

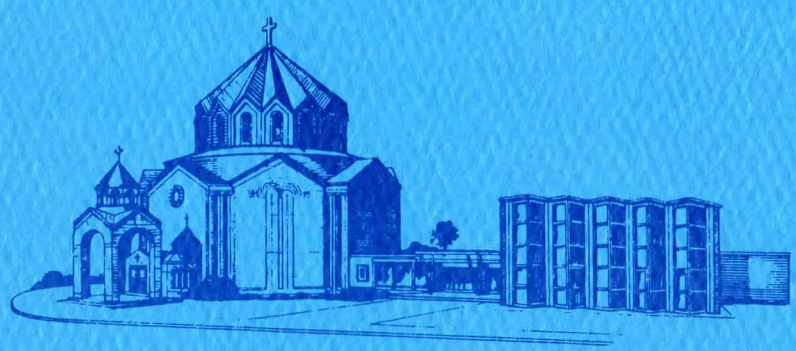
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**INVITATION
TO THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
OF ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT**

Southfield, Michigan

Friday

8:00 P.M.

February 4, 1977

AT THE ARMENIAN CULTURAL BUILDING

22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, Michigan

AGENDA

1. Invocation and Call to Order
2. Verification of the Eligibility of Members and Quorum
3. Election of Parish Assembly Officers - Chairman and Secretary
4. Minutes of the 1976 Annual Parish Assembly
5. Elections
 - a. Partial election of Parish Council (5)
 - b. Partial election of Auditor (1)
 - c. Election of Nominating Committee for 1978 (5)
6. 1976 Annual Report - Questions and Answers
Note: No oral reports will be given at this meeting by the Pastor, Parish Council, Church Auxiliary Organizations or on Financial Reports for 1976. However, parish members are encouraged to come prepared to ask questions on any section of this Annual Report.
7. Review and Approval of 1977 Budget
8. New Business - By-Laws Amendments and Proposals
9. Election Results
10. Pastor's Closing Message and Benediction
11. Adjournment and Refreshments

**The Very Rev. Father Paren Avedikian
President**

**Harry Terzian
Parish Council Chairman**

**Richard Norsigian
Parish Council Secretary**

RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

“5. 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.

“6. Every member of the Parish, 18 years of age or over, shall pay to his (or her) church an annual due, the amount of which shall be determined by the Diocesan Assembly. Such amount may be increased, but not decreased, by the Parish Assembly.

“7. Members in good standing of a Parish Church, who are 18 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.

“8. 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.”

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING PARISH ASSEMBLY

“16. . .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.

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

“22. In a Parish Assembly each member shall be entitled to one vote which is not transferable and must be cast in person. In case of a tie vote the presiding officer shall cast the deciding vote or he shall authorize a second balloting upon the same question.”

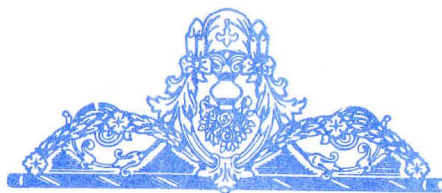
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St. John's Armenian Church
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PASTOR'S REPORT

Dear Parishioners,

With the grace and mercy of God, we, the members of St. John's Armenian Church Community have spent another year under the shadow of our Holy Mother Church. I am grateful to God for the opportunity to serve St. John's Church for another year. I did my human utmost to serve St. John's without sparing the graces which the Lord God has bestowed upon me.

Pastoral Staff

Again in 1976 our Church operated with an adequate pastoral staff. The Reverend Father Michael Buttero, Assistant Pastor, and the Very Reverend Father Baret Yeretian, Resident Graduate School student at Wayne State University, have assisted me in attending to the needs of our Church and Community.

Worship Services

Divine Liturgy was celebrated, and Armenian and English sermons were delivered every Sunday and at all other occasions of the Church calendar. Services were also offered during the week according to the requirements of our Church traditions. During the past year we continued the Saturday afternoon Vespers, yet we have decided to discontinue the Saturday Vespers since we have not had much of an attendance at these Services.

Sacraments and Rites

During 1976 the following Sacraments and Rites were officiated: Baptism and Confirmation of infants and adults, 61; Engagement Services, 5; Holy Matrimony 44; Funeral Services, 59.

Acknowledgments of Services

During the past year, The Most Reverend Archbishop Sion Manoogian has continued to enhance the solemnity of our Church by celebrating the Divine Liturgy and preaching on the Major Feast Days of our Church, and by his monthly sermons, as well as by presiding at various Church Services and Church functions.

The following clergymen celebrated the Divine Liturgy and preached, or were present at our Church Services in connection with their visits to Detroit in 1976: His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, the Primate of the Armenian Church of North America, on two occasions during the past year; The Very Reverend Father Issahag Ghazarian, one of the former pastors of our Church; His Beatitude, Archbishop Shnork Kaloustian, Patriarch of Istanbul; The Very Reverend Father Khajag Barsamian, Staff Bearer of His Beatitude; The Most Reverend Archbishop Shahe Ajemian, Chancellor of the Patriarchate of

Jerusalem. Also the following clergymen of our Diocese visited our Church during the year in connection with various occasions: Very Reverend Father Yeghishe Gizirian, Very Reverend Father Arshag Khachadourian, Very Reverend Father Arshen Ayzavian, Reverend Father Arnak Kasparian, Reverend Father Diran Papazian, Reverend Father Arsen Barsamian, Reverend Father Nersess Jebejian, Reverend Father Terenig Kondralian, Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian. On behalf of our Church I extend my gratitude and appreciation to our Church hierarchs and her dedicated servants for the opportunity of praying and exalting the Lord together at St. John's.

In connection with the worship services of our Church it is my duty and privilege to thank each and every member of our Komitas Choir, including the Deacons of our Church, for their dedication and service to our Church and her worshipping congregation. Again it is my pleasure to acknowledge specifically two individuals from our Choir who worked diligently during the past year to make our services dignified and inspiring: Deacon Ara Haig, Choirmaster, and Miss Michele Menoian, Organist. Unfortunately because of ill health Deacon Harry Ekizian has not been able to assist us regularly during the officiation of the Sacraments and Rites of our Church. However, Deacons Ara Haig, John Semizian, Richard Norsigian, and Hagop Asadurian have attempted to bring this assistance to us as much as possible; we thank all of them for their concern for the dignity of our Sacramental Services. Yet we must state here that we are in need of a deacon upon whose assistance we can rely regularly for our Sacraments and Rites.

Pastoral Visitations

Hospital visitations, Nursing Home visitations to the sick and elderly, home visitations to the shut-ins, home visitations for consolation and counseling, home blessings, visitations with the families of the Parish in connection with Sacraments and for various other reasons have been attended to by myself and Father Michael conscientiously and to the utmost of our ability. Since Father Baret is a Priest-in-Residence, with no Pastoral responsibilities and assists the Pastors on a limited basis, in most cases he has not been expected to take part in these visitations. I would like at this point to remind our parishioners again to inform the Church Office directly when the services of clergyman are needed.

New Religious-Educational Projects

Throughout the year Reverend Father Michael Buttero, Assistant Pastor, conducted Bible Study classes for interested parishioners. In these days when a clergyman feels the need to stop and explain each biblical reference he has to use in order to prove a point from the Bible, it is highly recommended that more parishioners attend and take advantage of these classes.

On Lenten Sundays during 1976 fourteen lectures were presented by all the clergymen of St. John's on the New Testament and on the Sacraments of the Armenian Church. During Lent of 1977 we intend to continue these lecture series on similar topics. We expect that more parishioners attend these lectures, particularly because of their convenient timing for the parishioners.

Administrative Duties

Office work and management, Parish Council and Church Auxiliary Organizations' general body and committee meetings, attendance and participation in organizational functions, organization of religious, cultural and educational programs, coordination of Church Organizations, involvement and direction in renovational, fund raising and social concern projects have been part of my administrative responsibilities during the past year.

Publications and Public Relations

During the past year I have continued to follow closely and to offer my time and advice to the Editor of our Church Monthly Publication. I take this opportunity to thank the Editorial Staff and particularly the Editor of the **Torch Bearer**, Mrs. Gloria Mikaelain, for the commendable service she renders to our Church in connection with this publication.

My public relations during the past year was confined to occasional presence at, and offering of invocations and giving lectures to various Church tours for religious, educational and youth groups to introduce the Armenian Church, history and cultural heritage. Time has not been available for other types of public relations and involvement.

Extraordinary Features of 1976

On March 14, 1976, St. John's Parish marked the Seventieth Birthday and the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Ordination as Bishop of The Most Reverend Archbishop Sion Manoogian, the Resident Archbishop of our Parish. His Grace is one of the former Pastors of our Parish and a former Primate of our Diocese. The St. John's Parish Council and parishioners should be commended for having observed these dual anniversaries in the dignified manner becoming the office of His Grace.

On May 23, 1976, His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, the Primate of our Diocese, bestowed upon me the rank of Dzayrakooyñ Vartabed. I take this opportunity to thank His Eminence, as well as the members of St. John's Parish Council and parishioners, for making Sunday, May 23, the most memorable day of my life.

On August 15, 1976 by the special decree of the Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, the Reverend Father Michael Buttero, Assistant Pastor of St. John's, was granted the right to wear a Pectoral Cross. During the Church Services that day Father Michael was presented this right with a special ceremony.

March 21, 1976, was the day of the official conclusion of the Fund Raising Drive, which had been going on in our community for approximately two months, for the Relief of the Armenians of Lebanon. Our Community raised \$143,835.51 for this most urgent assistance to our sisters and brothers in Lebanon. Our Church School students also participated in this Drive through their Lenten Offering project for 1976, with a respectable sum of \$620.00, which is more than half of the total contribution of the entire Diocesan Church Schools. Obviously the purpose of the mentioning of these specific figures is to underline the fact that this project alone, which is only one among so many others which occurred during the year, characterizes clearly the charitable spirit of our community and parishioners. In this regard I would like to thank the members of the Committee for the Fund Raising Drive for the Relief of Armenians of Lebanon and its Chairman, Mr. Martin Apkarian, for their total dedication in pursuing energetically this most worthwhile project. Just for the record I would like to state that I was the co-chairman of this Committee.

