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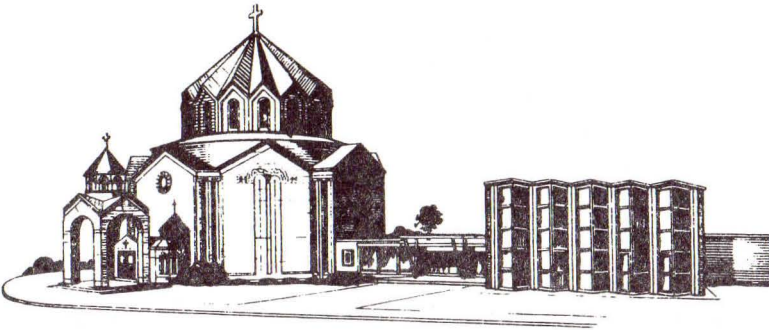
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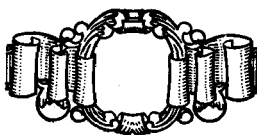
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**INVITATION**  
**TO THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**  
**OF ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT**  
**Southfield, Michigan**

Friday

February 20, 1970

8:00 P.M.

AT THE ARMENIAN CULTURAL BUILDING  
22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, Michigan

**AGENDA**

1. Invocation and Call to Order
2. Verification of the Eligibility of Voters and Quorum
3. Election of Parish Assembly Officers (Chairman and Secretary)
4. Election:
  - a. Partial election of Parish Council (5)
  - b. Partial election of Auditors (1)
  - c. Nominating Committee for 1970 Elections (3-5)
5. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Assembly (reviewing the year of 1968)
6. Pastor's Annual Report
7. Parish Council's Annual Report
  - a. Budget Committee Report
  - b. Armenian Cultural Building Report
  - c. Cemetery Committee Report (Armenian Memorial at Woodlawn)
  - d. Pledge Committee Report
  - e. In Lieu-of-Flowers Donation Report
8. Apostolic Society Report
9. Diocesan Delegates Report
10. Statistical Reports and Financial Statements of Church Auxiliaries
  11. Auditors' Report
12. Proposals to the Diocesan Assembly (by the Parish Assembly)
13. New Business
14. Election Results
15. Adjournment and Benediction

**PARISH COUNCIL**

**REV. FR. DIRAN PAPAIZIAN**  
Pastor

**VERY REV. PAREN AVEDIKIAN**  
Assistant Pastor

**MICHAEL MEGREGIAN**  
Chairman

**JACK MARGOSIAN**  
Secretary

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## PASTORAL REPORT For the Year of 1969

**Dear Parishioners,**

With the grace of God the year of our Lord 1969 came to its end marking my 12th year in priesthood and in the service of this Church as its Pastor.

The year of 1969 was another year in our parish life in which the church functioned properly and fulfilled its multiple duties and exercised a role of leadership in the Armenian community of our Metropolitan Detroit.

Some pastoral changes occurred during the year of 1969. Our colleague, FR. YEGHISHE VARTABED GIZIRIAN, was assigned to a new parish in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania by The Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. He celebrated his last Badarak on Sunday, October 19, and with a farewell dinner tendered to his honor by the Parish Council on October 21, Fr. Yeghishe departed to his new parish after serving this great parish of ours for about four years in conjunction with me. He came to this parish in November 1965 by the arrangement of then Primate, Archbishop Sion Manoogian in response to the requests of the Parish Council to satisfy the ever growing needs of our Parish.

To replace Fr. Gizirian, and in compliance with the request of the Parish Council, the Diocesan Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian arranged the services of FR. PAREN VARTABED AVEDIKIAN on a one year term. Paren Vartabed arrived in Detroit on Friday, November 21, to assume his new duties from Syracuse, N.Y., where at the University of Syracuse he was taking some courses. Fr. Paren celebrated his first official Divine Liturgy after assuming his post on Sunday, December 7. Earlier, on a special invitation extended by the Parish Council, Fr. Paren came to Detroit and celebrated Divine Liturgy and delivered the sermon on Sunday, October 5.

DEACON NERSESS JEBEJIAN, who served in our parish for the last three years in the capacity of St. John's Church School Superintendent and Youth Director, terminated his post during the summer and after his ordination into sacred priesthood in New York, N.Y., on Sunday, October 5, was assigned to St. John the Divine Armenian Church in Springfield, Massachusetts as his first parish.

Beside the above mentioned changes, ARCHBISHOP SION MANOOGIAN relinquished his assignment as Patriarchal Delegate to Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia and after spending about six months in his Diocese returned to Detroit on Saturday, June 14 and took his residency in our community. He gave his first sermon in our church since his return on Sunday, July 6.

With this new situation in the parish the following arrangements were made. With mutual understanding of the Diocesan Primate and clergy involved and also with the consent of the Parish Council a workable administrative plan and division of labor was devised and arranged to discharge pastoral duties in an effective way. Accordingly, by the special arrangements of the Primate, Fr. Diran was made the Pastor in charge of the church and Fr. Paren as assistant pastor of the church. Archbishop Sion, Bishop in Residence, will be called upon to deliver sermons once a month as on five major Holy Days.

With the help of DEACON LEVON N. ZENIAN, who volunteered to preach occasionally, the burdens from the pastor's shoulders were lightened considerably as far as church services are concerned.

In this connection it is worth mentioning our own Komitas Choir who is the pride and joy of our church with its beautiful rendition of Badarak and other liturgical songs under the directorship of Deacon Ara Haig as choirmaster with the accompaniment of Miss Louise Sarkisian as organist. Special mention should be made of our loyal Altar Servers: Daniel Shahan and John Semizian as Senior Deacons; Mihran Hoplamazian and Hagop Asadurian as Sub-Deacons and Masa Carman as clerk.

As for the Church School Superintendency and Youth leadership, which was vacated by the resignation of Deacon Nersess, for this year an Advisory Board composed of the Supervisors of different departments under the acting chairmanship of DR. DENNIS PAPANIAN is administering the Church School program in a collective way. The youth are being benefited by the voluntary work of MR. RICHARD VAHRATIAN.

Also in the context of our overall religious educational activities regretfully to be mentioned, the resignation of another faithful, hard working servant, Calouste Gulbenkian Kindergarten, which was organized some six year ago as a self-contained organization in our total church school system, was affected at the end of the last school year, by the resignation of MRS. NELLIE BOYAJIAN as supervisor due to her domestic pressing commitments. MRS. ARSHALOYS NERSESIAN is the new supervisor of the Kindergarten.

As far as the Armenian School is concerned it functions properly with its Saturday and Sunday classes. The dedicated work of NURHAN AKARAKCIAN as principal of the school is well appreciated.

We are also indebted to MR. ZAREH MELKONIAN who greatly enhanced Armenian Adult classes personally undertaking Armenian language teaching on Wednesday evenings in our Cultural Building.

Herewith, I submit to our Parish Assembly for a review a brief account of some phases of pastoral activities and accomplishments during the year.

#### **WORSHIP AND CEREMONIES**

Divine Liturgy was celebrated every Sunday which was officiated by the clergy alternately. Sermons were given in both Armenian and English every Sunday of the year. Divine Liturgy and various church ceremonies were also conducted on special occasions throughout the year and listed below.

#### **CHRISTMAS HOLY COMMUNION BADARAK FOR CHURCH SCHOOL**

(Saturday, January 4)

Special Badarak was performed in the early morning and Holy Communion was administered to the Church School pupils.

#### **THEOPHANY EVE-"JURAKALOUYZ-SOORP DZUNUNTIAN"** (Sunday, January 5)

Badarak was offered on Sunday evening as Holy Theophany Eve Celebration.

#### **ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS OR THE FEAST OF THEOPHANY** (Monday, January 6)

Divine Liturgy was celebrated with the participation of members of the Cultural Society of Armenians from Istanbul (C.S.A.I.) singing in four part harmony in the Gomidasian version of the Badarak.

#### **BLESSING OF WATERS-"CHURORHNEK"** (Sunday, January 12)

This ceremony was performed in commemoration of Christ's Baptism on the Octave of Holy Theophany.

#### **FEAST OF ST. VARTANANTZ** (Thursday, February 13)

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

#### **SUNRISE SERVICES-"AREVAKAL"** (February 23-March 23)

These services were performed during five Sundays of Lent which followed closed Lenten Liturgy.

#### **LENTE VIGIL SERVICES-"HUSGOOM"** (February 19-March 26)

"Peace Hour" and "Rest Hour" were conducted during the evenings of a six week Lenten period.

#### **"TRUNPATZEK" CEREMONY** (Sunday, March 30)

The special ceremony of "Opening of the Curtains of the Altar" was conducted on Palm Sunday evening according to our liturgical tradition.

#### **HOLY WEEK** was observed with the proper services and ceremonies on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

#### **COMMEMORATION OF THE LAST SUPPER-"VERCHIN UNTRIK"** (Thurs., April 3)

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

**FEET-WASHING CEREMONY--"VODNALUVA" (Thursday, April 3)**

This special ceremony was conducted on the evening of Maundy Thursday with participation of twelve boys from the Church School.

**TENEBRAE--"KHAVAROOM" (Thursday, April 3)**

This ceremony, in commemoration of Christ's Betrayal, was conducted on Maundy Thursday night following the Feet-Washing Ceremony.

**TRE-ORE--"GARK KHACHELOOTIAN" (Friday, April 12)**

"Tre-Ore" Services in commemoration of the Crucifixion of Christ were conducted on Good Friday noon, in English, with the participation of some of our youth.

**BURIAL OF CHRIST--"TAGHOOM" (Friday, April 4)**

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

**EASTER HOLY COMMUNION BADARAK FOR CHURCH SCHOOL (Saturday, April 5)**

Special Badarak was performed in the early morning and Easter Holy Communion was administered to the Church School pupils.

**EASTER EVE--"JURAKALOUYTZ-SOORP HAROOTIAN" (Saturday, April 5)**

Badarak was offered on Saturday evening as Easter Eve Celebration.

**EASTER--"ZADIG" (Sunday, April 6)**

Easter was celebrated with Solemn High Mass and great festivity.

**BLESSING OF MADAGH--"MADAGHORHNEK" (Sunday, April 27)**

Following Badarak madagh was blessed in memory of the martyrs of the great massacre of April 24, 1915.

**GRAPE BLESSING CEREMONY--"KHAGHOGHORHNEK" (Sunday, August 17)**

The traditional Grape Blessing ceremony was conducted following the celebration of Holy Badarak on the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God.

**ANTASDAN "BLESSING OF FOUR SIDES OF THE WORLD"**

This ceremony was invariably conducted on five major Feast Days during the morning church services preceding the Solemn High Mass (Christmas, Easter, Transfiguration, Assumption and Holy Cross).

**FESTIVE ANTASDAN (Sunday, September 14)**

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, (Sunday, February 16); Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin (Sunday, June 8); The Anniversary of the Consecration of His Holiness, the Catholicos (Sunday, October 6).

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE (Wednesday, December 24)**

A special candlelight ceremony was conducted on American Christmas Eve entirely in English for the benefit of our young people, sponsored by the ACYOA.

**HOKEHANKIST, "REQUIEM SERVICE"**

Hokehankist was performed 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 during the year:

**BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS.** The performance of the rite of Christening totaled 60. In addition six baptisms and Confirmations and five Confirmations only were separately administered to adults.

**WEDDINGS.** The performance of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony totaled 30. In addition several BETHROTHALS were also performed for engaged couples.

**FUNERALS.** The Funeral service totaled 69 for the entire year of 1969.

**PASTORAL VISITATIONS AND COUNSELING**

This service is rendered by the clergy to the best of their ability. 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.



## MEETINGS AND ASSEMBLIES

The pastors presided over the numerous meetings of the Parish Council and church auxiliary organizations, including some executive body meetings and standing committees throughout the year. They closely supervised their activities, offered prayers and gave their advise and guidance whenever needed.

