. Manoogian and Mardigian on March 10.

MR. GEORGE SAMERJIAN, a designing artist with international reputation from New York, lectured on cave paintings discovered in recent years in France, on March 15 at a lecture forum sponsored by Church and AGBU.

MR. CARL TERZIAN of Los Angeles, Director of Public Affairs with the Architectural firm of Charles Luchman Associates, was in Detroit to speak at General Motors. He visited our Church on March 18.

PROF. EMMANUAL VARANDIAN, faculty member and author at Ohio State University in Columbus, visited our Church on March 19.

The 50th Anniversary of K. of V. Shavarshan Lodge of Detroit was celebrated with a banquet on March 24, with the officers at Avak Khorhourt from New York in attendance.

A Controversial Debate on the topic "Should Armenian Political Parties in the United States be Abolished" was discussed on March 28, under the joint sponsorship of Church and AGBU.

DR. MICHAEL ARSHAKOVICH KOCHARYAN, a historian and member of the Soviet Foreign Office and Senior Officer at the United National Organization, Secretariat, visited our Church on March 30, while he was guest speaker at Oakland University.

MR. ARAM HAYGAZ, Armenian writer from New York, visited our Church on April 2, while in Detroit for a speaking engagement.

ARCHBISHOP TIRAN NERSOYAN was guest speaker at a lecture forum on April 3, in the Armenian Cultural Building. He spoke on the theme of "Problems of Unity in the Armenian Church."

MR. MISSAK HAIGENTZ, principal of the Armenian School in Alexandria, Egypt, and Editor of "Nor-or" of California, established in Detroit with his family, was the main speaker at the AGBU Annual Founders Day Celebration on April 19. He also spoke at the joint Jubilee Celebration of Armenian Newspapers, 45th Anniversary of "Baikar," Armenian Daily and 35th Anniversary of the Armenian "Mirror Spectator," English language weekly on September 29.

PROF. EDOUARD UTUDJIAN of Paris, France, our consultant architect, visited our parish on May 11 on the occasion of the visit of His Holiness, Vasken I.

DR. ARTIN JIBILIAN AND DR. HAGOP DIKRANIAN, originally from Geypt, discussed the various diseases of the heart on May 29.

MR. HAIG M. HAGOPIAN, structural engineer with the Military Division in Wichita, Kansas and formerly from Cairo, Egypt, visited the Church on June 5.

MR. EDWARD BASHIAN, a Parish Council member of St. Thomas Church in New Jersey and community leader, visited our Church on September 1, on the occasion of his visit to Detroit as a delegate to the Evereg-Fenese Convention.

The Second Armenian Education Week took place October 14-28 under the joint sponsorship of the Church and AGBU.

DR. SIRVART POLADIAN, a musicologist of the music of Gomitas Vartabed, from New York lectured on November 15 in the Armenian Cultural Building sponsored by the Church and AGBU.

MR. LEVON JANGOCHIAN, painter from Beirut, Lebanon and Milan, Italy had an Art Exhibit from November 18-25 in the Armenian Cultural Building.

MR. DICKRAN JAMGOCHIAN, singer from Beirut, Lebanon and Milan, Italy visited our church with his brother, Levon, and discussed his forthcoming concert, which was given on January 26, 1968 at the Scottish Rite Auditorium.

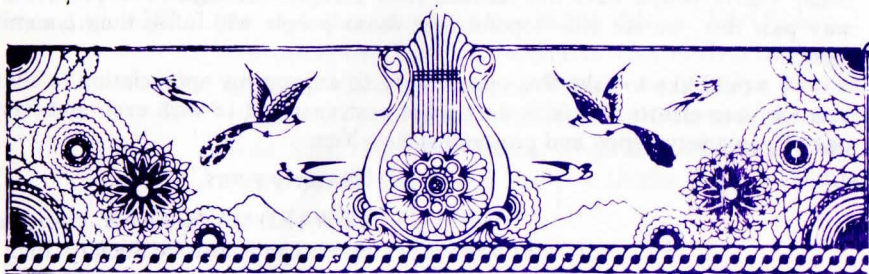
MR. ZAREH MELKONIAN, author and former principal of AGBU Tahrouhi Hagopian Secondary Armenian School, established residence with his family in Detroit in the fall, lectured on "The Importance of Establishing Armenian Day Schools in U.S.A." in November.

MRS. ARMENOUHI SRABIAN, a philologist from Erevan, visited our parish on many occasions during her two month stay in Detroit, in the summer.

APPRECIATION

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

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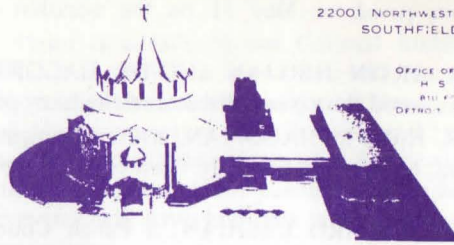


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December 31, 1968

Dear Parishioners:

All members of our congregation should feel happy and proud of the successful completion of our new and beautiful church. Our church has won the blessings and admiration of all those who have seen the results of our efforts, both national and international, including our Vehapar. May we use it in good health and find within this beautiful house of our Lord our fulfillment of our religious and spiritual needs.