During the spring of 1976, I was appointed by the Primate, His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, as the Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee for the presentation of an appropriate gift to His Holiness, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, on the occasion of His 20th Anniversary of Enthronment. Appointed along with me to this committee were two of our parishioners, Mr. Vahe Papelian and Mr. John Semizian, as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, respectively. The Committee's work has not been completed yet, and in due time it will raise \$75,000.00 with the purpose of restoring the Church of the Holy Virgin in the city of Etchmiadzin, as the gift of our Diocese on this auspicious occasion. I take this opportunity to thank Mr. Papelian and Mr. Semizian, and also Mrs. Helen Armoudlian, Church Secretary, for their cooperation and assistance in this Fund

Raising Project.

In late September and early October of 1976, I attended the Blessing of the Holy Chrism, Muronorhnek, and the celebrations of the 20th Anniversary of the Enthronement of His Holiness in Holy Etchmiadzin, as one of the representatives of our Diocese.

Acknowledgments

At this time I would like specifically to acknowledge and praise three Committees and their chairmen for the outstanding service they have rendered to our Church. Without their dedication and perseverance our Church Budget would have fallen some \$170,000.00 short. They are: the Building Committee, Chairman, Mr. Armen Hovnanian; the Bazaar 76 Committee, Chairman, Mr. Artin Artinian; and Bingo Committee, Chairman, Mr. Vahe Papelian. These Committees and their Chairmen have accomplished what would have been considered unthinkable only a few years ago. Exactly one half of St. John's annual budget has been generated by these three Committees. As the Pastor of St. John's I extend to them my personal gratitude and wish and pray that the St. John's Church will never be deprived of their kind of enthusiasm in the future.

Recommendation

As we enter 1977 I see ahead of us one major project with which we must concern ourselves. St. John's Cultural Center is definitely in need of expansion and renovation. During 1977 the Parish Council together with the Apostolic Society should present to our parishioners their specific recommendations in the areas of expansion and renovation. I personally was reluctant to pursue my own recommendation in this regard in 1976, because I felt that a major fund-raising drive in this connection would jeopardize the success of the Fund-Raising Drive for the Relief of the Armenians of Lebanon. I hope and pray that the Lord God will spare our nation disasters of this magnitude so that we could proceed to provide for our own needs in this community.

Appreciation and Conclusion

I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Father Michael Buttero, to Father Baret Yerezian, to the members of the Parish Council, our Church Bodies, Organizations, Standing Committees, as well as to individual parishioners for their cooperation, services and sacrifices which enabled our Church to conclude another fruitful year. The accomplishments and the success of our Church are their pride and fulfillment. I pray that God bless each and every one abundantly both in their homes and businesses. May the Lord God also give us guidance and perseverance to continue our good works.

With blessings and prayers,

F. Paren Avedikian
 Father Paren Avedikian
 Pastor

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

St. John's Parish once again has had a very successful year. We have continued our cultural programs, sponsored educational and social events, hosted many out of town clergy, and improved the overall efficiency of our vast Church and Cultural Building complex.

Among the more notable events of the past year was the elevation of our Pastor, The Very Reverend Father Paren Avedikian to Dzayrakouyn Vartabed. Father Paren's elevation by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian in essence serves also to elevate our entire Parish.

During 1976 we were fortunate to acquire additional Armenian artifacts to add to St. John's collection. These artifacts provide tangible evidence of our culture and are important for our youth to be able to relate to their rich heritage. Plans are being made to provide for the permanent display of these artifacts.

In reviewing our accomplishments of the past year we are reminded of the efforts expended by so many parishioners.

Our Bazaar has now become a tradition, and many people throughout the community look forward to it. Bazaar '76 was a marvelous success under the dynamic chairmanship of Mr. Artin Artinian and the cooperative efforts of literally hundreds of our parishioners.

Our Bingo continues to be a financial success, far exceeding our expectations. Mr. Vahe Papelian and his committee are to be commended for their untiring efforts.

This past year may also be noted as our year of computerization. We have now put our pledge system onto the computer and have increased our efficiency considerably. Our financial recordkeeping has also been computerized to give us better understanding and control of our expenses. This has been revealing to us particularly in the management of the cultural building. The Building Committee has done an outstanding job in the operation of our building and has once more reduced our deficit in spite of increasing costs.

Particular gratitude must be expressed to our Parish Council members. We have been fortunate in recent years to have individuals who have brought us new ideas and have also worked diligently to bring these ideas to fruition. Our youthful Council members work well together as a unit to serve our Parish. Their cooperative efforts are reflected in the harmonious attitude that prevails in our community.

The Detroit Parish is among the most important in our Diocese and our stature has been enhanced through our active participation in the Diocesan Assembly. Our Diocesan Delegates obtained direction and guidance from you at the Special Parish Assembly, which was called to review subjects to be discussed at the Diocesan Assembly. Your decisions were voiced at the Assembly and corresponded with the majority of those who represented our Parishes throughout our Diocese. A small group proposed concepts that would weaken our Church, yet they were unsuccessful. The Detroit Parish along with the entire Diocese stands firm in its allegiance to Holy Etchmiadzin and the Canon and the faith of the Armenian Church.

The coming year will be filled with new challenges for us to meet. We must strive to improve and strengthen ourselves by becoming aware of local and national issues which confront us. We will expand the program of holding special parish meetings to allow more frequent discussions of current topics.

During this past year Detroiters were called upon to open their hearts and pocketbooks to aid their fellow Armenians who were suffering because of the civil strife in Lebanon. The Joint Fundraising sponsored by the Church and AGBU was an overwhelming success in Detroit due to your generosity. Detroiters can be proud of their contributions, both monetary and through services, to the Church and in general to the Armenian people. We have shown once again that we are willing and able to respond to the needs of Armenians.

Through our Church cultural complex we endeavor to provide maximum availability of services to the entire community. At times we have had difficulty in relating to individuals that our principal function is to look after the welfare of the Church. We ask you to remember that our decisions are based on the responsibility placed upon us by you the parishioners of St. John's.

Each year the Parish Council spends countless hours in preparing a budget for the coming year. It becomes increasingly difficult to plan for the income sufficient to offset the expenses. We urge those who are able to increase their pledges to do so in order for us to continue to provide and improve our function which is to propagate our faith, culture, and heritage.

We thank the Lord for blessing our community with so many unselfish workers who give of themselves for the betterment of the Armenian Church. With the guidance of our devoted Pastor, Very Reverend Father Paren Avedikian we will continue to expend all efforts to serve St. John's Armenian Church of Greater Detroit and to maintain it as the most dynamic Armenian Parish in this country.

Sincerely,



Harry Terzian
Chairman, Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

EXECUTIVE BODY ELECTIONS

On February 24, 1976, under the Presidency of The Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian, a joint meeting was held with the outgoing and incoming members of the Parish Council. The officers of the newly constituted Parish Council were elected who would assume their duties following ratification by the Primate and the Diocesan Council and Installation Service in the Church. The ensuing were elected to serve as the 1976-77 officers:

Chairman	Harry Terzian
Vice Chairman	* Anoush Papelian
Secretary	Richard Norsigian
Treasurer	*Souren Keolelian
Advisors	*Richard Apkarian
	Arthur Barsamian
	Martin Cholakian
	Armen Hovnanian
	*Mary Ann Karakashian
	Michael Kaysserian
	*Arthur Mardigian

*Terms expire February 1977

APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND LIAISON OFFICERS

The following members of the Parish Council were appointed to serve as the 1976-77 Standing Committee Chairmen and Liaison Officers to our respective Church auxiliary organizations:

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

Pledge, Membership & Visitation	Anoush Papelian
Building Management	Armen Hovnanian
	Anoush Papelian
	Rick Apkarian
	Arthur Mardigian
In Lieu of Flowers,	Arthur Mardigian
Gifts, Sacraments, Plates & Candles	Rick Apkarian
Social Concern	Fr. Paren Avedikian
	Harry Terzian
Policy Steering	Parish Council
Events Coordination-Calendar	Mary Ann Karakashian
Wayne State University	Richard Norsigian
Hospitality and Friendship	Arthur Barsamian
Cultural	Mary Ann Karakashian
Budget and Finance	Souren Keolelian
	Arthur Mardigian
	Martin Cholakian
Bequests	Parish Council Tivan
Church Publications & Public Relations	Martin Cholakian

Bingo	Arthur Barsamian
Building Addition	Anoush Papelian
	Mike Kaysserian
	Harry Terzian
New Membership Drive	Martin Cholakian
Pro Musica	Souren Keoleian
Parliamentarian	Fr. Paren Avedikian

LIAISON OFFICERS:

Armenian Apostolic Society	Harry Terzian
Armenian Cooperative Nursery School	Anoush Papelian
Ladies Auxiliary	Anoush Papelian
Men's Society	Mike Kaysserian
Women's Guild	Anoush Papelian
Komitas Choir	Arthur Barsamian
ACYOA Seniors	Martin Cholakian
ACYO Project Youth	Souren Keoleian
Library Guild	Arthur Barsamian
Mr. & Mrs. Society	Richard Norsigian
Armenian American Veterans	Arthur Mardigian
Church School	Richard Apkarian
Armenian School	Harry Terzian
Torch Bearer	Mary Ann Karakashian
Senior Citizens	Arthur Mardigian

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

During 1976, the Parish Council held 23 regular meetings and three special sessions: the first to discuss with Diocesan Delegates the Midwest Regional Meeting, the second to determine the responsibility of a building administrator, and the third to discuss the 1977 annual budget.

SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLIES

During the year the St. John's Parish Council called two Special Parish Assemblies. The First Special Parish Assembly, held on Tuesday, April 20, 1976, and attended by 46 members, considered the Agenda for the upcoming Diocesan Assembly. The members gave direction to the St. John's Delegation regarding all issues on the Agenda. The Second Special Parish Assembly held on Tuesday, June 15, 1976, was attended by 68 members and received the reports from the St. John's Delegation to the Diocesan Assembly.

During both of these Special Parish Assemblies the issue of unification of the Armenian Church in America and related matters concerned our members the most, and they were very vocal and specific in their direction to our Delegates. We record with pride that our Delegates, Alternates, and Parish Council Chairman, led by the Pastor made a name for themselves during the Diocesan Assembly with their vigorous defense of the canons and the principals of the Armenian Church.