The pastors also participated with welcoming addresses or otherwise in the following special meetings, conferences and assemblies which have taken place in our own Armenian Cultural Building.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY FOR 1968 (Feb. 28).

ACYOA SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY, presided by Primate (Mar. 7-9)

ACYOA MIDWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND 23RD ANNUAL BALL (Apr. 19).

ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING presided by Primate (May 9).

QUARTERLY MEETING WITH CHURCH AUXILIARY EXECUTIVE BODIES (Sept. 18).

ANNUAL PRELIMINARY ASSEMBLY MEETING WITH POT LUCK DINNER (Nov. 6).

## OUT-OF-TOWN TRIPS

The pastors made some out of town trips to participate in meetings and to conduct church services.

Pastors attended THE ANNUAL CLERGY CONFERENCE AND DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY in Watertown, Massachusetts (Apr. 30-May 4).

CHOIRS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE was well represented from our parish with a large delegation in Toronto, Canada (Nov. 16).

Unfortunately due to different reasons the pastors could not attend THE ANNUAL SUMMER CLERGY CONFERENCE held in conjunction with THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ACYOA in Richmond, Virginia during the Labor Day Weekend.

East St. Louis, Illinois parish was visited by our clergy for a mission week conducted by our Diocese in cooperation with ACYOA Central Council (June 19-27).

The Miami, Florida parish was visited to celebrate Divine Liturgy and to conduct a Funeral Service of one of their parishioners (Oct. 5-6).

## CHURCH PUBLICATIONS

JAHAGIR "TORCH BEARER", our parish paper was published on a monthly basis and occasionally with combined issues and was mailed to approximately 1,800 addresses. **Sunday Church Bulletins** were prepared and distributed to the church comers by the Ushers Corps every Sunday uninterruptedly. **Special Church Bulletins** were also prepared on the occasion of significant Armenian Feast Days. Annual Reports Booklet for 1968 was prepared with utmost care and distributed to our entire membership. Gomidas Centennial Program Booklet was published on the occasion of the Centennial Concert by our Komitas Choir in October. Also booklets containing Lenten Sunrise Ceremony were published for the use of our congregation during Lent.

## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS

Our community life became considerably richer with varied Cultural and Educational programs which were presented throughout the year. They undoubtedly promoted the Armenian Arts and Culture in our community. Pastors actively enjoyed in promotion of Armenian Cultural Activities. Some of the highlights of our cultural life are mentioned below in chronological order.

ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS HANTES presented in the Armenian Cultural Building by CSAI (Jan. 5).

SOUTHFIELD JUNIOR SYMPHONY presented its Winter Concert at Southfield High School Auditorium with participation of Students who are also our Church School pupils (Jan. 12).

ARMENIAN CONCERT WITH DIKRAN JAMGOCHIAN, noted baritone from Europe, at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, sponsored by Library Guild and dinner followed at the Kings Arms Restaurant in Southfield (Jan. 26).

ANNUAL VARTANANTZ AND PAREGENTAN CELEBRATION sponsored by Ladies' Auxiliary (Feb. 16).

STEINWAY PIANO DEDICATION AND CONCERT. A new Steinway Piano for our Cultural Building was formally dedicated and on that occasion a concert was given

featuring young artists from our parish. The artists were FAYROIAN SISTERS TRIO, SHERRY, DEBRA AND BARBARA, MIRIAM GARGARIAN, pianist and LOUISE SARKISIAN, oboist. The entire fund-raising program and dedication was planned and promoted by committee chairman, MRS. VARSENICK APKARIAN (Mar. 2).

ACYOA CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY BANQUET featuring LORIS CHOBIANIAN, classical guitarist from Michigan State University of East Lansing (Mar. 8).

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF CSAI at Devon Gables Restaurant, Bloomfield Hills (Mar. 9).

QNNUAL MICHINK LUNCHEON PROGRAM by Ladies' Auxiliary (Mar. 12).

KNIGHTS OF VARTAN JOINT LODGE ANNUAL BANQUET with guests of honor of Avak Tivan members (Mar. 23).

ANNUAL LENTEN LUNCHEON PROGRAM by Women's Guild (Mar. 25).

FIFTH ANNUAL CONCERT OF CSAI at Wayne State University Community Arts Auditorium (Apr. 3).

VETERANS SPORT BANQUET at the Veterans Memorial Building (Apr. 23).

ANNUAL MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET by Women's Guild (May 9).

LUCINEH ZAKARIAN CONCERT by a brilliant young soprano from Armenia at Scottish Rite Auditorium. The famous singer from Armenia was presented to the Armenian communities of U.S.A. through the efforts of Tekeyan Cultural Society in Boston, and her appearance in Detroit was realized through the efforts of newly-formed Tekeyan Cultural Committee. Also mention to be made of the banquet with an artistic program for the honored guest at the Armenian Cultural Building on the same night (May 11).

ASCENSION CELEBRATION by Ladies' Auxiliary (May 15).

NURSERY SCHOOL ANNUAL BANQUET (May 19).

AGBU ANNUAL FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION (May 25).

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA presented a special "Armenian Night" with Valter Poole conducting at the Michigan State Fair Grounds (June 20).

ST. JOHN'S PARISH COUNCIL TENTH ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC at the Michigan State Fair Grounds (July 27).

A THREE DAY PRESENTATION OF THREE DRAMATICAL PLAYS at the Detroit Masonic Temple by "Hamaskaine Kasbar Ipekian" theatrical group of Beirut, Lebanon was certainly a unique cultural event for our Detroit community. The plays were "Golden Rooster" by Raffi, "Emperor" by Levon Shant and "Oscar" a french comedy (Sept. 26,27,28).

TEKEYAN CULTURAL SOCIETY BANQUET introducing KERSAM AHARONIAN, Editor of "Zartok" Daily of Beirut, Lebanon (Sept. 28).

PUBLIC LECTURE by guest speaker KERSAM AHARONIAN of Beirut, Lebanon presented by the Tekeyan Cultural Committee on the topic of much debated "Armenian Question" (Sept. 30).

AGBU PUBLIC LECTURE by guest speaker DR. ROBERT W. THOMSON of Harvard University Armenian Chair on the topic of "Armenian Culture" (Oct. 17).

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF GOMIDAS VARTABED by CSAI at Southfield Civic Center (Oct. 18).

CENTENNIAL CONCERT OF GOMIDAS VARTABED by Komitas Choir of St. John's Armenian Church (Oct. 26).

FOURTH AGBU COTILLION (Nov. 8).

ZARATZIAN QUARTET OF NEW YORK AND ASDGHIG ANTREASIAN DEDEYAN from Europe, Diocesan Gomidas Centennial program were presented to our community sponsored by the Library Guild as part of Diocesan Gomidas Centennial celebration program. Also a dinner was tendered to the artists which followed the musical program (Nov. 16).

ACYOA ANNUAL THANKSGIVING WEEKEND DANCE (Nov. 29).

WOMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL DINNER DANCE (Dec. 6).

HOVANNES TOUMANIAN CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION presented by Armenian Cultural Organizations of Greater Detroit featuring PROF. EMMANUAL VARANDIAN of Ohio State University as main speaker (Dec. 12).

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION (Dec. 31).

## INTERNATIONAL FESTIVALS

Throughout the year our women participated in International Festivals with bake sales and Armenian needlework.

**GROSSE POINTE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL** at Kay Baums by the Library Guild (May 22-24).

**OLD WORLD MARKET** at the International Institute by Ladies' Auxiliary (Oct. 2-5)  
Also seasonal arrangements of Armenian display windows at the International Institute by Ladies' Auxiliary throughout the year.

**WESTLAND FESTIVAL** by the Women's Guild (Oct. 16-18).

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

Our Church being an official member of Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches (MDCC), pastors attended the meetings of the Executive Board and served on various departments.

Pastors attended also the meetings and participated in various activities of **DETROIT PASTORS' UNION AND SOUTHFIELD CLERGY ASSOCIATION**.

The following are some of the meetings and inter-denominational services in which St. John's Armenian Church was represented most of the time by the active participation of our clergy in the spirit of ecumenism.

**SOUTHFIELD CLERGY ASSOCIATION** held its first monthly luncheon meeting of 1969 in the Armenian Cultural Building. Fr. Diran spoke on "The Significance of Armenian Christmas" and luncheon was served by the Women's Guild (Jan. 9).

**A YOUTH MASS** at **St. Bedes Roman Catholic Church** in Southfield, accompanied with guitars arranged entirely by the youth of the Church (Jan. 10).

**A PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** by Southfield Clergy Association at the **Community Congregational Church** in Lathrup Village (Jan. 22).

**YOUTH MINISTRY OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES** convened in Nashville, Tennessee (Jan. 24-27).

**A SPECIAL DOXOLOGY** at the **Greek Cathedral Church of Annunciation** in honor of His Holiness Athenagoras I on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of his enthronement (Jan. 26).

**MDCC REGIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE** at **Strathmoor Methodist Church** in Detroit (Jan. 30).

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM** topic presented "Armenian Church, Past and Present" (Feb. 2).

**DETROIT ROUND TABLE CLERGY CONFERENCE** at **Wayne State University Religious Center** (Feb. 4).

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS** presenting candidates for Southfield Civic offices at **Mary Thompson Junior High School**, Southfield (Feb. 5).

**TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL INSTITUTE OF JUDAISM** at **Temple Beth-El** in Detroit (Feb. 7).

**CITY-WIDE BROTHERHOOD WEEK** was represented by the active participation of the Women's Guild (Feb. 16).

**ARMENIAN CHURCH LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE** for Armenian students held at **Eastern Michigan University Campus** in Ypsilanti in the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Chapel (Feb. 17).

**RETREAT FOR SOUTHFIELD CLERGY ASSOCIATION** in Sarnia, Canada (Feb. 24).

**SOUTHFIELD INTER-FAITH ACTION CENTER** held a Festival of Hope in St. Michael's Roman Catholic School in Southfield (Mar. 2).

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BIRMINGHAM**, topic presented was "Orthodoxy and the Armenian Church" (Mar. 9).

**MDCC TEEN AND TWENTY CHAPEL IN CONCERT**, contemporary worship in modern music and language in the **Adlai Stevenson Auditorium** of Detroit School System (Mar. 16).

**TRINITY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN** in Detroit, topic presented was "Orthodoxy and the Armenian Church" (Mar. 23).

**INVOCATION** was offered at a dinner meeting of Southfield Spiritual Foundation Day committee at Red Cedars Restaurant in Southfield (Mar. 25).

**LECTURE FORUM** for the congregation of **Evangelical Lutheran Church** in Southfield on "The concept of fasting in relation to the doctrine of Salvation according to the view of Eastern Orthodox Churches" (Mar. 25).

**INVOCATION** was offered at **Jaycees First Annual Mayors' Breakfast** at Northland Inn (Mar. 29).

ATTENDANCE AT THE CELEBRATION OF FIRST DIVINE LITURGY of the newly ordained and installed first pastor of **Sts. Peter and Paul Assyrian Church** in Southfield, Fr. James Gleason (Mar. 30).

TRE-ORE SERVICES at Northland Center sponsored by **Southfield Clergy Association** (Apr. 4).

INVOCATION was offered at the **Institute of The Communications Department of MDCC**. Institute on Television Utilization was held in the Cultural Building (Apr. 15).

INVOCATION was offered at the famous Southfield Series luncheon at Raleigh House (Apr. 17).

SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION DAY-MICHIGAN WEEK. As a central committee member, our church also took part in southfield observance having an open house for area residents and conducting guided tours (May 18).

PICNIC FOR SOUTHFIELD CLERGY ASSOCIATION on the Summer Camp of Dun Scotus College in Howell, Michigan (June 26).