However, there are still a few, minor perhaps – but important, additions and revisions to be made.

1. The baptistry is still to be completed.
2. The outside lighting of our walls and the golden dome of our church is to be accomplished.
3. Improvement of the public address system will be effected by installing small speakers in back of the pews, as well as suspending them for the ceiling so that we may be able to hear the sermon clearly from all areas of the church.
4. We have on order a pipe organ, which is promised for delivery the latter part of this year.
5. Changes will be made in the basement of the church to permit the use of the area for Sunday School classes.
6. We have been working to stop the leakage in the roof of the building area, but so far have not been successful. We hope, however, to find the answer soon.
7. We are preparing a book on the history of the Detroit Armenian community and St. John's Armenian Church, which should be published sometime this spring.

More than 1700 people made pledges toward the new church, but as of today eighty people have not fulfilled their pledges. Though these pledges are way past due, we are still hopeful that these people will fulfill their commitments.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all of you for your efforts and faith during the past year and to wish each and every one of you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD MARDIGIAN, President
 Armenian Apostolic Society, Inc.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF CHURCH AUXILIARIES

MEN'S SOCIETY

Chairman: Mr. Jack Kezelian
Membership: 101
Number of Meetings (Executive & General): 24
Main Activities: Usher Corps, Blood Bank, Ass't in Church Picnic, Pinochle Tournament, Christmas Party, Fisher Theater Night, Sunday School Communion Breakfast, New Year Eve Raffle, Honor Guard, October Affair
Future Projects: Eye Test Program

LADIES' AUXILIARY

Chairman: Mrs. Haiganoush Toundaian
Total Membership: 235
Number of Meetings (Executive & General): 24
Main Activities: Vartanantz Dinner, Michink Luncheon, Hampartzoom, International Fair, Bake Sale, Preparation of Mas.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Chairman: Mrs. Alice Mikaelian
Total Membership: 140
Number of Meetings (Executive & General): 19
Main Activities: Lenten Luncheon, Spring Bake Sale, Mother Daughter Banquet, International Festival (Northland), Christmas Dinner Meeting, Dinner Dance, Fall Bake Sale, Packaging Mas.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION (Senior Chapter)

Youth Director: Deacon Nersess Jebejian
Chairman: Miss Pamela Neffian
Total Membership: 70
Number of Meetings (Executive & General): 24
Main Activities: ACYOA Day, Memorial Day Picnic, 4th of July Picnic, Christmas Eve Services, November Dance, General Assembly-Lake Geneva, Retreat, Publication of Hye Echoes, Corporate Communion, Installation of Officers & Luncheon, Bake Sale, Halloween Dance, Regional Conference, Youth Rally during Catholicos Visit, Activities Nights, Cultural Evenings, Films, Lectures and Trips.
Future Projects: Constitutional Assembly, Anniversary Ball

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION (Junior Chapter)

Youth Director:	Deacon Nersess Jebejian
Chairman:	Mr. Greg Jamian
Total Membership:	56
Number of Meetings (Executive & General):	26
Main Activities:	Project Youth (This project had weekly activities between March and September, excluding the summer months). Teen and Twenty Chapel participation, Church visits, films, cultural evenings, Youth Rally, University of Detroit, Winter Dance, Annual Lenten Retreat, Interfaith Youth Seminars, Catholicos visit-Youth Rally, Fund raising projects - Entertainment '69, Chocolate Sale, Bake Sale, Power Buttons
Future Plans:	Toronto Trip, New York Cathedral Pilgrimage, Cleveland Trip, Lenten Retreat, Spring Dance, Publication of Divine Liturgy Book

KOMITAS CHOIR

Chairman:	Miss Shakey Godoshian
Choirmaster:	Deacon Ara Haig
Total Membership:	42
Number of Meetings (Executive & General):	12
Rehearsals:	40
Main Activities:	Hosted 22nd Annual Assembly of the Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America on October 11-13.
Future Plans:	Sponsor concert by Michigan State University Band directed by Dr. Harry Begian in Spring 1969. Annual October Affair - 100th Anniversary of Gomidas Vartabed

ALTAR GUILD

Chairman:	Mrs. Vartanoush Soutanian
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:	18
Number of Meetings (Executive & General):	10
Main Activities:	Grosse Pointe Fair, Bake Sale

RETIRED SENIOR MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH

Chairman:	Mr. George D. Baylerian
Membership:	28 average attendance - 10 - 18 each day
Meeting Days:	1-5 p.m. on Tuesdays - 1-5 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. Individual senior members help other church organizations whenever possible.