PLEDGE AND MEMBERSHIP

1976 was the year of the computerization of the pledge system of St. John's membership. A few minor problems which occurred during the beginning of the year have been resolved and now the system seems to be functioning with maximum efficiency and accuracy.

We began 1976 with a pledged membership of 951 units as reported by the computer. In last year's Annual Report Booklet the figure for ending 1975 was referred to be 961. Ob-

viously that was a typographical error. This year we conclude 1976 with a pledged membership of 968 units.

The annual minimum pledge remained \$130.00 per couple, \$65.00 per individual and \$15.00 for students. However, in view of the increase in the operating cost of our Church complex, members were encouraged by Father Paren and the Parish Council to increase their pledges voluntarily if possible.

The annual pledge drive was repeated again this year, yet only 618 responses have been received so far from parishioners. Of those responding 73 members increased their pledge and 29 decreased. Additional important information concerning our members was made available to us through these cards, and in the near future we hope to effectuate the promises we made to them with our pledge drive letter.

In January 1977 we will be initiating a new pledge envelope system. Rather than sending one package of envelopes during the Christmas rush, which often was lost, we will begin quarterly delivery of the appropriate number of envelopes for that period of time. These envelopes are to be used exactly as the previous envelopes, however, they will be mailed only to parishioners who have requested to receive them.

BUILDING REPORT 1976

The Cultural Building continued to receive increased utilization in 1976. Hall rentals were increased as indicated by the financial report. Some of the major improvements for the year 1976 were: Completion of Baptistry; reinforcing the interior crosses of dome ceiling; improving existing security system; adding new lighting for security purpose; increasing parking lot visibility; replacing parking lot drainage cement pads; replacing outside doors to kitchen and outside storeroom; painting of interior walls; adding new draping in the offices and classrooms; installing a new ice maker in the kitchen; planting grape vines by Northwestern Highway; grounds maintenance and beautification during the summer months.

The following is the alphabetical listing of Church-affiliated and non-Church affiliated Armenian organizations and committees who used the Church building facilities on a regular basis for meetings, dinners, programs and fund-raising activities during the calendar year of 1976.

Organization	No. of times used
ACYO Juniors, Project Youth	19
ACYOA Seniors	43
ADL Meetings	8
AGBU Manoogian Fund Radio Hour	40
AGBU School	18
AGBU Various Chapters' Activities	7
AGBU Women's Chapter	16
Armenian American Veterans	1
"Armenian Case" Committee Meetings	4
Armenian Co-op Nursery School	112
Armenian Language Class	20
Auditors	19
Bazaar Committee Meetings	9
Bible Study	29
Bingo	46
Calouste Gulbenkian Armenian School	79

Church School	57
Costume Committee	5
Daughters of Vartan-Zabel Otyag	27
Everek-Fenese Meetings	2
Garage Sale	4
Knights of Vartan-Nareg Lodge	20
Shavarshan Lodge	24
Komitas Choir	27
Ladies Auxiliary	36
Library Guild	3
Men's Society	28
Old Age Home Meetings	2
Pan Sebastia	5
Parish Council	34
Picnic Committee	5
Pro Musica Committee	5
Torch Bearer	20
Unspecified	15
Usher's Meeting	2
Women's Guild	43

As the above information indicates the Church Cultural Building has continued to be the hub of the Detroit Armenian Community life. The task of the Parish Council of St. John's Armenian Church is the proper maintenance of these facilities, so that it continues to render these services to the community in future years.

The Parish Council needs sufficient funds in order to provide these services to the community, and instead of asking for an across the board increase of the pledges of our church members, the Building Committee of the Parish Council has attempted to minimize the deficit which is incurred in the operation of the Church Cultural Hall, at the present level of usage, by passing the bulk of the burden of the Church Cultural Building operation to the renters of the Church Hall.

The following are the statistical studies of the Church Hall rental usage for 1976:

CHART OF HALL USAGE

	No. of Fri. Sat. Sun	No. Not Used	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Parishioners	Armenian Organization	Church Organization	Non Armenian	Dinner	Weekday Luncheon	Hokejash
January 1976	14	10	5/1	5/3	4/0	0	0	0	4			2
February 1976	13	5	4/2	4/4	5/2	1	1	2	4	1		1
March 1976	12	5	4/0	4/4	4/3			3	4		2	1
April 1976	13	6	5/2	4/2	4/3	1	1	1	4			1
May 1976	14	1	4/4	5/5	5/4	2	1	3	7	1	3	2
June 1976	12	3	4/4	4/3	4/2	1	2	1	5	2		1
6 Months	78	30	26/13	26/21	26/14	5=10.5%	5=10.5%	10=20.8%	28=58.3%			8
July 1976	14	3	5/4	5/5	4/2	2		1	8			2
August 1976	13	1	4/4	4/4	5/4	6		1	5	1		1
September 1976	12	3	4/4	4/4	4/1	(14/17.5%)1	(6/7.5%)1	(12/15.0%)	(48/60.0%)7	1		1
October 1976	15	2	5/3	5/5	5/5	2	2	2	7			2
November 1976	12	2	4/3	4/4	4/3	2	1	7	0	2		2
December 1976	13	6	5/4	4/3	4/0	1	1	1	4			1
Total	157	47	53/35	52/46	52/29	17.2%-20	9.1%-10	20%-22	53.7%-59			25

CHART OF HALL USAGE

	FRIDAY				SATURDAY				SUNDAY			
	Parishioner	Armenian Organization	Church Organization	Other	Parishioner	Armenian Organization	Church Organization	Other	Parishioner	Armenian Organization	Church Organization	Other
January 1976				1				3				
February 1976	1			1			1	3		1	1	
March 1976								4			3	
April 1976	1			1				2		1	1	1
May 1976			1	3	1			4	1	1	2	
June 1976			1	3	1	1		1		1		1
July 1976	1			3	1			4			1	1
August 1976				4	3			1	3		1	
September 1976		1		3	1			3				1
October 1976				3	2	1		2	1	1	2	2
November 1976	1		2		1			3		1	2	
December 1976		1	1	2	1			2				
Total	4	2	5	24	11	2	4	29	5	6	13	6

As the above tables indicate, there is no basis to the complaint of some that the Church Hall is not available for rent on weekend dates to parishioners and other Armenians. During 1976 there were 47 such weekend dates not used. It is also clearly indicated by these charts that our parishioners unfortunately did not use the Church Hall and preferred to pay higher charges elsewhere. It is interesting to make the following observation from the above charts, as well as from the Building Operation income, that the Church Organizations used the Church Hall on weekends 20% of the time, while on the other hand they paid, aside from their assessments, only 4.1% of the income, the Armenian Organizations used the Church Hall on weekends 9.1% of the time while on the other hand they paid only 4.9% of the income. The parishioners used the Church Hall on weekends 17.2% of the time while on the other hand they paid 18.8% of the income, and the non-Armenians used the Church Hall on weekends 53.7% of the time, 59 times, and they paid 72.2% of the Hall income.

It is appropriate to mention at this point that for parishioners and Armenian organizations using the Church Hall there is a 33% discount, which we hope to be an incentive for them to use our Hall more frequently.

In closing, we would like to express our appreciation to Mrs. Helen Armoudlian, and Mr. Thom Hendrickson for their management of the various aspects of the Church Cultural Building facilities, and to our maintenance staff for the presentable condition of our buildings.

BINGO

A dedicated Bingo Committee headed by Chairman Vahe Papelian has brought St. John's Bingo activity to a new level of success. An overflow crowd on New Year's Day 1976 was the start of a very successful year which progressed into the first \$2,000 prize night on May 27th. Since then \$2,000 Bingo nights are a regular event and St. John's has become a popular spot on the Bingo circuit. Bingo is held every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.

The Pastors and Parish Council would like to thank Chairman Vahe Papelian, and regular committee members and helpers: Arthur and Agnes Barsamian, Arthur and Rose Boudakian, Nora Baylerian, David and Rose Darakjian, Tom Hanesian, Judy Hovnan, George Jevarjian, Mary Ann Karakashian, Kathy Mekjian, Jackie Melkonian, Anoush Papelian, Isabelle Vahratian, Ida Varadian, Rick Yavruian, Sooran Yavruian, and Judy Yousoufian, for their dedication and unselfish efforts.

CHURCH BAZAAR

St. John's Church Bazaar was held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 11, 12, and 13, 1976, with Mr. Artin Artinian as General Chairman.

Church Organizations and numerous individuals from the parish worked unselfishly to provide manpower and leadership for the numerous Bazaar projects.

Aside from the regular attractions of the Bazaar, this year a Tavloo Tournament was organized in conjunction with the Bazaar.

A total of \$40,611 has been realized from the Bazaar.

The Pastors and Parish Council wish to extend their congratulations and appreciation to Mr. Artin Artinian, General Chairman, and each and every person of the Bazaar Committee who worked so diligently to make this year's Bazaar the most successful ever.

CHURCH PICNIC

The seventeenth Annual Picnic of St. John's was held on the Church grounds, Sunday, July 18, 1976, under the able Co-chairmanship of Ara and Diane Ekizian. More than fifteen hundred parishioners enjoyed the well planned event.

GARAGE SALE

The second "Garage Sale" was once again held on May 17-18, 1976, and was again a financial success. Mrs. Victoria Reizian very ably served as Chairperson. This year's Garage Sale income was used to purchase a new ecclesiastical crown for our Church.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER DANCE

The gala New Year's Eve celebration, under the co-chairmanship of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vahratian was again a huge success with a capacity crowd in attendance. The cooperative spirit of the committee members and Mrs. Helen Armoudlian made this an outstanding event.

ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY

The 61st Anniversary Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide was observed at St. John's on Sunday, April 25, 1976, beginning with Divine Liturgy and Requiem Services, followed by a Madagh Dinner attended by six hundred parishioners. After the Dinner the world premiere of Hampartzoom Berberian's "Requiem Aeternam" was presented in the sanctuary with the composer conducting the Cantata Academy of Metropolitan Detroit.