ATTENDANCE AT A LITURGICAL SERVICE celebrated by Cardinal Dearden on the feast day of St. Francis of Assissi at Dun Scotus College, followed by reception and dinner (Oct. 4).

MDCC GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY DINNER at **Westminister Presbyterian Church**, Detroit (Oct. 9).

INVOCATION was offered at one of **Detroit Pastor's Union Luncheon Meeting** at St. John's Episcopal Church in Royal Oak, concerning race and ethnic relations at which the graduating class from Cousino High School of Warren was attending (Oct. 13).

MDCC DETROIT INTERFAITH YOUTH RALLY at the Armenian Cultural Building (Nov. 2).

TRI-ENNIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN U.S.A. (N.C.C.) in Cobo Hall (Nov. 30-Dec. 4). Our church was host to Eastern Orthodox Delegates at the Armenian Cultural Building. Our pastor officially welcomed them and they were served dinner by the Women's Guild (Nov. 30).

## JOINT SACRAMENTAL PERFORMANCES

In this day and age of Ecumenical movement, several occasions arose throughout the year for joint marriage performances in different churches with the participation of our pastor. The following are three instances.

In **ST. GEMMA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** in Detroit, a joint wedding ceremony was performed for a male parishioner of ours (May 31).

In **GUARDIAN ANGELS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** in Clawson, a joint wedding ceremony was performed for a male parishioner of ours (Sept. 27)

In **STs. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH** in Detroit, a joint wedding ceremony was performed for a female parishioner of ours (Dec. 27).

## CHURCH TOURS

Our church continued to attract many groups throughout the year with its unusual Armenian architectural style from the Detroit Metropolitan area. Various organized groups from different churches and civic organizations visited the Church in large or small groups and on these occasions our clergy gave these groups a comprehensive church tour, lecturing on the Armenian Church. Some of the groups preferred to attend our Worship Service on Sundays.

Also interviews were given to area students in Ecumenical or religious classes for their term papers.

The following list represents those groups who visited the church throughout the year of 1969.

Thirty-five seventh graders from **Our Shepherd Lutheran Church of Birmingham** (Jan. 12).

The Young Peoples Fellowship of the **First Methodist Church of Birmingham** (Mar. 19).

Circl A of the Women's Society of Christian Services of the **First Methodist Church of Birmingham** (Mar. 19).

The Junior Youth Fellowship of **St. James Episcopal Church** (Mar. 23)

A group of **Southfield High School** Seniors of the World Religions Class (Mar. 30).

A group of students from **Marianne High School** (Apr. 23).

A group from **St. Paul Episcopal Church** of Port Huron (Apr. 27).

A group from **First United Presbyterian Church** of Royal Oak with their minister (Apr. 27).

The eighth grade class of **St. Patrick's School of Union Lake** (Apr. 29).  
 A group of women from the **Adventurers Club of Detroit** (May 6).  
 An art study group from the **American Association of University Women** (June 12).  
 Pupils from **Northbrook Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School** (June 24).  
 Sixty students with the accompaniment of 15 adults from **Redford Presbyterian Church** (July 23).  
**Episcopal Church Women** from Oakland Convocation (Nov. 5).  
 Byzantine Arts students from **Wayne State University** (Nov. 15).  
 Ten Eagle Scouts working toward "God and Country Award" from **First Presbyterian Church** in Birmingham (Dec. 7).  
 Eighth and Ninth graders from **Birmingham Jewish Temple** (Dec. 14).

### **VISITING CLERGY**

This year we were again privileged with the visitation of Armenian clergymen throughout the Diocese and on occasions from different parts of the world. The following clergymen visited and performed some service to the church whenever possible.

**THE MOST REV. ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN**, Primate visited Detroit on three occasions: At the **ACYOA Second Constitutional Assembly** held in Detroit he presided over the church services on Sunday (Mar. 7-9); **ACYOA Central Council meeting** held in Detroit (May 9-11); he delivered the sermon on Sunday; he visited our parish on official business and presided over the **Parish Council meeting** Nov. 4-5).

**VERY REV. SHNORK VARTABED KASPARIAN**, pastor of West Allis, Wisconsin visited the parish on the occasion of **ACYOA Second Constitutional Assembly** (Mar. 7-9) and delivered the sermon on Sunday.

**REV. FR. MICHAEL BUTTERO**, pastor of Haverhill, Massachusetts Armenian Church visited the parish on the occasion of **ACYOA Second Constitutional Assembly** (Mar. 7-9) and celebrated Badarak on Sunday.

**VERY REV. ARSHAG VARTABED KHACHADOORIAN**, pastor of Cleveland, Ohio visited the parish on the occasion of **Lucineh Zakarian concert** (May 11).

**THE MOST REV. ARCHBISHOP TIRAN NERSOYAN** of New York visited the Parish twice; to take part in the wedding ceremony of **Deacon Hovhannes Kasparian** of New York, Executive Secretary of **ACYOA** and he preached in the church on Sunday morning (May 18); he also paid a social visit (Aug. 30-Sept. 3).

**REV. FR. DAJAD DAVIDIAN**, pastor of Racine, Wisconsin visited the parish on the occasion of **Deacon Kasparian's wedding** (May 18) and celebrated Badarak on Sunday morning.

**VERY REV. OSHAGAN MINASIAN**, of Boston on the occasion of **Deacon Kasparian's wedding** (May 18).

**VERY REV. VASKEN KESHISHIAN**, of South Milwaukee, Wisconsin on the occasion of **Deacon Kasparian's wedding** (May 18).

**REV. FR. ARNAK KASPARIAN** of Tenafly, New Jersey visited our parish while vacationing in the area during the month of July:

**VERY REV. OSHIN VARTABED NIGOLIAN**, of Europe, visited the parish and stayed a week with us in July; he celebrated Badarak and delivered the sermon (July 27).

**REV. FR. ARTEN ASHJIAN** of Watertown, Massachusetts visited our parish on his way to California for his new assignment as pastor of the Armenian Church in San Francisco (Aug. 28).

**RT. REV. BISHOP KAREKIN KAZANJIAN**, primate of Australia, paid a courtesy call while in the U.S.A. (Nov. 11-12).

**RT. REV. BISHOP SHAHE AJEMIAN**, Chancellor of Jerusalem Patriarchate visited the parish on official business (Nov. 25).

**REV. FR. MAMPRE KOUZOUIAN**, from Newark, New Jersey was here to attend the week-long Assembly of National Council of Churches (Nov. 30-Dec. 5). He celebrated Badarak and delivered the sermon on Sunday, November 30.

**REV. FR. NERSESS JEBEJIAN**, the former Superintendent of our Church School, and newly ordained priest in our Diocese, paid his first visit to our parish after his ordination into priesthood, to attend the week-long Assembly of National Council of Churches (Nov. 30-Dec. 5).

### **MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE YEAR**

During 1969 three major accomplishments in our community are noteworthy and we can view them with a sense of pride and satisfaction.

**MEMORIAL PROJECT AT WOODLAWN.** The Armenian Community Memorial project, which was instituted some twelve years ago was brought to its successful conclusion with the completion of its second phase. The Armenian community now owns two beautiful Memorial Shrines at Woodlawn Cemetery. The first shrine in the traditional design of the Dome of the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin was dedicated in 1963 in Section 27 and the second one is the Martyrs Memorial Shrine featuring "Urn of Tears" in memory of the massacre of 1915 which was dedicated on November 9, 1969 in Section 28B. The Armenian community is indebted to the late MR. J. HOWARD WENDORPH who conceived this memorial project and gave us his invaluable assistance.

**CAMP ARARAT.** It was during 1969 that AGBU purchased for Midwestern children a beautiful place with tremendous camping facilities (both summer and Winter) in Northern Michigan near Grayling, a resort place. This was purchased as part of the AGBU National Campaign for preservation of Armenian heritage. The camp went right ahead into operation with great success. Many children enjoyed their four weeks stay there with planned activities from the middle of July to the middle of August. Church services were also conducted there for children by the clergy. Plans now are underway for more full and varied programs for the benefit of the youth groups of our community. The tremendous facilities of the camp should be utilized to its fullest extent.

**ARMENIAN DAY SCHOOL.** This was another gigantic project ever to be taken on by AGBU on a national level. Two fund raising dinners were given in Detroit (June 6 and Oct. 3) toward the National Campaign of Armenian Day Schools in U.S.A. The sizeable amount of pledges collected in Detroit made the initial national goal of \$2 Million very easily accessible. Detroit being the headquarters of the National Campaign Committee for the Establishment of Armenian Day Schools, many consultative meetings were held in our Cultural Building which culminated with the establishment of the first Armenian Day School since the project went into effect, and this was in Detroit. The first class operated in October in our Cultural Building with Kindergarten children. The Educational Committee is preparing for next year an additional class for first grade children. We are very hopeful for the future of the school and we look forward with great anticipation of eventual construction of a beautiful Armenian Day School in Detroit with many happy Armenian pupils.

#### **WITH OUR CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS,**

Pastors, beside attending church auxiliary regular meetings (general, executive, standing and special committees) were also actively engaged in their various projects. They conducted installation ceremonies for the new officers and initiation ceremonies for new members. They visited with church groups. The Michigan Armenian Aged Home on Christmastide and Eastertide. ACYOA Mission Week (Mar. 24-28), ACYOA-Project Youth Lenten Fish Dinners were new and pleasant experiences for our parish. The pilgrimage of the Ladies' Auxiliary with 37 members to St. Vartan Cathedral was a historic occasion where they witnessed the consecration of a newly installed Altar (Sept. 7). Mr. & Mrs. Club, which was the outcome of a special dinner tendered to the newly-weds of our parish (June 5) will soon be another useful addition to our existing auxiliary organizations; since then this group of energetic young couples is in its formative stage on the way of being a new church auxiliary organization. The ACYOA-Project Youth with consulting parents committee was another new movement which realized many instances of worthwhile activities for our youth, Junior ACYOA age group. We anticipate new vigorous ventures from these groups in the coming year.

All our auxiliary groups are to be commended for their worthwhile projects in our parish for our church community and specially all those individuals who distinguished themselves with their exceptional work within various service projects which can be regarded as the service squads of our church. Men's Society for their **Blood Bank** and **Ushers Corps**, Ladies' Auxiliary for their **mas preparation**, Women's Guild for their **mas packaging**. Parents Guidance Council for their assistance and supervision for our youth project activities. Library and Altar Guilds for their much needed services within their particular areas.

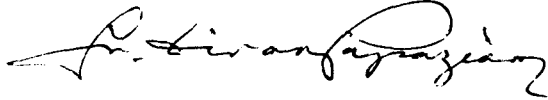
#### **EPILOGUE**

My deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks to all our church organizations and faithful parishioners for their unselfish and dedicated service. My ardent prayers will always be with them for their continuous well being. In this metropolitan parish of ours our need for dedicated lay people is much greater than we realize. We need unselfish workers in all

phases of our church life. The church needs you as you need the church. Without wholehearted cooperation of the people we can never develop a stronger church community. Moreover our church also needs conscientious supporters with realistic pledges so that the church will be able to continue and even expand its numerous programs for the enjoyment of our people.