CHURCH SCHOOL PTA

Note: This organization is inactive at the present time.

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL

Superintendent: Deacon Nersess Jebejian
Enrollment: 700
Staff Members: 70
Classrooms: 38
School Hours and Days: 10:00 - 12:30 on Sundays
Annual Affairs: Opening Day, Christmas Program, Staff Christmas Dinner, Theophany and Easter Divine Liturgy and Communion, Commencement, Lenten Mite Boxes, Teacher Training Program, Annual Picnic, Acolytes Program
Curriculum: The Holy Bible, History and Faith of the Armenian Church, Catechism and Divine Liturgy of the Armenian Church
Future Plans: Classroom area expansion, initiation of a shift system for Sunday mornings and the establishment of an audio-visuals department.

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL

Superintendent: Mr. Nurhan Akarakcian
Enrollment: 122
Staff Members: 15
Classrooms: 10
School Hours: 9:30 - 12:30 Saturday - 10:00 - 12:00 Sunday
Annual Affairs: June Hantes, Dance Group Participation
Curriculum: Armenian language, history, music and dance
Future Plans: Preparation of modern teaching methods and materials

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN KINDERGARTEN

Administrative Supervisor: Mrs. Nellie Boyajian
Supervisor of the Armenian Program: Mrs. Arshaloys Nersesian
Enrollment: 135
Staff Members: 32
Classrooms: 12
School Hours and Days: 10:00 - 12:30 Sundays
Annual Affairs: Christmas Party for students
Curriculum: The Bible and Armenian language teaching

ARMENIAN COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL

Head Teacher: Mrs. Jean Pinkelman
Staff Assistant: Mrs. Mary Egigian
Enrollment: 21
Staff Members: 2
Classrooms: 3
School Hours and Days: 9:00-11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
Main Activities: Christmas Cookie Sale, Pot Luck Dinner
Curriculum: Pre-School Education, Teaching of the Armenian language
Future Plans: Ice Cream Social

FINANCIAL REPORT

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT OPERATING FUND – PARISH COUNCIL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 1968

ASSETS:

Cash:

Checking Accounts:

General	\$10,311.15	
Special - social events	300.00	

Saving Accounts:

Incl. building maintenance fund	33,461.45	\$44,072.60
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Loans Receivable:

Investments:

Vacant land (Sterling Township)		
Value at 12-31-63	\$10,000.00	
Cemetery lots - Woodlawn	13,100.00	
Miscellaneous accounts receivable	480.29	
Accounts receivable - Men's Society	500.00	

\$24,080.29

TOTAL ASSETS

\$68,152.89

LIABILITIES:

Service fund held in safe keeping	\$22,228.44	
Hall rental deposits	3,600.00	
Income tax	(627.27)	
Social security	790.28	
Clergy fund	195.86	
State tax	287.86	
Miscellaneous account payable	623.63	
Steinway Piano fund	1,415.40	\$28,514.20

CHURCH EQUITY AT DECEMBER 31, 1968		<u>39,638.69</u>
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TOTAL EQUITY		<u><u>\$68,152.89</u></u>
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CHURCH EQUITY OPERATING FUND

Year ended December 31, 1968

UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS

Balance at January 1, 1968	\$36,164.99	
Deduct excess of expenditures over revenues	10,790.06	\$25,474.93

BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

Balance at January 1, 1968	11,663.76	
Add transfers from surplus	2,500.00	\$14,163.76
		<u><u>\$39,638.69</u></u>

OPERATING FUND - PARISH COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
 Year ended December 31, 1968

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
REVENUES		
Pledges:		
Current	\$ 59,449.29	\$ 64,400.00
Prior years	8,392.28	12,000.00
Plates and candles	6,964.48	7,000.00
Gifts and requiem	6,934.05	6,000.00
Sacraments	2,408.25	3,000.00
Christmas and Easter offering	2,060.25	2,500.00
Annual and Special Activities:		
Picnic	1,653.12	2,000.00
New Year's Eve (1967)	1,979.45	
(1968)	1,662.50	3,000.00
Interest earned on Savings Account	1,354.49	750.00
Building Rentals:		
Church organizations	2,200.00	2,950.00
Others	24,282.50	25,000.00
Miscellaneous	3,951.43	5,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$123,292.09</u>	<u>\$133,600.00</u>
 EXPENDITURES		
Salaries, wages and stipends:		
Clergymen stipends	\$ 7,528.04	\$ 7,500.00
Expense allowance	8,704.25	8,428.00
Other church salaries	3,784.69	4,770.00
Office salaries	9,283.98	8,216.00
Youth Director	6,580.71	5,980.00
Building Maintenance	22,272.22	21,788.00
Temporary help	2,901.75	2,500.00
Payroll taxes	1,249.35	1,800.00
Employees benefits	3,205.03	2,700.00
Utilities	11,508.33	12,000.00
Telephone-telegraph	2,380.65	2,200.00
Postage and freight	1,487.74	1,200.00
Manooglan-Mardigian Dinner	803.91	
Vehapar visit - May	1,292.95	
Supplies:		
Church	3,762.21	2,000.00
Office	795.17	1,000.00
Building and ground	2,135.28	6,500.00
Repairs and maintenance:		
Current year	8,329.98	8,000.00
Provision for future years	2,500.00	2,500.00
Printing expense, Including Annual Report	4,276.04	3,000.00
Visiting Clergy expense	275.00	1,000.00
Travel expense	350.00	300.00
Armenian School expense	750.00	4,000.00
Advertising	427.50	250.00
Capital addition (auto)	1,210.00	2,500.00
Diocese dues, Including \$400 Etchmiadzin	12,078.56	8,900.00
Detroit Council of Churches dues	-0-	300.00
Wayne State University Armenian Studies	215.00	215.00
Capital Improvements	(749.95)	
Miscellaneous contributions	86.60	
New Church building	9,250.00	9,250.00
Miscellaneous expenses	1,574.90	303.00
Insurance	3,832.26	4,500.00
	<u>\$134,082.15</u>	<u>\$133,600.00</u>
REVENUES UNDER EXPENDITURES (Deduct from surplus)	\$ 10,790.06	