Mrs. Baidzar Hanesian from the Ladies Auxiliary and Mrs. Julie Couyoumjian from the Women's Guild, co-chaired the Dinner. Members of the ACYOA Seniors and ACYO Juniors served the Madagh Dinner.

RELIEF FUND FOR ARMENIANS OF LEBANON

St. John's Armenian Church and the Armenian General Benevolent Union of Detroit raised \$143,835.51 through a series of successful fund raising affairs for Armenians in Lebanon. The committee was Co-chaired by Mr. Martin Apkarian and Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian.

The committee comprised of representatives of St. John's Armenian Church and the AGBU worked diligently to reach the goal set for Detroit. Out of the \$600,000.00 goal for the United States and Canada, \$120,000.00 was earmarked for Detroit. The Committee surpassed its quota by \$23,835.51.

An all out effort was made to reach all members of the community. First a series of cocktail parties were given for the purpose of raising these funds. Finally on March 21, 1976 a capacity crowd attended a banquet at the Cultural Hall. A varied program was presented. The guest speaker was the popular poet and educator from Beirut, Mr. Vahe Vahian.

Again as in the past the Detroit Armenian community was responsive and supportive of this very urgent Armenian need.

BANQUET IN HONOR OF ARCHBISHOP SION MANOOGIAN

On March 14, 1976 The Most Reverend Archbishop Sion Manoogian was honored, with a Banquet on the occasion of his Seventieth Birthday and his Thirtieth Anniversary of his ordination as Bishop, by St. John's Armenian Church. Parishioners and community leaders honored Archbishop Sion with their presence and well wishes. Messages of congratulations and tributes were received from throughout the world. Fr. Paren Avedikian acted as the coordinator of the days festivities.

ELEVATION OF FATHER PAREN AVEDIKIAN

On Sunday, May 23, 1976, the Very Reverend Father Paren Avedikian was elevated to the rank of Dzayrankoun Vartabed by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. The Church was filled to capacity by parishioners who witnessed the beautiful service. A banquet in honor of Father Paren following the service was attended by over 725 parishioners and friends. The banquet was sponsored by the Parish Council. The ACYOA Seniors and ACYO Juniors assisted during the banquet in various ways. Mr. Harry Terzian, Parish Council Chairman, was the Chairman of the Banquet.

TEA IN HONOR OF FATHER MICHAEL BUTTERO

On Sunday, August 15, 1976, immediately following services, Parish Council hosted a Tea to honor the Reverend Father Michael Buttero who was granted the right to wear a pectoral cross by the Primate. A large number of parishioners and friends were on hand to congratulate Father Michael for this promotion. Miss Mary Ann Karakashian was the coordinator of the Tea.

THE VISIT OF HIS BEATITUDE PATRIARCH OF ISTANBUL

St. John's was honored to receive a visit from His Beatitude, Archbishop Shnork Kaloustian, Patriarch of Armenians of Turkey, from November 6, through 12, 1976. His Beatitude was on a tour of America with a special mission. On Sunday, November 7, 1976 His Beatitude was the Celebrant and Preacher in our Church. Following the Divine Liturgy a luncheon was given in honor of the visiting Hierarch. During the sojourn of the Patriarch in our community the Parish Council of St. John's made an annual pledge of \$1000 for the next five years.

PRO MUSICA

Pro Musica presented three concerts in 1976, all of which were artistically successful.

Maro Partamian, mezzo soprano, gave a concert on February 8th, at Groves High School Auditorium. She was accompanied by Fontaine Laing, a very well known pianist in the Greater Detroit area. In spite of the bad weather, the turnout was quite good, and of course, our artist, Miss Partamian, and her accompanist were very well received by those that attended. We are proud to have such talented people living in our community.

On May 16th, Dickran Atamian presented us with a fabulous afternoon concert of Piano music at Groves High School Auditorium. Pro Musica members are quite confident that we'll hear many raves about Dickran in the future. This fine pianist has the ambition and ability to become one of the best.

Violinist, Nurhan Arman was scheduled to perform for us in March, but because of illness, was unable to come here at that time. Never the less Mr. Arman gave us a most enjoyable violin program on September 26, in the Church Cultural Building. Constance Gottschalk did an excellent piano accompaniment in all the different areas of the program. The varied program made the concert enjoyable for all different tastes in music.

The Pro Musica Committee enjoys their role of bringing our community "well known" and "unknown" artists, and adding a touch of culture to our people, but we become disillusioned when there is no enthusiasm in our community to encourage "our" talented people.

MISCHA KUDIAN LECTURE

St. John's Armenian Church and the Armenian General Benevolent Union co-sponsored a slide illustrated lecture on the life and works of Martiros Sarian on September 27, 1976.

Mr. Mischa Kudian, noted translator and scholar was the guest lecturer. His presentation included color slides illustrating the many periods of Sarian's works and a description of Mr. Kudian's personal encounter with the artist.

Following the presentation refreshments were served.

Miss Mary Ann Karakashian and Messrs. Yervant Azadian and Zareh Melkonian were the coordinators of this program.

"THE ARMENIAN CASE", MOVIE

The movie, "The Armenian Case" was presented jointly by St. John's Armenian Church, The Armenian General Benevolent Union, and the Tekeyan Cultural Association on Tuesday, May 18, 1976, at the Church Cultural Hall.

Dr. Michael Hagopian was the producer of the film which was narrated by Mike Connors, noted Hollywood personality.

The movie was a documentary on the atrocities and massacres perpetuated on the Armenians.

Over four hundred individuals saw this movie.

ARMENIAN ARTIFACTS

In conjunction with Bazaar 76 an Armenian Artifacts collection was exhibited at our Church Library. The Exhibit remained open throughout the Bazaar and has remained open to this day. The Exhibit contained items from the collection of the following: St. John's Armenian Church, Mr. Alex Manoogian, and Father Paren Avedikian.

For the beautiful display of these artifacts we are indebted to the following individuals: Miss Arlene Yagoobian, Miss Kathy Mekjian, Miss Jackie Melkonian, Miss Judy Hovnan, and Mrs. Sona Yavruian.

It is appreciated to mention at this time that during 1976 the St. John's collection was increased with 70 new items.

ARMENIAN COSTUMES

Late in 1975 the A.G.B.U. Metro Chapter agreed to designate Mrs. Varsenick Apkarian to head a committee for the reproduction of authentic Armenian costumes. In 1976 this project, originally sponsored by the Metro Chapter, became a joint project of the Church and the A.G.B.U. Mrs. Varsenick Apkarian, Mrs. Anoush Papelian and Mrs. Sona Yavruian presently are the committee members who have selected a dozen costumes which

are being faithfully reproduced as a permanent authentic Armenian costume collection. The committee has made every effort to include in this collection, costumes of the different regions of historic and present day Armenia. Special care and attention is being paid to maintain the authenticity of the costumes, and for this, reference sources from Armenia and elsewhere are being used. A skillfull seamstress, an expert in costume recreation, is being employed to do the work.

Once completed, the joint permanent collection will be under the jurisdiction of the committee, which will be expanded to include two additional members, Mrs. Rosemary Hoplamazian and Miss Margaret Derderian.

The collection will be seen by the public in its entirety for the first time on October 8, 1977 at a Dinner Dance to be sponsored jointly by St. John's and A.G.B.U.

THE TORCH BEARER (CHAHAGIR)

Eleven issues of the **Torch Bearer, Chahagir** were published during 1976 (combined July-August issue). Special events and activities of both church and non-church affiliated organizations were reported when the reporters submitted their articles.

With the cooperation of the reporters we were able to maintain the monthly publication deadline which enabled us to report news and coming events on a current basis.

The Pastors and the Parish Council extend their gratitude to the Editor, Mrs. Gloria Mikaelian and to the committee members of the **Torch Bearer** for their dedicated services for maintaining the quality of our Church publication.

YOUTH SPORTS ACTIVITIES

We had a very successful year in Youth Sports Activities. The Basketball Program covered boys from 9 to 18 years and girls from 12 to 18 years in our own Basketball League.

Our Senior (18 years and over), Intermediate (16 to 18 years), and Junior (12 to 15 years), boys teams participated in the Orthodox Youth Athletic Association Regular Season Basketball and Tournament Basketball. Our girls (12 to 18) participated in the Orthodox Youth Athletic Association Regular season Basketball and Tournament Basketball. We had Senior and Intermediate Boys' Softball teams participate in the Orthodox Youth Athletic Association Regular Season and Tournament. We had our own Girls Softball League, and they also participated in the Orthodox Youth Athletic Association Tournament. The ACYOA also participated in various Church sponsored sports activities under the direction of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America. We also started an open Tennis program during the summer months.

We are always open to new ideas and programs to further improve our Youth Sports Activities. The Pastors and Parish Council wish to express their appreciation to all of those who so generously donated their time to make our Youth Sports Activities Program a success. Our special thanks to the Armenian-American Veterans for the unlimited use of their facilities.

IN APPRECIATION

The Pastors and Parish Council extend their heartfelt gratitude to the Apostolic Society, the Diocesan Delegates, the Church Auditors, the Church Organizations and their Executive and Standing Committee members, the entire staff of the Parish Schools, the Church Choir, the Deacons, the Acolytes, the Ushers, the Church Staff, the Church Office Staff, the Church Building Staff, the volunteer workers assisting in the Church Office, the Church projects' committee chairmen and members, and to all the faithful parishioners who, during the past year gave unselfishly of their time and financial resources for the life, the vitality, and the improvement of our Church and community, for the betterment of our people and for the Glory of God.

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Dear Members and Parishioners:

As you know, the role of the Armenian Apostolic Society is to take care of the building needs of the community.

During 1976, we have not been very active as there was no need for our services.

There were a number of maintenance repair and replacement work which was taken care of by the Parish Council.

If and when there is a need for an addition to existing buildings, or a new building, we will inform you at once.

I want to express our appreciation to the Parish Council for the fine job they are doing in keeping all our facilities in excellent condition.