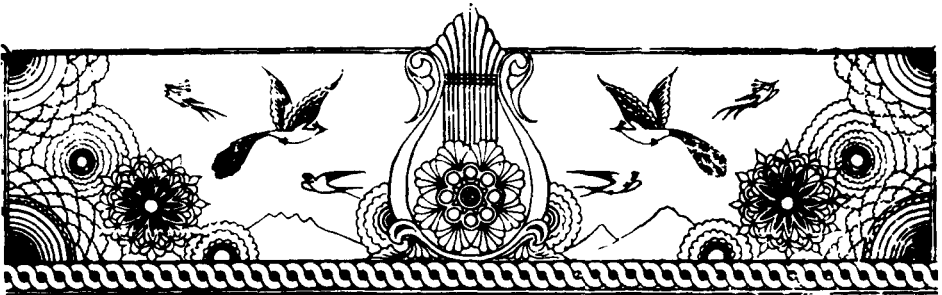
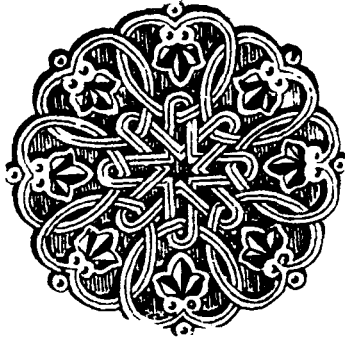
As we embark into another year and a new decade, I ask your prayers and encouragement so that your humble servant, with the grace of God, may satisfactorily perform his tremendous tasks during the year of 1970, for the greater glory of God.

With Blessings  
and prayerfully,



REV. FR. DIRAN PAPA ZIAN  
PASTOR

JANUARY , 1970



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SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48075

January 23, 1970

Dear Parishioners:

I have had the pleasure this year of working with a group of the finest men in our Armenian Church Community. Their devotion and dedication to the immense task of governing St. John's Armenian Church is highly commendable. The Tivan in particular has demonstrated its willingness to tackle the problems that have arisen and has worked diligently for the welfare and enrichment of the church and its members.

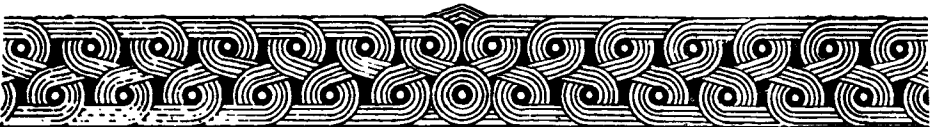
We have never lost sight of the fact that we are the servants in the church and have the responsibility of guiding the parish in its spiritual, educational and financial endeavors. A personal interest has been taken by the Parish Council in all the activities of the parish, particularly those dealing with operational policies, communication and youth activities.

Although nothing spectacular may have been done and we have had some trying times we did move forward and expand our programs and activities.

The Parish Council would like to continue to expand and improve its facilities and to maintain its programs but in order to do this we must have the enthusiastic support of the parishioners. This is made especially evident since our financial responsibilities are so immense. It is necessary that all members do their part so that a few will not have to carry the added burden. The Parish Council is making every effort to meet the requirements of our Armenian Church community, however, nothing can be accomplished without your encouragement, cooperation and above all your involvement.

As the chairman of the Parish Council, I wish to express my appreciation to our Pastors, the members of the Parish Council, the executive bodies of our church organization and to the parishioners who supported our programs and activities for their encouragement and cooperation this year.

Sincerely,  
MICHAEL MEGREGIAN  
Chairman, Parish Council





**PARISH COUNCIL REPORT  
1969**

**ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BODY**

The outgoing and incoming members of the Parish Council held a joint meeting on March 5, 1969, 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 1969-70 officers:

Chairman:	Michael Megregian
Vice-chairman:	Dicron Tafralian*
Secretary:	Jack Margosian
Treasurer:	Harry A. Kezelian*
Advisors:	Narses Gedigian Jack Kavlakian Edward B. Korkoian* George M. Kurajian* John M. Noraian Garbis Ohanian Albert P. Semonian

\*Term Expiring February, 1970

**Appointments and Committees**

The following members of the Parish Council were appointed to serve as the 1969-70 liaison officers to our respective church auxiliaries and as members of standing committees:

**Liaison Officers**

Armenian Apostolic Society	Michael Megregian
St. John's Armenian Church School	Jack Margosian
Calouste Gulbenkian Armenian School	Garbis Ohanian
Calouste Gulbenkian Kindergarten School	George M. Kurajian
Armenian Cooperative Nursery School	George M. Kurajian
Ladies' Auxiliary	Edward B. Korkoian
Women's Guild	Dicron Tafralian
Men's Society	Albert P. Semonian
Komitas Choir	Narses Gedigian
ACYOA Juniors and Seniors	John M. Noraian
Library Guild	Harry A. Kezelian

**Standing Committees**

Building	Albert P. Semonian
In lieu of Flowers, Sacraments, Gifts	George M. Kurajian
Plates and Candles	Hairabed Mikaelian
Cemetery-Bequests and Wills	Edward B. Korkoian
Budget and Finance	Dicron Tafralian
Membership and Pledge	Jack Kavlakian
Policy	Albert P. Semonian
Calendar	John Noraian

**Honorary Positions**

Honorary Chairman	Peter Manoogian
Honorary Member	Hairabed Mikaelian

## **REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS DURING 1969**

Special meetings were held with the Diocesan Delegates, various church auxiliary organizations, and representatives of our Church Schools to solve problems of the past year. A total of thirty regular Parish Council meetings and fifteen Tivan meetings were held during the year.

## **PLEDGE SYSTEM**

The pledge chairman along with the Parish Council, has made a concerted effort this year to collect past dues along with the current pledges. The response from the parishioners has improved but is still less than expected. The reluctance among some parishioners concerning the payment of their present and past dues has become a growing concern to the Parish Council.

A continual effort was made to have all parishioners sign 1970 pledge cards. Thus far less than half of our 1100 membership have made their pledge known and we urge that the remaining parishioners expedite their 1970 pledge notification.

The Parish Council and pledge committee fervently hope that the parishioners realize the need for a pledge system and the signing of pledge cards and that each member must continue their financial support in order that we may meet our financial obligations.

## **CULTURAL BUILDING REPORT FOR THE YEAR OF 1969**

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 Intermediate, AGBU 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 1. Coffee Hour 1st Sunday of the month. Easter and Christmas breakfasts were held for the children. A total of 64 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 470 meetings were held in the building during the year. One Pot Luck Dinner for parishioners was given at the Preliminary General Assembly meeting. AGBU Armenian Day School began in October.

The Parish Council would like to thank Mr. Frank Bartholomew and his crew for the job well done in keeping and maintaining the building and equipment in excellent condition. As parishioners with our guests, we should adhere to the rules governing the building and the equipment.

Following are listed the major improvements and additions that were made to the facilities in the 1969 budget year.

1. Roof leaks repaired.
2. Chimes installed in the church.
3. Public address system installed in church.
4. Timer added to dome light circuit.
5. Mosaic baptismal scene added to font wall.
6. Seal coat applied to side altar paintings.
7. Parking lot surface seal added and restriped.
8. Air condition unit repair started. (to be completed in Spring of 1970)
9. Air condition unit installed in Church School office.
10. Purchase of new freezer added to kitchen equipment.
- 11; Redecorating of building interior started. (Kitchen, office and rest rooms completed as of this date).

## **ARMENIAN COMMUNITY MEMORIAL - WOODLAWN CEMETERY**

With the dedication of the Armenian Martyrs Shrine in Section 28B, on Sunday, November 9, 1969, the second phase of our Armenian Community Memorial in Woodlawn Cemetery was brought to a successful conclusion. This Memorial project, which was instituted by the Parish Council of St. John's Armenian Church on December 22, 1958, is a historic accomplishment for our parish and it is the first and only memorial

project of its kind in America. Certainly it is an accomplishment which we can all view with pride and satisfaction. We now have two beautiful memorial shrines in Woodlawn Cemetery. The first shrine is in the traditional design of the Dome of the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin and it was dedicated in 1963, in Section 27. The second shrine is, of course, the Armenian Martyrs Shrine in Section 28B, which features the Urn of Tears dedicated to the immortal memory of the victims of the horrendous genocide of the Armenians, perpetrated by the Turks in April, 1915. Our parish is justifiably proud of this magnificent project, and we are grateful to Woodlawn Cemetery for their cooperation, and especially we are indebted to the late Mr. J. Howard Wendorph, who conceived this memorial project and gave us immeasurable assistance and cooperation in bringing it to a successful conclusion.

#### **10TH ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**

St. John's Armenian Church held its 10th Annual Picnic at the State Fair Grounds on Sunday, July 27, 1969. Although the day turned out to be a rainy and stormy one, we had patches of sunshine and a host of devoted parishioners who supported the annual affair and attended to make the day a huge success. The committee members, under the chairmanship of Dicron Tafraalian, who had to carry tables to a nearby shelter, prepared and served a delicious shish kebab dinner. Over 1,000 persons were served and were also entertained by the music of the Hye Tones.

The Parish Council and Clergy wish to congratulate our picnic committee members for this successful affair and extend appreciation to the parishioners for their continued support.

#### **NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER-DANCE**

The Parish Council expresses appreciation to the committee and Mrs. Helen Armoudian for the successful Annual New Year's Eve Celebration. The continued participation of our parishioners was the most important ingredient in making our Ninth Annual New Year's Eve Dinner-Dance an outstanding event.

#### **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**

Six Church School pupils received a scholarship to attend the Summer Study Program at St. Nersess School in Evanston, Illinois during 1969. They are as follows: Margaret Gargarian, Kelli Kuchukian, Kari Kuchukian, Gary Melikian, Jim Stamboulian, and Anita Vanerian.

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Diverting from the usual procedure, instead of electing the three members of the auditing committee at the Annual Preliminary Meeting held in November, with the approval of the General Assembly convened on February 28, 1969, a nominating committee was elected at this meeting with the responsibility to serve a whole year and present the candidates for Parish Council and Auditing Committee at the Annual Parish Assembly to be held in February 1970. The three elected were Deacon Ara Haig, Mr. Jack Kazanjian and Dr. Dennis Papazian.

#### **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 1969 Station Wagon for the Pastors use. This is the fifth consecutive year that Mr. Dorian has presented the Church with a courtesy car.

#### **MEMORIAL SHRINE HONORING ARMENIAN MARTYRS OF 1915**

Mr. Howard Atesian, treasurer, reports that as of December 31, 1969, there is in the Martyr's Monument Fund a total of \$5,440.60 in the savings account at the National Bank of Detroit. These funds were contributed at the 50th Anniversary Commemoration Banquet for the purpose of building a monument in memory of our two million martyrs, who were victims of the first Genocide perpetrated by the Turks against the Armenian people.

The committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Hagop S. Derderian, has delayed erection of a monument because they felt that justice could not be done to a memorial of this type for less than \$10,000 and Detroit has a reputation for doing things properly. This monument should be one that is worthy of the memory of our brothers and sisters. We are sure that all Detroiters will want to have a share in the erection of this memorial monument.

#### **67TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY**

The 67th Annual Diocesan Assembly and Clergymen's Conference of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America took place in St. James Church, Watertown, Massachusetts, on May 1-2-3, 1969 with Primate Archbishop Torkom Manoogian presiding and attended by 116 delegates.

Diocesan Delegates from our Parish who attended and were nominated in various committees were Mr. Martin Apkarian, Deacon Ara Haig, Mr. Edward Korkoian, Deacon Daniel Shahan, and alternating for Mr. Edward Mardigian, Dr. Dennis Papazian. Our pastors attended the Assembly.

#### **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.

#### **LADIES AUXILIARY**

The Ladies Auxiliary completed another successful year under the leadership of Chairman Mrs. Haiganoush Toundaian and the Executive Board. Nine luncheon meetings were held at the Cultural Hall, with an average attendance of 75-85. All membership meetings were presided over by the clergy.

Numerous visitations were made to ailing members. Cards of condolences, congratulatory cards and telegrams were sent to members as the occasion arose.

Thirty-seven members made the pilgrimage to St. Vartans Cathedral in New York City on September 7, 1969 and witnessed the consecration of the main altar. The Ladies Auxiliary made a gift of \$500.00 to provide a cross for the newly consecrated altar in memory of deceased members of the Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary purchased and presented to the Church a new freezer, at the cost of more than \$1000.00 for the Cultural Hall kitchen.