**PROPOSED BUDGET
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1969**

ESTIMATED REVENUES

Pledges:			
Current Year			\$ 65,000.00
Prior Year			10,000.00
Rentals:			
Church Organizations	\$ 3,000.00		
Other Related Organizations	2,400.00		
Total			5,400.00
Hall Rental			25,000.00
Plates and Candles			7,000.00
Gifts and Requiem			7,500.00
Christmas and Easter			2,000.00
Annual Activities:			
Picnic	2,000.00		
New Year's Eve	2,000.00		
			4,000.00
Savings Interest			200.00
Sacraments			2,000.00
Miscellaneous Hall and Office			3,500.00
			<u>\$131,600.00</u>

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Stipends:			
Clergymen:			
Stipends	\$8,568.00		
Home Allowance	2,940.00		
Auto & Utilities Allowance	5,500.00		
Total		\$17,008.00	
Church:			
Youth Director, Church School Supt.	7,700.00		
Sexton	1,800.00		
Choir Director	1,000.00		
Ass't. Choir Director	500.00		
Organists	1,560.00		
Total		\$ 4,860.00	
Building:			
Superintendent	9,009.00		
Custodian	7,280.00		
Custodian	6,143.00		
Extra Help	2,500.00		
Total		24,932.00	
Office Secretaries		11,167.00	
Total Salaries			\$ 65,607.00
Payroll Tax Expense			2,300.00
Employee Benefits:			
Workman's Compensation	950.00		
Hospitalization	2,300.00		
Clergyman's Fund	1,300.00		
Life Insurance	1,000.00		
Total			5,540.00
Insurance Expense			4,000.00
Repair and Maintenance of Facilities:			
General Repair	4,000.00		
Contracted Service	3,000.00		
Future Repairs	5,000.00		
Total			12,000.00
Utilities			12,000.00
Auto Rental			1,500.00
Supplies:			
Church	3,000.00		
Office	1,000.00		
Building	7,500.00		
Total			11,500.00
Freight and Postage			1,350.00
Telegraph and Telephone			2,300.00
Printing Torchbearer and Other Publications			3,000.00
Advertising and Publicity			300.00
Armenian School			2,000.00
A.C.Y.O.A. (Project Youth)			1,000.00
Visiting Clergy			300.00
Travel Expense - Clergy and Delegates			700.00
Dues:			
Diocese	10,800.00		
Etchmiadzin	400.00		
Total			11,200.00
Contributions:			
Detroit Council of Churches	400.00		
Wayne State University Armenian Studies	315.00		
Miscellaneous	4,000.00		
Total			4,715.00
			<u>\$141,372.00</u>
Deficit	\$9,772.00		