Edward Mardigian
President

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF CHURCH AUXILIARIES

LADIES' AUXILIARY

- Chairman:** Mrs. Pergroohi Javizian
Membership: 243
Meetings: 10
Main Activities: Armenian Christmas Observance, Vartanantz and Paregentan Celebration, Michink Observance, Maundy Thursday Communion and Luncheon, Ascension Day Celebration, Ladies Auxiliary Picnic, Visit to Old Age Home. Prepared Mass during the year for Church assisted in following Church functions; Martyr's Day Observance, Church Picnic, and Church Bazaar.
- Remarks:** Attendance of our monthly luncheons and meetings has remained excellent. Younger new members are needed to maintain vitality of organization. 1976 marked the 55th anniversary of the foundation of our organization which we celebrated on October 24, 1976.

WOMEN'S GUILD

- Chairman:** Mrs. Mary Keoleian
Membership: 188
Meetings: 9
Main Activities: Lenten Luncheon, Easter Communion Breakfast, Mother-Daughter Banquet, Church Picnic, Membership Dinner, Bazaar Boutique, Bazaar Continental Bakery, Christmas Dinner Old Age Home, Mas Packaging, Southfield Church Women, Annual Dinner Dance, Maintaining International Institute Display Booth.
- Future Projects:** Lenten Luncheon, Easter Communion Breakfast, Mother-Daughter Banquet, Church Picnic, Membership Dinner, Bazaar Boutique and Bazaar Continental Bakery, Southfield Church Women, Christmas Dinner, Old Age Home, Annual Dinner-Dance, Mas Packaging, Maintaining International Institute Display Booth.
- Remarks:** The Guild has many hard working and dedicated members who have given unselfishly of their time and shared in making many successful projects this year.

MEN'S SOCIETY

- Chairman:** Mr. Simon Javizian
Membership: 120
Meetings: 10
Main Activities: Sunday School Pancake Breakfast, Christmas Party, Las Vegas Trip, Blood Bank Drive which was the 2nd highest in our Church history, cooked all shish kebab for Church Picnic, First Annual International Khunjoyk/Festival attended by close to 1,000 people, cooked and served all shish kebab at Church Bazaar, New Year's Eve Raffle.
- Future Projects:** Christmas Party, Carriibbean Cruise, Blood Bank, Las Vegas Trip, Pancake Breakfast, Church Picnic, 2nd Annual International Festival, Church Bazaar, Donate outdoor canopy for kitchen door entry.

Remarks: The Men's Society continues to provide the faithful services of the Church Ushers each and every Sunday. The men and their wives are also active in the Bowling League. A renewed vitality was experienced in the Men's Society this year as evidenced by the extremely successful International Khunjoyk/Festival. By changing the monthly meeting days to co-incide with the Women's Guild meetings and preceding each meeting with a dinner and program an increase in attendance was noted.

MR. AND MRS. SOCIETY

Chairman: Mr. Gary Schack
Membership: 22 Couples
Meetings: 3
Main Activities: Bay Valley Family Outing, Tennis Party, Meadowbrook Tour and Dinner, Bowling Night, Family Picnic, Camp Nissokone Family Night, Halloween Party, Election Meeting, Adult Members Christmas Party, Children's Christmas Party.

Remarks: Within our small group we have continued to plan family orientated activities in an Armenian environment, which is a unique and worthwhile objective of our organization.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA SENIOR CHAPTER

Chairman: Mr. Harry Mamassian
Membership: 136
Meetings: 12
Main Activities: Christmas Eve Service - December 24, Membership Christmas Party & Elections, Lamb Roast - May 16, Memorial Day Picnic - May 30, Bowling League - June-August, Dance- June 11, July 4th Picnic, November Dance - November 27, Provided refreshments for Bingo every Thursday, also helped at Annual Church Picnic, and the Church Bazaar.

Future Projects: To add programs that interest our membership, continuation and improvement of successful projects and to assist in Church sponsored activities.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION JUNIORS, PROJECT YOUTH

Chairman: Miss Kim Terzian
Membership: 65
Meetings: 12 General, 12 Executive, 6 Committee
Main Activities: Road Rally, Visit to the Old Age Home, Bake Sale, Poinsettia Plant Sale, Annual Retreat at Camp Rogers in Grand Rapids, Lenten Fish Dinners, Served at: Archbishop Sion Banquet, Lebanon Armenian Relief Fund Dinner, Madagh Dinner, Ladies Auxiliary 55th Anniversary Dinner, and Father Paren's Banquet. Candy Sale, Bowling League, Girls and Boys Softball League, Traverse City Summer Trip, Helped at the Church Picnic, "Summer Disco" Dance, Horseback Riding, Helped at Church Bazaar.

Future Projects: Continue carrying out the successful projects of the organization, and to attract new members.

Remarks: ACYO Juniors, Project Youth is an important organization; it brings the youth together before they leave the community for college, so when they return they will be eager to get involved with the Church affiliated organizations. It combines fun with work in helping support the Church. The members of the group working or participating in an activity enjoy each others' company and the fellowship created. We hope ACYO will inspire the youth to continue their involvement with the church. Through the ACYO Juniors everyone makes new friends.

KOMITAS CHOIR

Chairman: Mr. Peter Egigian
Membership: 30
Meetings: 3
Main Activities: Record of Divine Liturgy released 11/12/76.
 Host Choir Assembly, Nov. 5, 6 & 7, 1976.
Future Projects: 50th Anniversary of Komitas Choir.
 St. Valentine's Day Party.

ALTAR GUILD

Chairman: Mrs. Lucille Jivelegian
Membership: 6
Main Activities: Sewing two new sets of Altar Cloths. Sewing a new set of Shabigs for the Deacons and the Priests. Sewing two new covers for the Gospel Stand, Kirkagel. General sewing, maintaining and repairing of all the Church Vestments.
Remarks: We express our appreciation to Mrs. Silvia Bjornstad who graciously dry cleaned the Vestments and the Altar Cloths of our Church throughout the year.
Future Projects: Sewing four new sets of Celebrants Vestments, and a new set of Altar Cloths.

LIBRARY GUILD

Chairman: Mr. Fred Demerjian
Membership: 21
Meetings: 8
Main Activities: Purchasing and cataloging books for the Library.

SENIOR RETIRED MEMBERS

Chairman: Mr. Armen Jivelegian
Membership: 63
Meeting Days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Main Activities: Christmas Party, Dinner and a gift of \$50.00 taken to the Old Age Home, several Shish Kebab Parties given to the members. A \$100.00 donation was made to St. John's Armenian Church.

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL

- Superintendent:** Father Paren Avedikian
Enrollment: 357
Board & Staff: 68
Classrooms: 27
School Hours: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Sunday
Annual Affairs: Initiation and Installation, Christmas Party for Kindergarten, Armenian Christmas Jashoo Badarak and Communion, Staff Christmas Dinner, Lenten Offering, Easter Party for Kindergarten, Easter Jashoo Badarak and Communion, Pancake Breakfasts, Church School Picnic, Graduation Exercises.
- Curriculum:** The Holy Scripture, Divine Liturgy, Armenian History, Armenian Church History, and Armenian conversation class in Kindergarten.
- Remarks:** The disciplinary measures we had introduced earlier, regarding attendance, are bearing fruits. The attendance record at the Church School has not been better in a long while. The Playroom for pre-kindergarteners also is growing. Although we have tried with some success, we still hope that we might be able to offer this service for our Church going parents all year round.
- Highlights:** The 1976-77 academic year is our 29th year in providing Christian education to our parish children through the Church School. Father Paren Avedikian is the Superintendent of the Church School. Board Members are as follows: Mrs. Rosemary Hoplamazian, Assistant Superintendent; Miss Judy Hovnan, Church School Board Secretary; Mrs. Rose Boudakian, Church School Secretary; Mr. Jerry Dayinian, Treasurer; Miss Aralyn Mardirosian, Assistant Treasurer; Mr. Martin Cholakian, Mrs. Mildred Jingoian, Miss Mary Ann Karakashian and Mr. Gary Reizian, Advisors; Mr. Richard Apkarian, Parish Council Liaison; Mr. Harry Derderian, Senior Department Supervisor in charge of teachers; Mrs. Margaret Gozmanian, Senior Department Supervisor in charge of students; Mr. Richard Vahratian, Junior Department Supervisor in charge of teachers; Mrs. Victoria Reizian, Junior Department Supervisor in charge of students; Mrs. Araxie Choukourian, Primary Department Supervisor in charge of teachers; Mrs. Lucy Ardash, Primary Department Supervisor in charge of students; Mrs. Alice Semizian, Kindergarten Department Supervisor in charge of teachers; Miss Louise Kushigian, Kindergarten Department Supervisor in charge of students.

This year again we benefited from the Senior in-service students in various aspects of our School program.

The Council of Religious Education of our Diocese has assisted us throughout the year in the area of curriculum and audio-visual materials.

To facilitate the administration of the Church School, we again appointed special projects committees such as: Pledge Committee, to assist the students to assume their financial responsibilities to the Church as adults, Acolyte Training and Scheduling Committee, Birthday Cards Committee, Lenten Offering Committee, and Pancake Breakfast Committee.

In 1977 we hope to video-tape the Divine Liturgy in full for the benefit of our Church School students in learning the Divine Liturgy.

We would like to thank each and every member of our staff for their

dedicated service to the Church School. We also thank Mrs. Rose Boudakian for her assistance which she continued to render above and beyond her responsibility as Church and Church School Secretary. May all who labor in the house of God be blessed a thousandfold.

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL

Principal: Fr. Michael Buttero
 Enrollment: 19
 Staff Members: 4
 Classrooms: 3
 School Hours: Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 Sunday 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
 Annual Kirs: Closing exercises May 23, 1976, dance group performed at Old Age Home in April, Farmington Spring Festival 3 days in May, International Institute November, St. John's Bazaar November, Farmington Christmas festival 3 days in December, Daughters of Vartan December 8th.
 Curriculum: Armenian Language, Dancing and Singing.
 Future Projects: Continue to use the new material supplied by the Diocese. To seek to expand the Sunday program.

ARMENIAN COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL

Director: Mrs. Alice Perreault
 Enrollment: 16
 Staff Members: 2
 Classrooms: 2
 School Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 Annual Affairs: Ice Cream Social, Cookie Bake, Dinner. The Ice Cream Social is in the Fall. The Cookie Bake is always scheduled in early December and the Dinner is held in the Spring.
 Curriculum: Activities designed to enrich the social & emotional development of the pre-schooler & exposure to his/her Armenian language & culture.
 Future Projects: To better acquaint our new mothers with the program and continue the exchange of new ideas between teachers and parents.

**ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF
GREATER DETROIT OPERATION FUND-PARISH COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1976**

EXHIBIT-A

ASSETS

Cash (including savings accounts of \$210,812)	\$ 248,402
Accounts receivable-church organizations	1,734
Prepaid expenses	1,620
Bequests retained as investments:	
Vacant land located in Sterling Township, at 12/31/63 value	10,000
Common stock, at contributed value (market value of \$2,110 at 12/31/76)	<u>1,840</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 263,596</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

LIABILITIES:

Hall rental deposits	\$ 14,200
Due Armenian Apostolic Society	34,159
Payroll taxes	3,706
Service Funds	3,450
Trust Fund	1,000
Social Concern Fund	1,469
Accounts payable	<u>1,895</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 59,879</u>

FUND BALANCE:

Unappropriated fund balance:	
Balance at December 31, 1975	\$ 116,893
Excess of receipts over disbursements-year ended December 31, 1976 - Exhibit-B	<u>21,048</u>
Balance at December 31, 1976	<u>\$ 137,941</u>
Appropriated for building maintenance:	
Balance at December 31, 1975	46,619
Receipts-in lieu of flowers, less \$19,157 due Armenian Apostolic Society	<u>19,157</u>
Balance at December 31, 1976	<u>\$ 65,776</u>
Total fund balance	<u>\$ 203,717</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 263,596</u>

Richard H. Simonian
Auditor

Souren Keolelian
Treasurer

**ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF
GREATER DETROIT
OPERATING FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES EXHIBIT-B
Year Ended December 31, 1976**

	Actual 1975	Actual 1976	Budget 1976	Over (Under) Budget 1976	Budget 1977
RECEIPTS:					
Pledges-current year	\$85,258	\$89,879	\$80,000	\$ 9,879	\$95,000
Pledges-prior year	18,653	11,899	15,000	(3,101)	12,000
Bazaar-net	43,514	40,611	35,000	5,611	36,000
Plate and candles	7,835	8,281	9,000	(719)	9,000
Hokehankist (Requiem)					8,000
Gifts	10,278	11,736	8,600	3,136	3,000
Sacraments	2,360	2,700	1,500	1,200	2,000
Yughakin	3,100	3,402	2,757	645	3,500
Picnic-net	5,132	4,251	4,500	(249)	4,500
New Year's Eve-net	3,731	3,458	4,000	(542)	4,000
Bookstore-net	(339)	724	1,970	(1,246)	1,000
Contribution-Church Aux.	100	3,787	3,000	787	3,000
Interest income	7,245	9,321	7,000	2,321	10,000
Rentals-Church Org.	5,500	5,500	5,500		5,500
Rentals-Other Org.	1,250	2,750	2,000	750	2,000
Building Operation- see Exhibit C	79,991	88,926	95,500	(6,574)	98,000
Bingo Program-net	26,359	35,276	25,000	10,276	38,500
Special Events-net	1,242	(2,032)	3,000	(5,032)	2,000
Athletic-Special Fund	880	1,460	1,000	460	1,000
Torch Bearer publication	1,570	2,034	2,000	34	2,000
Clergy Service-net	971	550	500	50	500
Miscellaneous	136	126	11,166	(11,040)	367
Total receipts	<u>\$304,766</u>	<u>\$324,639</u>	<u>\$317,993</u>	<u>6,646</u>	<u>\$340,867</u>

EXPENDITURES:	Actual <u>1975</u>	Actual <u>1976</u>	Budget <u>1976</u>	(Over)Under <u>Budget 1976</u>	Budget <u>1977</u>
Administrator			20,000	20,000	22,500
Clergy Stipend & Allowance	41,366	47,040	47,040		52,840
Salaries-office	17,758	19,312	20,532	1,220	22,040
Salaries-Building Maintenance	39,316	48,291	48,490	199	51,942
Salaries-Church	3,900	4,171	4,365	194	4,845
Payroll taxes	5,046	6,233	8,000	1,767	7,000
Employee benefits	7,348	5,800	9,000	3,200	7,000
Automobile expense	1,292	1,078	2,200	1,122	1,500
Torch Bearer	3,329	3,085	5,000	1,915	3,500
Service Awards	1,561		1,000	1,000	1,300
Supplies-Church	4,506	2,548	2,500	(48)	3,500
Printing	1,320	1,596	2,000	404	1,500
Supplies-Office	1,765	1,814	1,500	(314)	2,000
Postage & Freight	2,173	2,923	2,500	(423)	2,700
Telephone & Telegraph	3,566	5,002	3,000	(2,002)	3,800
Advertising	(111)	163	1,000	837	1,400
Contributions	2,285	3,196	1,500	(1,696)	2,000
Diocesan Assessment	32,312	29,766	30,066	300	31,000
Etchmiadzin Dues	1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000
Clergy-Visiting	2,559	1,682	1,500	(182)	1,500
Travel	1,133	953	2,000	1,047	2,000
Insurance	6,086	10,955	7,000	(3,955)	10,000
Armenian School	1,455	1,015	2,000	985	2,000
Cultural Program-net	(956)	6,232	2,000	(4,232)	3,000
Heat					13,450
Light and Power	28,419	33,370	33,000	(370)	23,800
Water					750
Building Repairs & Maint.	11,052	11,963	9,500	(2,463)	8,000
Grounds Maint.					5,000
Computer Services	107	3,055	2,600	(455)	3,300
Bldg. Supplies & Expense					4,500
Kitchen Supplies	17,510	19,270	16,500	(2,770)	1,500
Hall Service Supplies					7,000
Property Tax-Vacant Land	677	754	600	(154)	700
Capital Improvements	39,760	2,484	3,600	1,116	2,000
Athletics	3,076	3,734	4,000	266	5,000
Equipment Purchases	1,725	4,012	3,500	(512)	3,500
Veterans Bldg. Rental	1,000	6,000	6,000		6,000
Misc. & unclassified	1,676	1,076	1,500	424	1,500
Property Security		2,563	2,000	(563)	2,000
Church Artifacts		11,455	10,000	(1,455)	10,000
Pledge-Istanbul Patriarch (1st year of 5 year pledge) 1977-1981					1,000
Total expenditures	\$285,011	\$303,591	\$317,993	\$14,402	\$340,867
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 19,755	\$ 21,048	\$ -	\$21,048	\$ -

**ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF
GREATER DETROIT
OPERATING FUND - BUILDING OPERATIONS
Year Ending December 31, 1976**

EXHIBIT-C

REVENUES:

Catering	\$ 123,992
Sales Tax	4,846
Rentals	66,383
Bar Service	27,000
Glass Rental	80
Linen	3,003
Paper	104
Checkroom	1,023
Extra labor	2,054
Addressing and mimeographing	1,709
Postage	526
Telephone	103
Caterer Linen	830
Miscellaneous	<u>1,267</u>

Total Revenues \$ 232,920

EXPENSES:

Catering	\$ 124,002
Sales Tax	4,846
Bartenders and Bar Girls	8,976
Mix	2,833
Ice	1,605
Equipment Rentals	80
Hall Labor	758
Miscellaneous	402
Checkroom Labor	<u>492</u>

Total Expenses \$ 143,994

NET REVENUES \$ 88,926

NOTE: Net derived from Hall operations after allocation of attributable expenses and income, was a loss of \$12,581, for the Fiscal Year 1976, compared to a loss of \$17,356 for 1975, and \$33,271 for 1974.

**ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT
IN LIEU OF FLOWERS ACCOUNT**

December 1, 1975 - November 30, 1976

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Donated to St. John's</u>	<u>Other</u>	
Gregory Kelch	33.00	16.50	16.50	K
Kapriel Saboonjian	25.00	6.25	18.75	A
Shoushanig Serkaian	50.00	25.00	25.00	F
John Godoshian	10.00	10.00		
Charles Artin	150.00	75.00	75.00	F
Jordan Besh	305.00	152.50	152.50	F
Armenouhy Apakian	10.00	10.00		
Haigouhy Chimchirian	505.00	252.50	252.50	I
George Ingesoulian	1,626.00	813.00	813.00	M
Van Nazarian	105.00	105.00		
Serma Kojamanian	602.00	602.00		
Mike Torosian	800.00	400.00	400.00	P
Hagop Kazarian	260.00	65.00	195.00	A
Takouhi Manoogian	20.00	10.00	10.00	F
Hemayag Kalajian	20.00	5.00	15.00	F
Krikor Haibatian	20.00	10.00	10.00	H
James Buchukian	75.00	75.00		
Onnig Hovagimian	115.00	115.00		
Mary Mazmanian	427.00	427.00		
Kohar Ohanian	130.00	65.00	65.00	A
Guliane Atikian	565.00	282.50	282.50	Q
Ovsanna Kibarian	181.00	181.00		
Beatrice Tashjian	1,125.00	562.50	562.50	A
Madeline Tirakian	1,391.00	272.75	1,118.25	A-F-G
Richard Apkarian	1,020.00	1,020.00		
Kaspar Ohannasian	1,760.00	880.00	880.00	F
Harry Yarmain	195.00	195.00		
Bedros Amirkanian	814.00	407.00	407.00	E
Charles Kojaian	1,430.00	715.00	715.00	A
Bedros Parounagian	1,032.00	567.60	464.40	L
John Salagian	425.00	425.00		
John Vranian	350.00	350.00		
Annis Krikorian	1,278.00	639.00	639.00	R
JoAnn Rader	202.00	202.00		
Shanantoukd Yeghissian	1,723.00	1,723.00		
Simon Der Vahanian	442.00	442.00		
Hachig Gulian	200.00	200.00		
Bediros Kablanian	691.00	691.00		
Edward Sahratian	1,790.00	900.00	890.00	J
Annis Hovsepian	845.00	430.00	415.00	F
Vartanoush Gurunian	1,080.00	540.00	540.00	E
Krikor Dulgerian	350.00	192.50	192.50	S
Richard Der Stepanian	765.60	765.60		
Marion Johnson	60.00	60.00		
Avedis Tavedian	463.00	115.75	347.25	N
Gregory Demirgian	1,330.00	665.00	665.00	F
Armenag Klavanian	694.00	173.50	520.50	F
Zartar Mooshmoolian	334.00	334.00		
Matthew Der Vartanian	708.00	177.00	531.00	F-L
Harry N. Norsigian	35.00	35.00		