Mrs. Shoushanig Serkian and her committee are responsible for preparing Mas whenever it is needed.

The Ladies Auxiliary participates in activities at the International Institute as well as maintaining an Armenian display window which is changed every three months.

The Ladies Auxiliary has through its diversified program of activities added immeasurably to the spiritual and social life of St. John's Armenian Church Community.

#### **WOMEN'S GUILD**

St. John's Armenian Church Women's Guild has completed another successful year under the direction of their able chairman, Mrs. Michael (Mary) Seremjian.

The year 1969 was once again marked with a series of successful affairs. Some of the highlights were the annual dinner dance, Christmas dinner for members, mother-daughter banquet, lenten luncheon and communion breakfast. In addition to these they had a Christmas dinner at the Armenian Old Age Home and a bake sale at the festival at Westland.

The Guild has a current membership of 147 members which includes twelve new members for the year 1969. The Parish Council and Pastors must commend the Guild and the executive board for their devoted service.

#### **MEN'S SOCIETY**

The Parish Council would like to express their appreciation to Mr. Jack Kezelian, chairman, and the Men's Society members for the continued support and assistance they have given the church whenever called upon.

#### **Blood Bank**

One of the most worthwhile achievements of the Men's Society is the starting and continuation of the Blood Bank since 1963. Since its inception 167 pints of blood have

been given to our parishioners. The Parish Council commends Mr. Jack Kazanjian, chairman and his committee, Messrs. Arthur Boudakian, Jack Kezelian, Dick Tafralian, and Archie Yeghissian for their leadership in this worthwhile endeavor. The next Blood Bank Drive will be held Monday, April 6, 1970.

#### **Ushers Corps**

The Ushers Corp continues 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 thank Mr. Mickey Amboyan, captain and the ushers Messrs. Ted Amboyan, Jim Baharozian, Arthur Boudakian, David Darakjian, George Elian, Harry Kaloustian, Alex Karabajakian, Dick Kehyian, Jack Kezelian, Berj Kurkechian, Nick Mikaelian, Eli Sarkisian, Charles Takessian and Andrew Tarpinian for assuming this great responsibility.

#### **KOMITAS CHOIR**

Sunday after Sunday, and on feast days throughout the year, our parishioners have had the pleasure to hear and enjoy the wonderful renditions of our most honored liturgical music sung by our Komitas Choir under the direction of the choirmaster, Deacon Ara Haig and assistant to the director, organist, Miss Louise Sarkisian. Acknowledgements are due also to our altar servers, Deacons; Daniel Shahan and John Semizian, sub-deacons; Hagop Asadurian and Mihran Hoplamazian, stole-bearers; Hayrabed Merhafian and Hairabed Mikaelian and clerk, Masa Carman for their devoted service on the Holy Altar. The Parish Council also acknowledges the continuous services of former director, Deacon Harry H. Ekizian, also Mrs. Charlene Apigian and Margaret Tehlirian as assistant organists.

Last October, The Komitas Choir answered the call by His Holiness Lord Lord Vasken I of All Armenians and directed by Primate Archbishop Torkom, to celebrate The Centennial of the Birth of Komitas Vartabed, with a very elaborate concert, thirty-two voices strong, assisted by soloists and the Fayroian Sisters String Trio.

#### **LIBRARY GUILD**

The Library Guild of St. John's Armenian Church has completed its third year of operation. Its primary objective is to provide books and various resource material pertaining to history, religion, culture and etc., to the Armenian and non-Armenian community.

Funds were made available for the purchase of books, furniture and other materials by participation in the Grosse Pointe Festival and the sponsoring of two musical concerts and personal donations.

It is the desire of the Library Guild that all persons interested, both old and young, use its facilities and thereby obtain the benefits it provides.

#### **ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA**

The ACYOA Seniors filled their calendar the past year with varied and interesting events. The Parish Council wishes to express its appreciation to the ACYOA and parents who have given their time and energy for the religious, educational and social activities. These services have helped fulfill the needs of our church.

The past year has been a very enthusiastic one for PROJECT YOUTH. The athletic, religious, and social activities, directed to the 13-17 year age group, have been very successful. We are fortunate to have among our supporters, Mr. Richard Vahratian, who has taken the responsibility of organizing and directing the Project Youth program. Among our outstanding participating parents we acknowledge the work of Mr. and Mrs. Raffi Aram, Mr. and Mrs. Sooren Gozmanian, and Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Kuchukian. The Parish Council wishes to thank the Armenian-American Veterans for their sincere and total involvement in opening their building to all the youth activities. Without their co-operation our program would not be successful.

#### **ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL**

The 1968-69 academic year was our 21st in providing for the Christian training and nurture of our parish children through the Church School. The Pastors and Parish Council would like to express their sincere appreciation to all those who have made this possible. In particular they would like to thank Deacon (now Father) Nersess Jebejian, the former superintendent; Dr. Dennis Papazian, present advisor and acting chairman of the board;

Miss Rose Samarian, advisor; Mrs. Arshaloys Nersesian, supervisor of the kindergarten; Miss Carol Nersessian, supervisor of the primary department; Mr. Martin Cholakian, supervisor of the secondary department; and Mr. Robert Sarkisian, supervisor of the senior department.

Deacon Nersess' resignation last summer, and his subsequent ordination into the priesthood, left the office of superintendent vacant. Mr. Michael Megregian, chairman of the Parish Council, Miss Rose Samarian, Miss Carol Nersessian, Mr. Martin Cholakian, and Dr. Dennis Papazian stepped into the breach and made arrangements for the Church School to open in the fall of 1969.

The new academic year began with a full program. The new administrative board made several changes in policy and procedures to achieve a more efficient operation in the face of reduced professional support. The well-qualified board and devoted staff of over 40 members are now working harmoniously for the student body of 650, the largest in our Diocese. Mrs. Margaret Tehlirian has continued her fine work as organist for the worship services, Mrs. Vicky Zamanigian as music director of the primary department and Mrs. Rosemary Hoplamazian as director of worship for the primary and junior department.

### **CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN KINDERGARTEN**

After serving faithfully for a number of years, Mrs. Nellie Boyajian relinquished her position as Supervisor due to other pressing commitments. The Parish Council would like to thank Mrs. Boyajian for her many devoted years of service and wish her great success in her new endeavors.

The Kindergarten School is now headed by Mrs. Arshaloys Nersesian as Supervisor and Mrs. Alice Semizian, Assistant Supervisor. Although the Kindergarten is a self contained organization, it is now a part of the total church school system. The Parish Council expresses its appreciation to the supervisors and staff members for their untiring efforts.

### **CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL**

The Armenian School opened its doors in September with Mr. Nurhan Akaracian as principal. Classes are held on Sunday from 10-11 a.m. with an enrollment of 67 students under the able supervision of 14 staff members. Although this year's enrollment is less, student enthusiasm and attendance has been above expectation.

The Saturday classes, under the supervision of Mr. Souren Shorvoghlian, has an enrollment of 30 with a varied curriculum of language, dance, history and music which is offered to the children from 9:30 to 12:30.

The Parish Council commends these gentlemen for their continued efforts in teaching our children about their Armenian heritage.

### **ARMENIAN CO-OPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL**

The Armenian Co-operative Nursery School opened on September 22 for its sixth year of operation. The Parish Council would like to thank Mrs. Jean Pinkelman, director and Mrs. Mary Egigian, staff assistant, for many hours of devoted service. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 to 11:30 A.M.

### **SENIOR CITIZENS**

The Senior Citizens meet three times a week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Armenian American Veteran's Building. The program, under the chairmanship of Mr. George D. Baylerian, provides recreation for our retirees in pleasant surroundings. The members provide light refreshments for their afternoon sessions. All retirees of our community are invited to participate.

### **MR. AND MRS. CLUB**

This organization is now in a formative stage. Many young couples of our parish have shown an interest in such a club, where young people in the same age group and having similar interests, could serve the Church and enjoy spiritual and social activities. The Parish Council authorized Mr. Jack Kavlakian to proceed with this club, which they feel will become a useful auxiliary of our parish.

### **DEPARTURE OF VERY REV. YEGHISHE GIZIRIAN**

A farewell dinner was given by the Parish Council of St. John's Armenian Church on Tuesday, October 21, 1969, in the Armenian Cultural Building for Hayr Soorp. Hayr Soorp was assigned a new parish in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania by the Primate,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, after serving as Pastor of St. John's Armenian Church for four years. The Parish Council presented Fr. Gizirian with a monetary gift representing the Church Organizations, Parish Schools and Parish Council, along with luggage from the parishioners.

Father Gizirian's efforts and devotion to God's work during his stay in Detroit contributed immeasurably to the betterment of the Armenian community. The church organizations also were strengthened by his leadership and he was sincerely respected and loved by all parishioners who came to know him. The Parish Council extends sincere appreciation to Fr. Gizirian for his dedicated service to St. John's Armenian Church and wishes him good health and success as he continues to serve Christ and the Armenian Church.

#### **DEPARTURE OF DEACON NERSESS JEBEJIAN**

The Parish Council acknowledges the years of faithful service rendered by Deacon (now Father) Nersess Jebejian as Church School Superintendent and Youth Director. Deacon Nersess departed from St. John's Armenian Church in August 1969, to be ordained a priest and is presently Pastor of St. John the Divine in Springfield, Massachusetts.

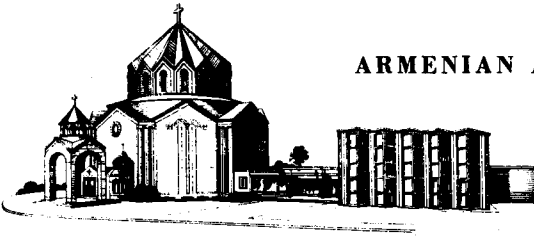
The Parish Council congratulates Father Nersess on his elevation to the priesthood and wishes him strength and wisdom in order that he may fulfill his mission in the Service of Christ.

#### **APPRECIATIONS**

The Pastors and Parish Council extend 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.

**PASTORS AND PARISH COUNCIL**





## ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC SOCIETY, INC.

22001 NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY  
SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY:  
H. S. DERDERIAN  
725~~330~~ FORD BUILDING  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

Dear Parishioners:

As all of you know, our new church has been completed now for some time. Naturally, there are some additions, modifications and improvements which we will always be doing. The pipe organ we have ordered was promised originally for last October, and a number of changes in the design of the organ pipes caused a substantial delay. We are hopeful that we may have it sometime in the spring, perhaps for Easter.

We have been working on the consecration book, and I am happy to say that although the process has been slow, Dr. Dennis Papazian has done an outstanding job. We are sure it will be a book that everyone will want, particularly the Detroiters. It will include many pictures, both in black and white and in color, of our church and various group meetings and organizations. It will also include a quite complete history of the Detroit Armenian community. Publication and distribution of this book should take place during the summer.

The Apostolic Society is also in a good financial condition. We have no debts at the present time, and the funds we have on hand, plus the pledges that are still forthcoming, will take care of the organ and other incidentals. Mr. Richard Simonian, our accountant, is working on the books and promises to give us a statement as of 12/31/69. Of course, we intend to publish the names of all of the contributors who gave \$100.00 or more during the entire campaign.

I am sure that members of the congregation are very happy with our church and cultural building complex, and are making good use of them. I do hope, however, that we all realize and appreciate that the operating expenses of these facilities are substantial and to maintain them properly will require generous pledges and contributions from all the members of the congregation.

Again, let me express my sincere appreciation to all the members and friends of the Armenian Apostolic Society for their assistance and contributions toward the successful completion of our beautiful traditional church.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Edward Mardigian'. The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Edward Mardigian, President  
Armenian Apostolic Society, Inc.