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, 1968

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Apostolic Society</u>	<u>Others</u>
*CASH RECEIPTS (Contributions in memory of):			
Ruth Ekizian	\$ 1,734.00	\$ 1,734.00	
Sarah Vosganian	904.00	904.00	
Garabed (Charles) Vahratian	627.00	627.00	
Charles Astourian	819.00	819.00	
Khoren Geragosian	135.00	135.00	
Mary (Noemzar) Erkiledlian	317.00	317.00	
Vahe H. Dolikian	780.00	780.00	
Mike (Matoes) Ezmerlian	426.00	426.00	
Hampar Melikian	59.00	59.00	
Paul Kevorkian	105.00	105.00	
Serpuhi Barsian	186.00	93.00	a. \$ 93.00
Efdig Couyoumjian	1,786.00	1,786.00	
Manoug Sherinian	470.00	235.00	b. 235.00
Helen Gedigian	346.00	346.00	
Arvid Magarian	674.00	674.00	
James Krimian	958.00	958.00	
Antranik Baronian	179.00	89.50	c. 89.50
Siranoush Gulbenk	175.00	175.00	
Sophia Badalow	178.00	178.00	
Dickran Torossian	1,611.00	805.50	d. 805.50
Vehanoush Eginian	380.00	190.00	d. 190.00
Janice Topalian	2,172.50	1,086.25	e. 1,086.25
Jane Haroutunian	127.50	127.50	
John Tufenkjian	219.00	109.50	e. 109.50
Vertime Tirakian	673.00	673.00	
Eftick Paklaian	151.00	37.75	f. 113.25
Onnig Minasian	641.00	320.50	g. 320.50
Ovsanna Sarajian	719.00	719.00	
Haigaz Aprahamian	120.00	120.00	
Joseph Remington	58.00	14.50	h. 43.50
Charles (Garabed) Derderian	575.00	287.50	e. 287.50
Perlante Vartanian	608.00	608.00	
Noyemzar Avedisian	647.00	323.50	c. 323.50
Mariam Azigian	40.00	40.00	
Nazaret Kachigian	405.00		i. 405.00
Nan Parseghian	135.00	135.00	
Arshag Topalian	737.00	737.00	
Armenouhie Doctorian	367.00	367.00	
Hagop Melkonian	336.00	336.00	
Aram Abgarian	1,433.00	1,433.00	
Yesa Sarkisian	219.00	109.50	j. 109.50
Nazelle Chakirbogosian	308.00	308.00	
Mesrob Barigian	300.00	300.00	
Ghazaros Papazian	1,406.00	1,406.00	

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

Vincent (Vartkes) DerSahagian	337.00	193.50	a.	143.50
Marilynn De Angelo (Babaian)	40.00	40.00		
Aharon Sarkisian	151.00	37.75	k.	113.25
Garabed Warterian	466.00	466.00		
Judith Margossian	447.00	447.00		
Elizabeth Hampikian	249.00	249.00		
Vahan J. Nalbandian	5.00	5.00		
Genevieve Anna Ascarson	389.00	194.50	f.	194.50
Rose (Sirvart) Caprielian	117.00	117.00		
Assadur S. Oxian	272.00	272.00		
Nazek (Hazel) Agegian	394.00	394.00		
Aroosiag Der Vartanian	175.00	87.50	l.	87.50
Misak Doshoian	223.00	55.75	c.	83.63
			f.	83.63
Dickran Moorjian	144.50		i.	72.25
			m.	72.25
Baghdasar Seropian	280.50	280.50		
Esgouhi Piligian	5.00	5.00		
Paul Melkonian	161.00	161.00		
Bernice Yegiaian	16.00	16.00		
Mgrdich Yenofkian	382.00	191.00	j.	191.00
Albert Ardashes (Ardashes Asadoorian)	35.00	35.00		
Charles Kushigian	614.90	307.45	n.	307.45
Aram Avjigian	250.00	125.00	j.	125.00
Khoren Laktzian (Assadourian)	508.00	254.00	o.	254.00
Gloria Ajemian	753.50	445.50	p.	308.00
Nargiz Migirditcheff	57.00	57.00		
Dickran Mugerdichian	838.00	838.00		
Charles Enfiegian (Enfield)	20.00	20.00		
Avedick Kazarian	31.00	31.00		
Total of 72 Funerals	\$32,607.40	\$26,359.95		\$6,247.45
Averages	\$ 452.90	\$ 366.13		\$ 86.77
CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1968				\$1,946.20

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- h. Eastern Michigan University Music Scholarship
- i. Calouste Gulbenkian Armenian School
- j. HamaErzinga Association
- k. Eritassart Hayastan Publication
- l. Heart Fund
- m. Wayne State University Armenian Studies
- n. PanSepastia Rehabilitation Union
- o. HamaKeghi Compatriotic Association
- p. Chemishkadzak Compatriotic Society

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF CHURCH AUXILIARIES

MEN'S SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS Year ended December 31, 1968

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1967 \$ 488.19

CASH RECEIPTS:

Membership Dues	\$ 262.00
Meeting Dinners	578.75
New Years Raffle (1968)	503.00
Prior New Years Raffle	1,419.40
Pancake Breakfast	71.54
Fisher Theater	527.57
October Dance	497.79
50-50 Raffle	54.40
Miscellaneous	112.64

Total \$4,027.09

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Church Building Fund	\$1,100.00
Meeting Dinners	811.70
Prior New Years Raffle	563.60
New Years Raffle (1968)	490.00
Pancake Breakfast	104.00
Fisher Theater	503.07
Postage	118.64
Honor Guard	41.00
Vehapar Gift	500.00
Miscellaneous	73.79

Total \$4,305.80

LESS: excess of cash disbursements over cash receipts \$ 278.71

CASH IN BANK AND ON HAND - DECEMBER 31, 1968 \$ 209.48

LADIES' AUXILIARY

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS Year ended December 31, 1968