Nevart Berberian	185.00	185.00		
Dorothy Kouzoujian	2,170.00	2,170.00		
Agavni Tasci (Tashjian)	135.00	135.00		
Vartouhi Barsamian	1,345.00	1,345.00		
Thomas Chrovian	1,818.00	909.00	909.00	F
Haiganoush Nalbandian	1,160.00	290.00	870.00	F
Garabed Alexanian	794.00	397.00	397.00	F
Sarkis Halebian	3,442.00	1,721.00	1,721.00	K
Sarkis Torosian	20.00	20.00		
Onik Donikian	1,093.00	273.26	819.74	B-M
Virginia Ashukian	10.00	10.00		
Kaloust Beyekian	720.00	720.00		
Khanem Amboian	1,757.00	1,757.00		
Mary Vartanian	50.00	50.00		
Theodore Baykian	2,801.00	1,400.50	1,400.50	F
Dickran Vahratian	2,414.00	2,414.00		
Hripsime Bahadurian	1,403.00	1,403.00		
Krikor Zeitountzian	1,378.00	757.90	620.10	S
Ovig Tarpinian	73.00	73.00		
Angelle Jingoian	874.00	437.00	437.00	C
Nevart Shahan	2,584.00	861.34	1,722.66	B-D
John P. Tabibian	6,155.00	3,077.50	3,077.50	B
Charles Gurunian	1,043.00	521.50	521.50	E
	\$ 61,990.60	\$ 38,311.45	\$ 23,679.15	

Code:

- A Michigan Home For The Armenian Aged
- B Armenian General Benevolent Union
- C Christie Altounian Fund
- D Michigan Cancer Foundation
- E Pan Sepastia Union
- F AGBU Alex Manoogian School
- G Everek-Fenese Society
- H Lraper Press
- I Baikar Association
- J Yozgad Society
- K Armenian-American Veterans
- L Armenian Relief Society
- M Michigan Heart Fund
- N Lebanon Relief Fund
- P Ileitis Society
- Q Kessab Society
- R Vaspouragan Society
- S St. Sarkis Armenian Church

Audited by: Richard Simonian

LADIES AUXILIARY
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 Year Ended November 30, 1976

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1975		
Savings Account-First Federal	\$ 11,000.59	
Checking Account-Manufacturers National	<u>1,205.01</u>	
Total Cash in Banks		\$ 12,205.60
RECEIPTS		
Gifts	\$ 738.79	
Dues	867.00	
Mas	442.00	
Sales-Crosses	30.00	
Hostess Income	88.00	
Vartanantz	2,549.65	
Communion Luncheon	234.96	
Michink Luncheon	1,283.26	
Maundy Thursday	106.50	
Hampartzoom	391.50	
Picnic	298.00	
55th Anniversary	3,578.00	
Miscellaneous	.80	
Interest on Savings	<u>596.37</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 11,204.83</u>
Total Cash to be Accounted for		<u>\$ 23,410.43</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Flowers	\$ 128.49	
Printing	148.35	
Stamps/Envelopes	77.39	
Christmas Gifts	125.00	
Lebanon Fund-Contribution	500.00	
Dishwasher	45.00	
Radio Hour	30.00	
Building Rental	2,000.00	
Vestments	852.35	
Vartanantz	855.44	
Communion Luncheon	83.38	
Michink Luncheon	301.50	
Maundy Thursday	5.37	
Hampartzoom	150.00	
Picnic	112.12	
55th Anniversary	<u>4,608.04</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 10,022.43
Cash in Banks-November 30, 1976		
Savings Account-First Federal	\$ 11,596.96	
Checking Account-National Bank Detroit	<u>1,790.84</u>	
Total Cash in Banks		<u>\$ 13,387.80</u>
Total Cash to be Accounted for		<u>\$ 23,410.43</u>

Audited by: John Bahadurian

WOMEN'S GUILD
STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended November 30, 1976

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1975

Checking Account-Manufacturers National	\$ 848.01	
Savings Account-Standard Federal	<u>11,382.08</u>	
Total Cash in Banks		\$ 12,230.10

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$ 781.00	
Gift Contributions	20.00	
Interest Earned (Savings Account)	610.09	
Circle Hostess Receipts	10.80	
Church Bazaar Advance (1975 and 1976)	500.00	
Christmas Dinner (1975)	506.62	
Lenten Luncheon	208.60	
Dinner Dance	4,894.71	
Easter Communion Breakfast	202.98	
Mother-Daughter Banquet	3,662.39	
Membership Dinner	52.40	
November Bake Sale	<u>416.41</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 11,866.00</u>

Total Cash to be Accounted for

\$ 24,096.10

DISBURSEMENTS

Building Rental	\$ 2,000.00	
Secretarial Expenses (Postage, File Cabinet, Printing)	540.45	
Gifts	233.51	
Circle Hostess Expenses	199.75	
Membership Awards and Pins and Bibles	62.52	
Southfield Church Women United dues (1974-1975-1976)	45.00	
Printing of New Checks	7.76	
New Dinner Table Skirts (material)	104.50	
Lebanon Relief Fund	500.00	
Film Processing	37.96	
Church Bazaar Advance	200.00	
Christmas Dinner (1975)	183.20	
Old Age Home	95.03	
Dinner Dance	3,185.86	
Lenten Luncheon	160.90	
Easter Communion Breakfast	3.00	
Mother-Daughter Banquet	1,904.94	
Membership Dinner	<u>210.76</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 9,675.14

Cash in Banks-November 30, 1976

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 1,028.78	
Savings Account-Standard Federal Savings	<u>13,392.18</u>	
Total Cash in Banks		<u>\$ 14,420.96</u>

Total Cash to be Accounted for

\$ 24,096.10

Audited by: John Bahadurian

MEN'S SOCIETY
STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 Year Ended November 30, 1976

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1975

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 1,023.46	
Savings Account-National Bank of Detroit	<u>3,152.13</u>	
Total Cash in Banks		\$ 4,175.59

RECEIPTS

General Body Meeting Dinners	\$ 1,077.49	
International Festival	6,134.13	
New Year's Eve Raffle-1975	1,412.00	
Membership Dues	225.00	
Christmas Party	497.00	
Las Vegas Trip-Credit	240.00	
50/50 Raffle-Net	122.00	
Pancake Breakfast	63.00	
Interest on Savings	<u>155.33</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 9,925.95</u>

Total Cash to be Accounted for

\$ 14,101.54

DISBURSEMENTS

General Body Meeting Dinners	\$ 1,029.94	
International Festival	2,883.24	
Church Rental	1,000.00	
Lebanon Relief	500.00	
New Year's Eve Raffle-1975	600.00	
Pancake Breakfast	216.62	
Christmas Party	575.55	
Dishwasher	120.00	
Postage	184.19	
Blazer for Usher	50.00	
Blood Drive-Refreshments	21.23	
Gift Basket	10.40	
New Year's Eve Raffle Printing-1976	62.50	
Printing Checks	<u>8.83</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 7,262.50

Cash in Banks-November 30, 1976

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 4,031.58*	
Savings Account-National Bank of Detroit	<u>2,807.46</u>	
		<u>\$ 6,839.04</u>

Total Cash to be Accounted for

\$ 14,101.54

* Includes \$7.00 deposit in transit

Audited by: Albert Mardirosian

MR. & MRS. SOCIETY
STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended November 30, 1976

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1975

Checking Account-Manufacturers National	\$	207.96	
Savings Account-Manufacturers National		<u>552.96</u>	
Total Cash in Banks			\$ 760.92

RECEIPTS

Christie Altounian Fund	\$	730.00	
Snow Trip-1976		193.50	
Tennis Night		714.50	
March Meeting Dinner		54.00	
Membership Dues		220.00	
Meadowbrook Dinner		733.50	
Bowling Night		16.11	
Family Picnic		112.50	
Interest on Savings Account		32.00	
Postage		<u>9.30</u>	
Total Receipts			<u>\$ 2,815.41</u>

Total Cash to be Accounted for

\$ 3,576.33

DISBURSEMENTS

Christie Altounian Fund	\$	730.00	
Christmas Party-1975		79.43	
Snow Trip-1976		150.00	
Snow Trip Deposit-1977		30.00	
Tennis Night		679.47	
March Meeting Dinner		94.86	
Meadowbrook Dinner		684.62	
Bowling Night		25.00	
Family Picnic		86.17	
Election Dinner		82.98	
Postage		45.93	
Miscellaneous		<u>90.78</u>	
Total Disbursements			\$ 2,779.24

Cash in Bank-November 30, 1976

Checking Account-Manufacturers National	\$	462.13	
Savings Account-Manufacturers National		<u>334.96</u>	

Total Cash to be Accounted for

\$ 3,576.33

Audited by: Albert Mardirosian

**ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION
OF AMERICA SENIORS
STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

Year Ended November 30, 1976

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1975

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 5,263.33	
Savings Account-National Bank of Detroit	4,940.42	
Savings Account-National Bank of Detroit	<u>3,114.22</u>	
Total Cash in Banks		\$ 13,317.97

RECEIPTS

Membership Dues 1976	\$ 485.00	
Membership Dues 1977	37.00	
Interest on Savings Accounts	410.75	
Money returned from Christmas gift	2.10	
Affairs and Socials:		
Christmas Eve Services-1975	425.00	
Christmas Tree Sale-1975	824.50	
Leon Katurjian Concert	36.00	
November Dance-1975	2,496.72	
November Dance-1976	6,778.00	
Lamb Roast	1,990.22	
Welcome Back Dance	3,347.00	
Memorial Day Picnic	418.20	
July 4th Picnic	260.86	
Bowling League	878.80	
Cedar Point Trip	200.00	
Canoe Trip	21.74	
Bingo Refreshments	<u>4,315.56</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 22,927.45</u>