# STATISTICAL REPORTS OF CHURCH AUXILIARIES

## MEN'S SOCIETY

Chairman: Mr. Jack Kezelian  
 Membership: 92  
 Number of Meetings: 20  
 (Executive & General);  
 Main Activities: Eye Test Program, Blood Bank Drive, Usher Corps, Pancake Social, Assist at Church Picnic, Pinochle Tournament, Father-Son Baseball Night, Theater Party, New Year's Eve Raffle, Sunday School Christmas Communion Breakfast, Christmas Party.

## LADIES' AUXILIARY

Chairman: Mrs. Haiganoush Toundaian  
 Membership: 221  
 Number of Meetings: 22  
 (Executive & General);  
 Main Activities: Vartanantz, Michink, Bake Sale, Hampartzoom International Fair, Preparation of Mas.

## WOMEN'S GUILD

Chairman: Mrs. Mary Seremjian  
 Membership: 147  
 Number of Meetings: 19  
 (Executive & General);  
 Main Activities: Westland, Old Age Home Party, Lenten Luncheon, Communion Breakfast, Mother-Daughter Banquet, Christmas Dinner, Annual Dinner Dance.

## ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA SENIORS

Chairman: Mrs. Gary Javizian  
 Membership: 101  
 Number of Meetings: 23  
 (Executive & General);  
 Main Activities: Ski Trip, ACYOA Day, Constitutional Assembly, Midwest Anniversary Ball, Memorial Day Picnic, Halloween Party, Annual Thanksgiving Dance, Progressive Dinner and Christmas Party, Christmas Eve Service, Publication of Hye Echoes, Cultural Events, Activities Night.  
 Future Projects: Annual Spring Affair, ACYOA Day, Retreat, Ski Trip

## RETIRED SENIOR MEMBERS

Organizer: Mr. George D. Baylerian  
 Membership: 41  
 Meeting Days: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 12-5 pm  
 Purpose: To give purpose and pleasure to leisure hours for senior retired members of our parish.  
 Future Projects: Visit convalescing senior members.

**ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF  
AMERICAN JUNIORS  
ACYOA-PROJECT YOUTH**

**Chairman:** Mr. Jim Stamboulian  
**Membership:** 39  
**Number of Meetings**  
(Executive & General): 20  
**Main Activities:** Toronto Trip, Ski Trip, Lenten Fish Dinners, Family Dinners, Road Rally, Football and Basketball, Hayride, Bonfire, Youth Rally, Lafayette Clinic, Bake Sales, Christmas Dance, Caroling at Old Age Home, Bowling, Fish Dinners, Retreat at Camp Ararat, Frankenmuth, Weekend in Waukegan, Roller Skating.

**Future Projects:**

**KOMITAS CHOIR**

**Chairman:** Miss Shakey Godoshian  
**Choirmaster:** Deacon Ara Haig  
**Total Membership:** 43  
**Number of Meetings:**  
(Executive & General): 10  
**Rehearsals:** 39  
**Main Activities:** Concert presented by the Komitas Choir in commemoration of the Centennial of the birth of Komitas Vartabed, October 26, 1969.

**LIBRARY GUILD**

**Chairman:** Mrs. Rose Shahinian  
**Membership:** 22  
**Number of Meetings**  
(Executive & General): 15  
**Main Activities:** Grosse Pointe International Festival, Zaratzian-Dedeyan Concert, Dicron Jamgochian Concert, Used Book Sale. Anniversary Dinner, Grosse Pointe International Festival

**Future Projects:**

**ALTAR GUILD**

**Chairman:** Mrs. Vartanoush Soultanian  
**Total Membership:** 10  
**Number of Meetings**  
(Executive & General): 3  
**Purpose:** Care and Cleaning of the Altar  
**Future Plans:** Cabinets to be made for storing all church linens.

**ARMENIAN CO-OPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL**

**Head Teacher:** Mrs. Jean Pinkelman  
**Staff Assistant:** Mrs. Mary Egigian  
**Enrollment:** 21  
**Staff Members:** 2  
**Classrooms:** 6  
**School Hours:** Monday, Wednesday and Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
**Annual Affairs:** Bake Sale and Pot Luck  
**Curriculum:** Preschool Education and Teaching of the Armenian language.  
**Future Plans:** Ice Cream Social

## **ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL**

**Board:** Dr. Dennis Papazian, Advisor  
Rose Samarian, Advisor  
Arshaloys Nersesian, Supervisor  
Carol Nersessian, Supervisor  
Martin Cholakian, Supervisor  
Robert Sarkisian, Supervisor  
**Enrollment:** 650  
**Staff Members:** 39  
**Classrooms:** 29  
**School Hours:** 11:00 am to 12:30 pm 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 Scripture, The Faith and Practice of the Armenian Church, The Divine Liturgy, and The Armenian Church History.

**Future Plans:** Expansion of Classroom Facilities, Establishment of an Audio-Visual Center, Teacher Training Program, and the Establishment of a Summer Vacation Church School.

## **CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN KINDERGARTEN**

**Supervisor:** Mrs. Arshaloys Nersesian  
**Enrollment:** 95  
**Staff Members:** 32  
**Classrooms:** 10  
**School Hours:** 10:00 - 12:30 Sundays  
**Annual Affairs:** Christmas Party for Students  
**Curriculum:** Bible and Armenian language teaching

## **CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL**

**Principal:** Mr. Nurhan Akarakcian  
**Enrollment:** 67  
**Staff Members:** 14  
**Classrooms:** 9  
**School Hours:** Saturday, 9:30 to 12:30; Sunday 10 to 10:55  
**Annual Affairs:** Year end hantes and participation with other organizations with short programs about four or five times a year.  
**Curriculum:** Armenian language, music, dance and history.  
**Future Plans:** New efficient teaching methods and preparation of text books.



**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT**  
**OPERATING FUND - PARISH COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**December 31, 1969**

**ASSETS**

Cash:

Checking Accounts:

General	\$ 5,063.84	
Special Social Events	300.00	
Building Rentals	1,287.00	
Savings Account-including	<u>21,599.44</u>	\$28,250.28
Building Maintenance Fund		

Investments:

Vacant land in Sterling	10,000.00	
Township - estimated value at 12-31-63		
Cemetery lots -	<u>13,000.00</u>	<u>23,100.00</u>
Woodlawn at cost		<u><u>\$51,350.28</u></u>

**LIABILITIES AND CHURCH EQUITY**

Liabilities:

Service Funds	\$ 3,527.20	
Miscellaneous	2,900.38	
Hall rental deposits	2,800.00	
State and Federal payroll	<u>1,803.45</u>	\$11,031.03
taxes		

Church Equity

40,319.25  
\$51,350.28

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CHURCH EQUITY**  
**OPERATING FUND**

Year Ended December 31, 1969

Unappropriated Surplus

Balance at January 1, 1969	\$25,474.93	
Deduct excess of disburse-	<u>4,319.44</u>	\$21,155.49
ments over receipts		

Building Maintenance Fund

Balance at January 1, 1969	\$14,163.76	
Add transfers from surplus	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>\$19,163.76</u>
		<u><u>\$40,319.25</u></u>

**OPERATING FUND - PARISH COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**Year Ended December 31, 1969**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Pledges:		
Current	\$63,694.28	\$65,000.00
Prior years	12,197.00	10,000.00
Plates and candles	6,952.45	7,000.00
Gifts and requiem	8,085.75	7,500.00
Sacraments	2,305.75	2,000.00
Christmas and Easter offering	2,205.45	2,000.00
Annual and Special activities:		
Picnic	1,648.54	2,000.00
New Year's Eve	736.72	2,000.00
Interest earned on Savings Account	1,137.99	200.00
Building Rentals:		
Church organizations	5,150.00	5,400.00
AGBU Armenian Day School	500.00	-0-
Others	27,025.00	25,000.00
Miscellaneous	5,136.07	3,500.00
Bequests	3,536.20	-0-
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 140,311.20</u>	<u>\$ 131,600.00</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Salaries, Wages and Stipends:		
Clergymen stipends	\$ 8,323.34	\$ 8,568.00
Expense Allowance	8,242.70	8,440.00
Other Church salaries	4,177.50	4,860.00
Office salaries	11,488.50	11,167.00
Youth Director and Church School Superintendent	5,310.70	7,700.00
Building maintenance	24,406.36	22,432.00
Temporary help	3,495.78	2,500.00
Payroll taxes	2,132.61	2,300.00
Employees benefits	4,230.54	5,550.00
Utilities	14,769.16	12,000.00
Telephone	2,217.90	2,300.00
Postage and freight	1,490.66	1,350.00
Supplies:		
Church	1,594.38	3,000.00
Office	1,376.34	1,000.00
Building and grounds	5,908.61	7,500.00
Repairs and Maintenance:		
Current year	9,179.76	7,000.00
Provision for future years	5,000.00	5,000.00
Printing expense	4,256.04	3,000.00
Visiting clergy expense	350.36	300.00
Travel expense	657.20	700.00
Armenian School expense	1,300.00	2,000.00
Advertising	1,201.60	300.00
Automobile leasing	1,429.10	1,500.00
Diocese dues, including \$400 Etchmiadzin	12,318.86	11,200.00
Detroit Council of Churches dues	700.00	400.00
Wayne State University Armanian Studies	315.00	315.00
Contributions	205.00	-0-
Insurance	3,471.60	4,000.00
ACYOA (Project Youth)	-0-	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,775.50	4,000.00
Capitol improvements	3,236.87	-0-
Sterling Heights property tax	68.67	-0-
Total Disbursements	<u>\$144,630.64</u>	<u>\$141,382.00</u>
Excess disbursements over receipts	4,319.44	

**PROPOSED BUDGET**  
**FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1970**

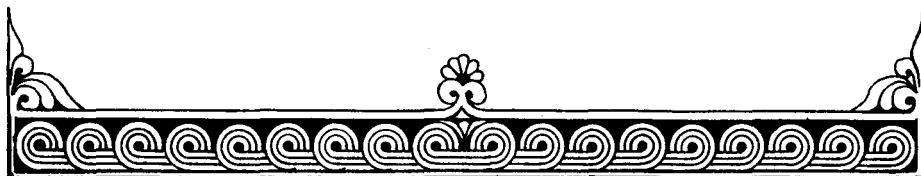
Estimated Revenue

Pledges:		
Current Year		\$ 70,000.00
Prior Year		10,000.00
Rentals:		
Church Organizations	\$ 3,500.00	
Other Related Organizations	2,400.00	
AGBU School	3,000.00	
Hall	<u>29,000.00</u>	
	Total	37,900.00
Church Revenues:		
Plates & Candles	7,000.00	
Gifts & Requiems	8,000.00	
Christmas & Easter	3,000.00	
Sacraments	<u>2,000.00</u>	
	Total	20,000.00
Annual Activities:		
Picnic	2,000.00	
New Year's Eve	2,000.00	
Bazaar	<u>7,000.00</u>	
	Total	11,000.00
Miscellaneous:		
Interest Savings Account	2,000.00	
Check Room	800.00	
Hall Income	600.00	
Linen, Coffee, Kitchen Help	2,000.00	
Office Services	<u>612.00</u>	
	Total	<u>6,012.00</u>
Total Estimated Revenue		<u>\$154,912.00</u>

Estimated Expenditures

Salaries and Stipends:		
Clergymen		\$ 17,008.00
Church:		
Sexton	\$ 1,800.00	
Choir Director		
& Assistant	1,520.00	
Organist &		
Assistant	<u>1,560.00</u>	
	Total	4,880.00
Maintenance:		
Superintendent	9,009.00	
Custodians (3)	19,423.00	
Extra Help	<u>2,500.00</u>	
	Total	30,932.00