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1967 \$4,031.13

CASH RECEIPTS:

Gifts	\$ 489.81
Dues	677.00
Crosses	68.00
International Fair	1,784.99
Vartanantz	1,135.89
Bank Savings Interest	107.98
Michink	669.30
Bake Sale	308.95
Avak Thursday	135.60
Hampartzoom	260.47
Mas donations	250.00

Total	\$5,887.99
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CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Postage	\$ 14.00
Building Pledge-payment	2,000.00
Vehapar Gift	1,000.00
Printing	185.00
Flowers	77.32
Vartanantz expenses	422.43
Crosses	21.00
Michink expenses	244.71
International Fair	435.39
Avak Thursday	74.55
Bake Sale	108.68
Hampartzoom	184.52
Radio	10.40
Miscellaneous and Christmas Gifts	146.41

Total	\$4,924.41
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ADD: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements \$ 963.58

CASH ON HAND AND IN BANKS - DECEMBER 31, 1968

Savings account	\$2,762.11
Checking account	2,232.60

	\$4,994.71
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WOMEN'S GUILD

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Year ended December 31, 1968

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1967		
Manufacturer's National Bank	\$3,032.42	
Standard Federal Savings and Loan	933.82	
Total Cash - January 1, 1968	<u>933.82</u>	\$3,966.24
CASH RECEIPTS:		
Dues	\$ 478.00	
Fall Bake Sale	181.10	
Spring Bake Sale	237.75	
Raffles	31.00	
Skirt Rental	15.00	
Lenten Luncheon	226.60	
Mother and Daughter Banquet	1,849.08	
Gifts and Donations	25.00	
Christmas Dinner	340.34	
Christmas Party 1967	2.28	
December Dinner Dance 1967	13.81	
International Festival	687.34	
Theatre Party	375.00	
December Dinner Dance 1968	3,150.21	
Interest Earned on Savings Account	138.96	
Total	<u>\$7,751.47</u>	
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:		
Secretarial Supplies and mailing	279.41	
Gift to Vehapar	1,000.00	
Donations	120.16	
Christmas Project 1967	60.01	
By-Laws Printed	334.20	
December Dinner Dance	1,769.88	
Films, bulbs, processing	34.41	
Visiting Committee	29.90	
Lenten Luncheons	149.78	
Detroit Council of Churches	61.33	
St. James Methodist Group	27.35	
Mother and Daughter Banquet	946.53	
International Festival	30.00	
Theatre Party	337.50	
Piano Fund	662.34	
Christmas Dinner	194.72	
Material	29.07	
Rental of Projector	6.00	
Total	<u>\$6,072.59</u>	
ADD: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements		<u>\$1,678.88</u>
CASH IN BANKS - DECEMBER 31, 1968		
Manufacturer's National Bank	\$2,235.85	
Standard Federal Savings and Loan	3,409.27	
	<u>3,409.27</u>	<u>\$5,645.12</u>

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

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS
Year ended December 31, 1968**

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1967 \$ 953.48

CASH RECEIPTS:

Membership dues	\$ 159.00
Special Activities:	
Roaring Twenties	107.50
November Dance	1,852.70
ACYOA Day	160.00
Picnics	240.65
Candy Sales	1,865.89
September Dinner & Apple Day	86.00
Coca Cola & Vernors	394.56
Christmas Eve money	152.45
Retreat money	164.00
Christmas party	121.40
Lenten offering	22.00
Donations	31.00
Miscellaneous Activities	25.00
Total	\$5,382.15

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

ACYOA Central Council Taxes	\$ 770.00
Parish Council	500.00
Delegates expenses	90.00
Dues to Central Council	144.00
Special Activities:	
Roaring Twenties	17.57
November Dance	462.91
ACYOA Day	133.81
Picnics	161.64
Candy sales expenses	1,435.74
September Dinner & Apple Day	56.59
Coca Cola & Vernors	432.08
Christmas activities	287.77
Retreat	230.00
Donations	104.00
Postage	273.58
Ski Trip	105.65
Armenian night	48.80
Miscellaneous	73.91
Total	\$5,328.05

ADD: excess of cash receipts over disbursements \$ 54.10

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1968 **\$1,007.58**

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

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS
Year ended December 31, 1968**

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1967 \$ 465.56

CASH RECEIPTS:

Advance from Parish Council	\$350.00	
Youth Project Activities - Net		
Open House	\$ 4.84	
Bake Sales	131.00	
Battle of the Bands	33.47	
Candy Sale	62.00	
Family Dinner	91.00	
Miscellaneous	14.94	\$ 337.25
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Membership Dues		101.40
Dance		147.66
		<u> </u>
Total		<u>\$ 936.31</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Youth Project Activities - Net		
Family Dinner	\$265.95	
Pancake Dinner	24.63	
Executive Body Dinner	19.06	
Frankenmuth Trip	27.80	\$ 337.44
	<u> </u>	
Dance		142.58
Membership Dinner		10.50
Central Council		45.00
Gift (Catholicos)		25.00
Power Buttons		62.40
Office Supplies		28.68
Miscellaneous		21.86
		<u> </u>
Total		<u>\$ 777.96</u>

ADD: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements \$ 158.35

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1968

Cash on Hand	\$245.31	
Checking Account	158.29	
Savings Account	220.31	
	<u> </u>	
		<u>\$ 623.91</u>

KOMITAS CHOIR

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS Year ended December 31, 1968

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1967 \$ 785.02

CASH RECEIPTS

Plate collections and donations	\$ 710.86
Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America Assembly	1,150.46
Sargavark records	110.00
Badarak books	56.70

Total \$2,028.02

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Apostolic Society	\$ 750.00
Badarak Books	56.61
AACCA Assembly	1,378.13
AACCA Dues	80.00
Trim for Choir robes	22.59
Gifts and flowers	147.32
Miscellaneous	97.44

Total \$2,532.09

LESS: excess of cash disbursements over receipts \$ 504.07

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1968 \$ 280.95

ALTAR GUILD

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS Year ended December 31, 1968

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1967 \$ 45.94

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 4.06</u>
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CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1968 \$ 41.88

LIBRARY GUILD

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS Year ended December 31, 1968

CASH IN BANK DECEMBER 31, 1967		\$3,483.64
CASH RECEIPTS:		
Grosse Pointe Fair	\$	382.16
Bake Sales		161.00
Magazine Sales		36.00
Dues		14.00
Bank Interest		101.50
	Total	<u>\$ 694.66</u>
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:		
Grosse Pointe Fair	\$	31.23
Bake Sale		26.05
Telegram		1.83
Library Furniture Purchased		1,339.80
Library Book Purchased		6.50
Bank Service Charge		.30
	Total	<u>\$1,405.71</u>
LESS: excess cash disbursements over cash receipts		<u>\$ 711.05</u>
CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1968		<u><u>\$2,772.59</u></u>

RETIRED SENIOR MEMBERS

Note: This organization has no financial transactions.

CHURCH SCHOOL P.T.A.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS Year ended December 31, 1968

CASH IN BANK DECEMBER 31, 1967		\$ 289.71
CASH RECEIPTS:		
	\$	<u>45.00</u>
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:		
	\$	<u>30.00</u>
ADD: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements		<u>\$ 15.00</u>
CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1968		<u><u>\$ 304.71</u></u>

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS
Year ended December 31, 1968

CASH IN BANKS AT DECEMBER 31, 1967

Checking Account	\$1,151.09	
Savings Account	<u>5,737.28</u>	\$6,888.37

CASH RECEIPTS:

Offerings:		
Primary	\$ 714.18	
Junior	1,110.99	
Senior	932.56	
Assembly	92.90	
Birthdays	192.21	
Book Sales	39.75	
Christmas offering (1967)	244.01	
Class gift	52.00	
Exchange dinner	40.00	
Interest Income	254.58	
Easter offering	265.97	
Miscellaneous	6.01	
Lenten offering	<u>527.21</u>	

Total \$4,472.37

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Books and publications	\$1,368.80
Books for re-sale	19.50
Building fund	1,122.97
Conferences	173.81
Gifts	150.50
Graduation	110.85
Lesson materials	173.20
Miscellaneous	26.61
Petty Cash	50.00
Postage	277.50
Staff photo	31.50
Stationery	106.46
Supplies	119.38
Christmas Dinner	106.67
Photographs	<u>20.00</u>

Total \$3,857.75

ADD: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements \$ 614.62

CASH IN BANKS - DECEMBER 31, 1968

Checking account	\$1,634.10	
Savings account	<u>5,868.89</u>	
		<u><u>\$7,502.99</u></u>

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS
Year ended December 31, 1968

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1967 \$ 491.72

CASH RECEIPTS:

Parish Council Subsidy	\$ 750.00
Book Sales	52.15
Tuition	141.00
Donations	477.25
Total	<u>\$1,420.40</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Teachers Salaries	\$1,290.00
Radio (Advertising)	13.00
Postage	16.00
Record Player	56.15
Hantes Expense (June)	117.47
Office Supplies	23.62
Christmas Expense	13.50
Christmas Staff Dinner	15.00
Workshop	200.00
Total	<u>\$1,744.74</u>

LESS: excess of cash disbursements over cash receipts \$ 324.34

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1968 \$ 167.38

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN KINDERGARTEN

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Year ended December 31, 1968

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1967 \$ 100.15

CASH RECEIPTS:

Offerings:

Kindergarten	\$ 506.35
Birthday	9.00
Lenten (Building Fund)	113.00
Bake Sale (Building Fund)	115.00
Donations	10.00