Office Secretaries (2)	11,167.00	
Reserve for Salary & Fringe Ben. Increases	<u>3,000.00</u>	
Total		66,987.00
Payroll Tax Expense		2,317.00
Employee Benefits:		
Workmen's compensation	950.00	
Hospitalization	2,489.00	
Clergyman's Fund	547.00	
Life Insurance	<u>1,357.00</u>	
Total		5,343.00
Insurance Expense		4,000.00
Repair & Maintenance of Facilities:		
General Repair	4,000.00	
Contracted Service	4,000.00	
Future Repairs (Reserve)	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total		13,000.00
Utilities		14,000.00
Supplies:		
Church	2,500.00	
Office	1,000.00	
Building	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total		8,500.00
Freight & Postage		1,350.00
Telephone & Telegraph		2,300.00
Printing Torchbearer and Other Publications		5,000.00
Advertising and Publicity		1,000.00
Armenian School		1,000.00
ACYOA Project Youth		3,600.00
Visiting Clergy		2,500.00
Travel Expense-Clergy and Delegates		700.00
Dues:		
Diocese	\$ 11,800.00	
Etchmiadzin	400.00	
Detroit Council of Churches	<u>500.00</u>	
Total		12,700.00
Wayne State University Armenian Studies		315.00
Contingencies		5,000.00
Capital Improvements:		
Conference Room	2,200.00	
Auto Purchase	<u>3,100.00</u>	
Total		5,300.00
Total Estimated Expense		<u>\$ 154,912.00</u>



**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, 1969**

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Others</u>
CASH RECEIPTS (Contributions in memory of):			
Avedis Chibukjian	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$
Simon Jingoian	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Armen Gouregian	18.00	18.00	
Sahag Barsamian	270.00	270.00	
Ohannes Shouligian	526.00	263.00	263.00 a
Haig Casbarian	382.00	382.00	
Serpouhi Mikaelian	911.00	911.00	
Barounag Andonian	161.00	80.50	80.50 b
Samuel S. Pashigian	188.00	188.00	
Hermine Papazian	117.50	117.50	
John Cook (Ashibashian)	308.00	308.00	
Levon Keoleian	314.00	314.00	
Harry Mardigian	40.00	40.00	
Harry Kalaidjian	51.00	51.00	
Manik Buyikian	1,320.00	1,320.00	
Sarko Eudemishlian Family	193.00	193.00	
Altoun Tapoian	14.00	14.00	
Charles Toonjian	183.00	183.00	
Christine Achoukian	208.00	208.00	
Mary V. Topalian	77.00	77.00	
Robert P. Parsigian	497.00	248.50	248.50 c
Harry Soultanian	1,060.00	360.00	350.00 d 350.00 e
Garabed C. Torosian	948.00	948.00	
Harry Baylerian	533.00	269.00	264.00 f
John Nigohosian	35.00	35.00	
Charles Jooharigian	13.00	13.00	
John Bademian	284.00	284.00	
Baghdasar Seropian	280.50	280.50	
Arousiag Bagdasarian	293.00	293.00	
Haiganoush Bagdasarian	347.00	94.25	252.75 g
Kenneth Bryce	5.00	5.00	
Dickran Sekoian	406.50	207.00	199.50 h
Maritza Shahbazian	1,347.00	336.75	336.75 c 336.75 g 336.75 i 66.00 a
Vartaris Barsamian	88.00	22.00	
Sarkis S. Demerjian	10.00	10.00	
John Bedigian	58.00	58.00	
Khachadoor Keurajian	1,499.00	1,499.00	
Garabed Bozigian	393.00	393.00	
Setrag S. Karakashian	750.00	375.00	375.00 j
Seranoush S. Varteresian	152.00	152.00	
Mary Zobian	672.00	672.00	
Esther C. Torosian	5.00	5.00	
Sonia Grigorian	10.00	10.00	
Martin M. Boyajian	421.00	421.00	
Mardig Oknaian	714.00	182.26	265.87 k 265.87 l



Zabel Sarkisian	548.00	274.00	274.00 c
Ardash Kachdorian	188.00	188.00	
Hofsep Karnoogian	55.00	55.00	
Armene Mooradian (Calif)	70.00	70.00	
Harry Adjemian	2,498.00	624.50	624.50 m
			1,249.00 n
Charles G. Manoogian	445.00	445.00	
Armenag Kamashian (Kemish)	30.00	30.00	
Rose Saboonjian	447.00	115.50	331.50 o
Arsenoohi Shahinian	688.00	344.00	344.00 f
Mary Odabachian	439.00	439.00	
Khoren H. Gocharian	1,010.50	500.00	210.50 i
			300.00 k
George Hovsepian	250.00	250.00	
Esther Gurunian	100.00	100.00	
Kevin R. Kaloustian	168.00	168.00	
Sema Vapurciyan)			
Anni Vapurciyan)	2,873.05	2,848.05	25.00 p
Maritza M. Ohannasian	1,609.00	1,609.00	
Michael A. Megerian	900.00	450.00	450.00 e
Mary Berberian (Chicago	40.00	40.00	
Charles Mugerian	709.00	709.00	
Total of 65 Funerals	<u>\$31,185.05</u>	<u>\$23,385.31</u>	<u>\$7,799.74</u>
Averages 1969	479.77	359.77	\$ 118.18
Averages 1968	<u>452.90</u>	<u>366.13</u>	<u>86.77</u>
	<u>26.87</u>	<u>(6.36)</u>	<u>\$ 31.41</u>

#### Cash in Banks December 31, 1969

Checking Account	\$ 653.31
Savings Account	23,586.00
Interest Earned on Savings	258.84
	<u>\$ 24,498.15</u>

#### References

a	Lraper Publications	i	Armenian Relief Society-Highland Park Chapter
b	Michigan Heart Association	j	Arabkir Union
c	St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic	k	Eritassart Hayastan
d	Istanbul Hospital	l	Sahagian School
e	Armenian American Veterans	m	St. John the Baptist Armenian Church, Miami, Florid
f	Pan Sepastia Rehabilitation Union	n	AGBU
g	Michigan Home Armenian Aged	o	Medical Research
h	Hama Keghi Association	p	Cultural Society of Armenians from Istanbul

#### FLORA THOMASSIAN FUND

An amount of \$572.50 was collected within our parish at the time of the passing of Mrs. Flora Thomassian, in November 1969, in California. Her husband, Mr. Khoren Thomassian requested that a Trust Fund be set up in her name for Church School use in the amount of \$1,000, the balance (\$427.50) of which he has donated himself. Specifically the interest from these funds is to be used for three awards in connection with the essay competition among the students participating in Feet Washing ceremonies during Holy Week.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF CHURCH AUXILIARIES

## MEN'S SOCIETY

### STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended December 31, 1969

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1968 \$ 209.48

#### CASH RECEIPTS:

Membership Dues	\$ 195.00
Meeting Dinners	726.05
New Year's Eve Raffle December 1968	1,424.00
New Year's Eve Raffle December 1969	300.00
Pancake Breakfast	110.15
Tiger Game (Father-Son Night)	200.00
50-50 Raffle	40.25
Key Chains	14.00
Christmas Party	<u>152.50</u>
Total	<u>\$3,161.95</u>

#### CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Church Building Fund	\$1,000.00
Meeting Dinner Expenses	779.49
New Year's Eve Raffle December 1968	210.00
New Year's Eve Raffle December 1969	390.00
Pancake Breakfast	116.01
Tiger Game (Father-Son Night)	195.00
Postage	64.31
Gift	100.00
Miscellaneous	64.20
Christmas Party	135.59
Pinochle Tournament	30.08
Blood Bank Dinner	<u>20.15</u>
Total	<u>\$3,104.83</u>

ADD: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements \$57.12

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1969 \$ 266.60

# LADIES' AUXILIARY

## STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended December 31, 1969

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1968

\$ 4,994.71

### CASH RECEIPTS:

Gifts	\$ 588.50
Dues	666.00
Armenian Christmas Luncheon	104.00
Vartanantz	1,046.40
Vartanantz Luncheon	117.50
Michink	780.60
Bake Sales	1,148.17
Avak Thursday	161.42
Mas Donation	200.00
Hampartzoom	328.67
International Affair	1,423.18
Interest on Savings	198.56
Total	<u>\$ 6,763.00</u>

### CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Hall Rental	1,000.00
Freezer and Installation Fee	1,005.23
Printing	220.00
Vartanantz	264.67
Vartanantz Luncheon	61.64
Michink	226.57
Bake Sales	301.68
Avak Thursday	73.34
Flowers	84.00
Postage	22.50
Armenian Christmas Luncheon	31.25
Hampartzoom	220.04
International Affair	357.49
Old Age Home Dinner	32.78
Gift-Very Rev. Yeghishe Gizirian	100.00
Diocese of the Armenian Church	500.00
Christmas Gifts	60.00
Miscellaneous	39.37
Total	<u>\$ 4,600.56</u>

ADD: excess of cash receipts over disbursements \$ 2,162.44

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1969

Checking Account	\$1,196.48	
Savings Account	\$5,960.67	<u>\$ 7,157.15</u>

**WOMEN'S GUILD**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS**  
**Year Ended December 31, 1969**

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1968		
Manufacturer's National Bank	\$2,235.85	
Standard Federal Savings and Loan	<u>\$3,409.27</u>	
		\$5,645.12

CASH RECEIPTS:		
Dues	\$ 458.00	
Refunds	31.74	
Lenten Luncheon	313.00	
Communion Breakfast	15.52	
Mother-Daughter Banquet	2,736.50	
Gifts	70.00	
Westland Festival Bake Sale	1,723.27	
Christmas Dinner	388.10	
December Dinner Dance	3,821.15	
Interest Earned - Saving	<u>204.39</u>	
Total	<u>\$9,761.67</u>	

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:		
Secretarial Supplies and Postage	\$ 191.14	
Southfield Ministerial Luncheon	18.58	
December 1968 Dinner-Dance	21.27	
Gifts	231.53	
Mother-Daughter Banquet	1,346.25	
Old Age Home	79.74	
Communion Breakfast	78.44	
Pins	135.00	
Parish Council Tea	18.65	
Lenten Luncheon	60.00	
Bibles	18.75	
Photos	14.68	
United Womens Church	46.04	
International Wives	127.50	
St. John's Armenian Church	1,000.00	
December 1969 Dinner Dance	2,996.44	
Westland Festival Bake Sale	279.87	
Percolators Purchased	59.40	
Christmas Dinner	414.08	
Dinner - Council of Churches	55.69	
Membership Dinner	<u>51.62</u>	
Total	<u>\$7,244.67</u>	

ADD: excess of cash receipts over disbursements	<u>\$2,517.00</u>
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CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1969		
Manufacturer's National Bank	\$3,451.50	
Standard Federal Savings and Loan	<u>\$4,710.62</u>	
		<u>\$8,162.12</u>

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

SENIOR CHAPTER

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended December 31, 1969

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1968 \$1,047.50

CASH RECEIPTS:

Membership Dues	\$ 207.00
Christmas Eve Service	213.00
Ski Trip	173.15
Dance - November 1968	103.00
Dance - November 1969	1,808.16
Spring Dance	600.49
Second Constitutional Assembly	334.60
Armenian Student Association (reimb)	364.00
Memorial Day Picnic	91.00
4th of July Picnic	22.41
Central Council Tax (from Juniors)	86.00
Soft Drink and Refreshment Sales	54.58
Miscellaneous, Socials etc.	86.00
Total	<u>\$4,143.39</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Central Council Dues	\$ 133.00
Central Council Taxes	552.00
Christmas Eve Service	55.33
Ski Trip	495.00
Dance, November 1968	150.86
Dance, November 1969	1,059.25
Spring Dance	439.23
Memorial Day Picnic	49.65
4th of July Picnic	42.95
Anniversary Ball	109.89
Donation for Library Fund	300.00
Travel Expense for Delegates	240.00
Postage and Postcards	90.28
Membership Dinner	40.45
Miscellaneous	466.36
Total	<u>\$4,224.25</u>