Total \$ 753.35

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Textbooks, teaching materials	\$ 171.69
Supplies	37.30
Juice, cookies, etc.	100.11
Postage	12.10
Pictures and frames	93.75
Staff Christmas Dinner	25.00
Armenian Apostolic Society (Building Pledge)	200.00

Total \$ 639.95

ADD: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements \$ 113.40

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1968 \$ 213.55

ARMENIAN CO-OPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Year ended December 31, 1968

CASH ON HAND - DECEMBER 31, 1967 \$ 926.52

CASH RECEIPTS:

Tuition	\$3,623.88
Registration fees	115.00
Insurance charges	42.00
Cookie sales	361.24
Miscellaneous	76.75
Total	<u>\$4,218.87</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Teachers salary	\$2,116.69
Cookie sale expense	107.78
Groceries	131.55
Play supplies and new equipment	1,027.75
Office supplies	99.55
Postage	30.90
Dues and subscription	85.49
Repairs and improvements	22.11
Meeting expenses	119.46
Petty cash expense	70.00
Refunds - Registration	20.00
Insurance premiums	30.20
Miscellaneous	169.09
Total	<u>\$4,030.57</u>

ADD: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements \$ 188.30

CASH ON HAND - DECEMBER 31, 1968 \$1,114.82

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. Jack Kazanjian, Chairman
2. Dennis Papazian
3. Edward Sarkisian

NOMINATIONS

CANDIDATES FOR PARISH COUNCIL

(6 to be elected for 2 year term)

1. Nerses Gedigian
2. Andre Gregory
3. Adam Karapetian
4. Jack Kavlakian
5. Archie Kahayian
6. Jack Margosian
7. Michael Megregian (incumbent)
8. Nick Mikaelian
9. John Noraian
10. Robert Sarkisian
11. Albert Semonian
12. Simon Tashjian

CANDIDATES FOR AUDITING COMMITTEE

(2 to be nominated from the floor and 2 to be elected of which one with the highest majority will serve for 3 years, the next highest for 2 year term)

1. Albert Mardirosian
2. John Samarian
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AUDITING COMMITTEE

(1968)

1. Richard Aginian (3-year term, resigning)
2. John Bahadurian (2-year term)
3. Albert P. Semonian (1-year term)

(Note: The 3rd member was elected to replace the unexpired term of an auditor elected to the Parish Council.)

DIOCESAN DELEGATES

(elected in 1967 for 4-year term)

1. Martin P. Apkarian
2. Ara Haig
3. Edward B. Korkoian
4. Edward Mardigian
5. Daniel Shahan

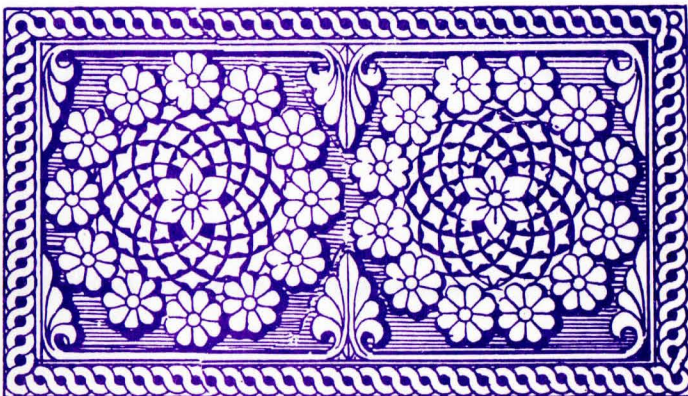
PROPOSAL BY THE PARISH COUNCIL TO THE GENERAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Parish Council recommends that a letter be sent to all those parishioners who are in arrears in dues payment since 1965, indicating that these parishioners will be dropped from the Church membership list unless a positive response is received from them by April 1, 1969.

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING CHURCH MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

“Members who fail to pay their dues for one or more years, automatically forfeit their right to vote at Parish Assemblies, or to hold elective office within the parish. Such members may reinstated these rights by payment of their dues in arrears for at least the previous two years.”

Article 8 under the heading of PARISH ASSEMBLY of the BY-LAWS
of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
(By-Laws of the diocese as confirmed by His
Holiness the Catholicos and given for execution
to the Parishes in 1968)



NOTES

PRAVER

Grant, O Lord, that Thy Holy Spirit may preside over us now in all our concerns and deliberations for the welfare of this parish. We thank Thee for all the blessings of the past year, and pray that we may go together from strength to strength in the year before us. Help us all to dedicate ourselves to Thee, and to be ready to make sacrifice of time and money for the extension of Thy kingdom.

Guide us, we beseech Thee, in the choice of our officers, and may they discharge their duties faithfully.

We praise Thee for those Thy servants labored and worshipped here before us, and especially for those who have departed this life since we last met together. Grant to them eternal rest, O Lord, and let Thy light perpetual shine upon them; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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