LESS: excess of cash disbursements over cash receipts \$ 80.86

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1969 \$ 966.64

**ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA**  
**JUNIOR CHAPTER**  
**ACYOA-PROJECT YOUTH**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS**  
**Year Ended December 31, 1969**

CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1968

Cash on Hand	\$	245.31	
Checking Account		158.29	
Savings Account		<u>220.31</u>	
Total Cash Balance - December 31, 1968			623.91

CASH RECEIPTS:

Membership Dues	\$	107.00	
Armenian Power Button Sales		240.50	
Toronto Trip Visitation		288.00	
Lenten Fish Dinners		931.00	
Entertainment '69 Book Sales		2,463.00	
Socials and Dinners		117.28	
Refund of Bus Deposit		35.00	
Interest Earned on Savings Account (1965 to 1969)		<u>56.48</u>	
Total			<u>\$4,238.26</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Central Council Dues	\$	66.00	
Central Council Tax		86.00	
Toronto Trip Visitation		362.60	
Lenten Fish Dinners		608.82	
Entertainment '69 Books		1,974.00	
Family Dinners		172.49	
Meeting Luncheons		38.10	
Ski Trip		80.00	
Hay Ride		85.00	
Bonfire & Road Rally		107.06	
Postage		85.74	
Bus Deposit (See refund above)		35.00	
Miscellaneous		<u>47.50</u>	
Total			<u>\$3,748.31</u>

ADD: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements \$ 489.95

CASH BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 1969

Checking Account	\$	837.07	
Savings Account		<u>276.79</u>	
			<u>\$1,113.86</u>

# KOMITAS CHOIR

## STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended December 31, 1969

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1968 \$ 280.95

### CASH RECEIPTS:

Plate collections and donations	\$ 472.72
Annual Affair - 1968 - Dinner	400.00
Annual Affair - 1969 - Concert	1,250.72
Liturgy books	7.50
Sargavark records	20.00
Miscellaneous	6.00
Interest - Savings Account	13.41
Total	<u>\$2,170.35</u>

### CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Choir Day plate collection to Central Council	\$ 105.35
10% Assembly profit to Central Council	16.12
Delegate expenses to Assembly	100.00
Annual Affair - 1969 - Concert	426.23
Gifts and flowers	159.78
Sargavark records	200.00
Liturgy books	48.94
Miscellaneous	42.10
Total	<u>\$1,098.52</u>

ADD: excess of cash receipts over disbursements \$ 1,071.83

CASH IN BANK - December 31, 1969

Checking Account	\$ 339.37
Savings Account	<u>1,013.41</u>

\$ 1,352.78



# LIBRARY GUILD

## STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Year ended December 31, 1969

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1968 \$2,772.59

CASH RECEIPTS:

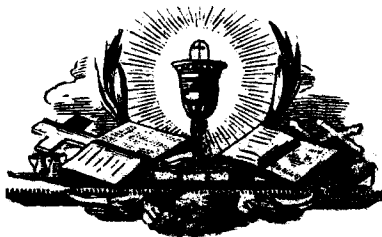
Dues	\$ 48.00
Gifts	292.00
Baby Sets and Sale of Dolls	60.50
Jamgochian Concert--Net Profit	723.14
Grosse Pointe Festival	665.45
Book Sales	19.25
Bake Sales	20.00
Book Fines - Overdue Books	4.00
Interest Income - Savings	<u>105.72</u>
Total	<u>\$1,938.06</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Books Purchased	\$ 301.24
Furniture Purchased	398.40
Audio Visual	529.00
Gifts	100.00
Lithographing	255.00
Postage and Supplies	17.88
Picture Album	20.00
Bank Service Charge	4.36
Grosse Pointe Festival	<u>97.48</u>
Total	<u>\$1,723.36</u>

ADD: excess of cash receipts over disbursements \$ 214.70

CASH IN BANK - December 31, 1969 \$2,987.29





# ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL

## STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended December 31, 1969

### CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1968

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

### CASH RECEIPTS

Offerings	
Primary	626.70
Junior	966.83
Senior	902.80
Birthday offerings	131.75
Book Sales	64.15
Christmas Offerings	213.23
Lent Offering	375.74
Easter Offering	226.90
Interest Earned on Savings	279.98
Miscellaneous Income	<u>58.50</u>
	<u>\$ 3,846.58</u>

### CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Books and Publications	\$ 1,144.30
Book Resale	13.50
Conferences	109.91
Gifts	1,209.89
Staff and Graduations	66.92
Supplies and Lesson Material	103.18
Miscellaneous	263.72
Postage	<u>56.18</u>
	<u>\$ 2,967.60</u>

ADD: excess cash receipts over cash disbursements 878.98

### CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1969

Checking Account	\$2,233.10	
Savings Account	<u>6,148.87</u>	
		<u>\$ 8,381.97</u>

## ALTAR GUILD

### STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Year ended December 31, 1969

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1968		\$41.88
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:		
Plastic Boxes	\$18.00	
Secretaries Supplies	1.09	
	<u>19.09</u>	
	Total	<u>\$19.09</u>
CASH IN BANK-DECEMBER 31, 1969		<u><u>\$22.79</u></u>

## CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN KINDERGARTEN

### STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Year ended December 31, 1969

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1968		\$ 213.55
CASH RECEIPTS		
Offerings:		
Kindergarten	\$ 438.15	
Birthday	5.20	
Lenten	109.50	
Book Sale	26.65	
Candy Sale	100.00	
	<u>679.50</u>	
	Total	<u>\$ 679.50</u>
CASH DISBURSEMENTS		
Textbooks, teaching materials	\$ 293.46	
Supplies	24.31	
Juice, cookies, etc.	150.82	
Postage	3.60	
Staff gifts	50.00	
Santa Claus Costume	25.61	
	<u>547.80</u>	
	Total	<u>\$ 547.80</u>
ADD: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements		<u>\$ 131.70</u>
CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1969		<u><u>\$ 345.25</u></u>

# CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL

## STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Year ended December 31, 1969

CASH IN BANK AT DECEMBER 31, 1968		\$ 167.38
<b>CASH RECEIPTS:</b>		
Parish Council Subsidy	\$1,300.00	
Tuitions	140.00	
Sale of Books	<u>35.00</u>	
Total	<u>\$1,475.00</u>	
<b>CASH DISBURSEMENTS:</b>		
Teachers Salaries	\$ 935.90	
Office Supplies	83.21	
Hantes Expense	<u>36.21</u>	
Total	<u>\$1,055.32</u>	
ADD: excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements		<u>\$ 419.68</u>
CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1969		<u><u>\$ 587.06</u></u>



### RETIRED SENIOR MEMBERS

Note: This organization has no financial transactions

**ARMENIAN CO-OPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS**

**Year ended December 31, 1969**

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

**CASH RECEIPTS:**

Tuition	\$ 3,289.60
Insurance Fee	44.00
Registration Fee	115.00
Cookie Sale - December 1968	6.00
Cookie Sale - December 1969	285.25
Reimbursement for workshop advance	28.00
Interest earned on Savings Account	6.67
Miscellaneous	<u>25.90</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,800.42</u>

**CASH DISBURSEMENTS:**

Salaries	\$ 3,053.48
Groceries	143.07
Play Supplies and New Equipment	623.76
Petty Cash Expense	50.00
Postage	52.90
Dues and Subscriptions	63.50
Office Supplies	44.51
Repairs and Improvements	42.40
Monthly Meeting Expense	93.89
Insurance	30.20
Exchange Items	35.50
Miscellaneous	31.39
Cookie Sale	90.84
Pot Luck Expense	67.25
Adjustment to Reconcile	<u>(-22.08)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,400.61</u>

LESS: excess of cash disbursements over cash \$ 600.19  
receipts

**CASH IN BANK - DECEMBER 31, 1969**

Checking Account	\$ 171.96	
Savings Account	306.67	
Cash on Hand	<u>36.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 514.63</u>

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Jack Kazanjian, Chairman  
Ara Haig  
Dennis Papazian

### **CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

(3-5 to be elected for 1-year term)

### **CANDIDATES FOR PARISH COUNCIL**

(5 to be elected for 2-year term)

Souren Aprahamian  
Stephen Boyajian  
Noubar W. Dourjalian  
John J. Jonkian  
Harry A. Kezelian (incumbent)  
Edward B. Korkoian (incumbent)  
Arthur S. Mardigian  
Archie Yeghissian  
Leo Zamanigian

### **AUDITING COMMITTEE**

Albert Mardirosian  
(elected in 1969 for 3-year term)  
John Samarian  
(elected in 1969 for 2-year term)  
John Bahadurian  
(elected in 1967 for 3-year term)

### **CANDIDATES FOR AUDITING COMMITTEE**

(1 to be elected for 3-year term)

John Bahadurian

### **DIOCESAN DELEGATES**

(elected in 1967 for 4-year term)

Martin P. Apkarian  
Ara Haig  
Edward B. Korkoian  
Edward Mardigian  
Daniel Shahan

**NOTE: Nominations for Nominating Committee, Parish Council and Auditing Committee may be brought from the floor to complete the slate.**

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

"All persons who have been baptized and confirmed in the Armenian Church, who accept its doctrine, canons and rites, and who fulfill their obligations to the church and community, shall be members in good standing of the Parish Church and shall constitute the Parish Assembly".

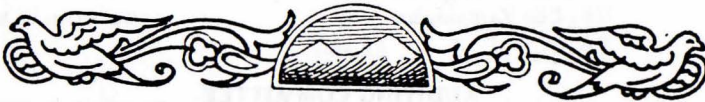
"Every Member of the Parish, 21 years of age or over, shall pay the church an annual due".

"Members in good standing of a Parish Church, who are twenty-one years of age or over, may participate in the assemblies of the same parish and may vote, provided that at least six months have elapsed since the date of their registration as members of the Parish and their dues have been paid. They may be eligible for office one year after becoming members".

"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 reinstate these rights by payment of their dues in arrears for at least the previous two years".

Articles 5, 6, 7 and 8 respectively

**BY-LAWS OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA**



## **RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING PARISH ASSEMBLY**

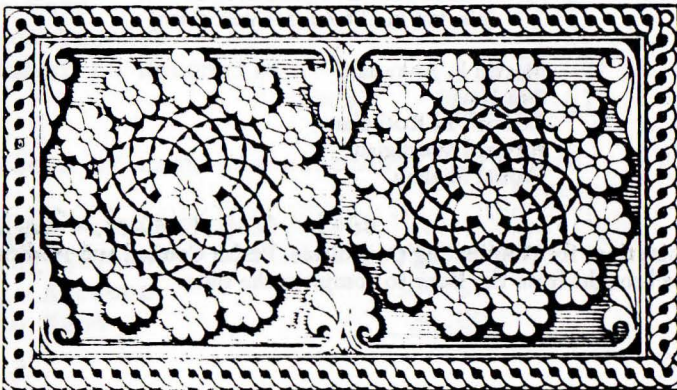
"The agenda of the Parish Assembly shall be prepared by the Parish Priest and the Parish Council. Other matters of new business may be added by majority vote of the Parish Assembly".

"At Parish Assemblies the presence of a minimum of one-third of the eligible voting membership or fifty members shall constitute a quorum. Decisions shall be rendered by majority vote of members present and voting".

"In a Parish Assembly each member shall be entitled to one vote which is not transferable and must be cast in person."

Articles 16, 17, 22

**BY-LAWS OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA**





## PRAYER

*O Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear our prayers, and grant unto us in this Parish all things that are needful. Strengthen and confirm the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; bless and protect the children; turn and soften the wicked; arouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of thy truth; and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within thy holy Christ our Lord.*