Total Cash to be Accounted for

\$ 36,245.42

DISBURSEMENTS

Christmas Eve Refreshments-1975	\$ 25.20
Christmas Tree Sale-1975	144.65
November Dance-1975	1,891.08
November Dance-1976	3,078.47
Lamb Roast	1,436.59
Welcome Back Dance	2,998.34
Memorial Day Picnic	408.80
July 4th Picnic	338.37
Bowling League	728.49
Cedar Point Trip	242.13
Canoe Trip	50.00
Summer Parties	180.00
August Dinner Meeting	190.59
Church Bazaar-1975	6.00
Leon Katurjian Concert	1,820.00
Membership & Christmas Party-1975	351.50
A.G.B.U. Basketball Tournament	90.00
Sports Budget	453.20
Bingo Refreshments	2,770.09
A.C.Y.O.A. Group Picture	62.50

Get Well Flowers	104.15	
Diocesan Assembly-1976	146.86	
A.C.Y.O.A. Central Council Dues	256.00	
Church Dues-1976	500.00	
Postage	270.35	
Gifts:		
Lebanon Relief Fund	500.00	
St. John's for Landscaping & Lighting	3,687.10	
Sponsor Trips to Armenia	600.00	
Needy Families	425.00	
Miscellaneous	224.28	
Total Disbursements		\$ 23,979.74

Cash in Banks-November 30, 1976		
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 5,300.29	
Savings Account-National Bank of Detroit	5,217.83	
Savings Account-National Bank of Detroit	1,747.56	
Total Cash in Banks		\$ 12,265.68

Total Cash to be Accounted for \$ 36,245.42

Audited by: Albert Mardirosian

**ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION
JUNIORS PROJECT YOUTH
STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

Year Ended November 30, 1976

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1975

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 632.67	
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	66.37	
Savings Account- Detroit Bank & Trust	708.07	
Savings Account-American Savings & Loan	<u>1,591.88</u>	
Total Cash in Banks		\$ 2,998.99

RECEIPTS

Membership Dues	\$ 98.00	
Bake Sale	86.30	
Bowling Summer League	63.75	
Serving Dinners	100.00	
Candy Sales	1,077.41	
August 8th Dance	982.50	
Christmas Dance	80.00	
Entertainment Book Sales	836.00	
Interest Earned	130.87	
Poinsetta Plants	599.00	
Coloring Books	123.00	
Traverse City Trip	670.95	
T Shirt Sales	128.00	
Camp Rogers Retreat	1,005.00	
Lenten Dinners	<u>3,464.69</u>	
Total Receipts		\$ 9,445.47

Total Cash to be Accounted for

\$ 12,444.46

DISBURSEMENTS

Poinsetta Plants	\$ 613.04	
Gifts	85.33	
Meeting Lunches	184.29	
Bank Service Charge	3.44	
Christmas Dance (Band)	110.00	
Candy Purchases	795.00	
August 8th Dance	687.35	
Entertainment Books Purchased	873.00	
Dinner for Toronto Guests	81.00	
Camp Retreat	1,316.29	
Coloring Books Purchased	195.88	
Lenten Dinners	2,051.87	
Traverse City Trip	<u>656.13</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 7,652.62

Cash in Banks-November 30, 1976

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 1,643.03	
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	755.01	
Savings Account-Detroit Bank & Trust	723.95	
Savings Account-American Savings & Loan	<u>1,669.87</u>	
Total Cash in Banks		\$ 4,791.86

Total Cash to be Accounted for

\$ 12,444.48

Audited by: Albert Mardirosian

KOMITAS CHOIR STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended November 30, 1976

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1975		
Checking Account	\$ 1,237.15	
Savings Account	<u>664.45</u>	
Total Cash in Banks		\$ 1,901.60

RECEIPTS

Plate collections and donations	\$ 1,053.41	
Advance for record publication (Church)	1,000.00	
Choir Assembly	10,264.98	
Sale of food	736.90	
Sacred Music Books	15.40	
Interest on Savings Account	<u>22.61</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 13,093.30</u>

Total Cash to be Accounted for		<u>\$ 14,994.90</u>
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DISBURSEMENTS

Gifts and flowers	\$ 147.54	
Record expenses	1,029.63	
Choir Assembly	4,981.12	
Deacons' Oorars	104.00	
Baking expense	137.43	
Secretarial and misc. expenses	<u>184.24</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$ 6,583.96</u>

Cash in Banks-November 30, 1976		
Checking Account	\$ 7,873.88	
Savings Account	<u>537.06</u>	
Total Cash in Banks		<u>\$ 8,410.94</u>

Total Cash to be Accounted for		<u>\$ 14,994.90</u>
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Audited by: John Bahadurian

LIBRARY GUILD
STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended November 30, 1976

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1975		
Checking Account-National Bank Southfield	\$1,058.53	
Savings Account-National Bank Southfield	<u>1,883.67</u>	
Total Cash in Banks		\$ 2,942.20
RECEIPTS		
Book Sales	\$ 58.00	
Gift	7.85	
Interest Earned-Savings	<u>95.99</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 161.84</u>
Total Cash to be Accounted for		<u>\$ 3,104.04</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Books Purchased	\$ 454.32	
Miscellaneous Supplies	<u>13.49</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 467.81
Cash in Banks-November 30, 1976		
Checking Account-National Bank of Southfield	\$ 656.57	
Savings Account-National Bank of Southfield	<u>1,979.66</u>	
Total Cash in Banks		<u>\$ 2,636.23</u>
Total Cash to be Accounted for		<u>\$ 3,104.04</u>

Audited by: John Bahadurian

ALTAR GUILD
STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Year Ended November 30, 1976

CASH IN BANK-NOVEMBER 30, 1975		
Savings Account-Metropolitan Savings	\$ 57.87	
Total Cash in Bank		\$ 57.87
RECEIPTS		
Gifts	\$ 30.00	
Interest Earned	<u>1.67</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 31.67</u>
Total Cash to be Accounted for		<u>\$ 89.54</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
None		
Cash in Bank-November 30, 1976		
Savings Account-Metropolitan Savings	\$ 89.54	
Total Cash in Bank		<u>\$ 89.54</u>
Total Cash to be Accounted for		<u>\$ 89.54</u>

Audited by: Albert Mardirosian

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL
STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended November 30, 1976

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1975

Checking Account-Manufacturers National Bank	\$ 798.77	
Savings Account-First Federal Savings	4,663.59	
Savings Account-First Federal Savings	<u>3,667.96</u>	
Total Cash in Banks		\$ 9,130.32

RECEIPTS

Offering:		
Kindergarten	\$ 167.98	
Primary	414.14	
Junior	710.92	
Senior	736.15	
Registration Fee	715.00	
Lenten Offering	620.82	
Easter Offering	273.86	
Christmas & Birthday Offering	260.50	
Pancake Breakfast	481.63	
Picnic	455.15	
Donation (Toward Christmas Dinner)	342.43	
Thomassian Fund	100.00	
Miscellaneous	29.40	
Interest on Savings	<u>369.07</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 5,677.05</u>

Total Cash to be Accounted for

\$14,807.37

DISBURSEMENTS

Instructional Materials	\$ 696.40	
Mailing & Postage	182.95	
Graduation & Prizes	491.79	
Feet Washing Contest Prizes	100.00	
Christmas Dinner	978.00	
Christmas Program	218.07	
Picnic	423.99	
Pancake Breakfast	263.83	
Lenten Canisters	58.50	
Supplies	205.54	
Bank Charges	<u>14.95</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 3,634.02

Cash in Banks-November 30, 1976

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 2,472.73	
Savings Account-Manufacturers National	<u>8,700.62</u>	
Total Cash in Banks		<u>\$11,173.35</u>

Total Cash to be Accounted for

\$14,807.37

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**CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL
STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

Year Ended November 30, 1976

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1975		
Checking Account-Michigan National Bank	\$ 557.87	
Total Cash in Bank		\$ 557.87
RECEIPTS		
Church Subsidy	\$1,055.00	
Tuition	<u>70.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$1,125.00</u>
Total Cash to be Accounted for		<u>\$1,682.87</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Teachers Salary	\$1,045.00	
Diocese Workshop Expense	135.20	
Textbooks	198.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>21.24</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$1,399.44
Cash in Bank-November 30, 1976		
Checking Account-Michigan National Bank	\$ 283.43	
Total Cash in Bank		<u>\$ 283.43</u>
Total Cash to be Accounted for		<u>\$1,682.87</u>

Audited by: John Bahadurian

ARMENIAN CO-OPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended November 30, 1976

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1975		
Checking Account-Manufacturers National	\$	710.88
Savings Account-Standard Federal Savings		<u>553.54</u>
Total Cash in Banks		\$ 1,264.42
RECEIPTS		
Tuition	\$	3,666.12
Registration		180.00
Insurance		26.00
Exchange Items		10.40
Miscellaneous		110.09
Field Trip		130.42
Class Photos		159.38
Annual Dinner		209.25
Cookie Sale		592.35
Ice Cream Social		644.42
Interest Earned in Savings		<u>29.67</u>
Total Receipts		\$ 5,758.10
Total Cash to be Accounted for		<u>\$ 7,022.52</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Salaries	\$	2,982.25
Groceries		231.30
New Play Equipment		856.29
Petty Cash Items		20.12
Postage		8.97
Dues and Subscriptions		64.14
Office Supplies		25.70
Improvements and Repairs		62.70
Monthly Meetings		15.00
Miscellaneous		106.32
Field Trip		123.00
Class Photos		159.38
Annual Dinner		271.11
Insurance		23.70
Ice Cream Social		290.69
Cookie Bake		<u>170.25</u>
Total Disbursements		\$ 5,410.92
Cash in Bank-November 30, 1976		
Checking Account-Manufacturers National	\$	1,028.39
Savings Account-Standard Federal Savings		<u>583.21</u>
Cash in Bank		\$ 1,611.60
Total Cash to be Accounted for		<u>\$ 7,022.52</u>

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE - 1976

George Gargarian
Kora Jamian
Martin Manoogian

CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(5 to be elected for 1 year term)

James Baharozian
Charles Boyajian
George Cross
Fred Demirjian
Harry Derderian
Berj Kurkechian
Sirvart Mezian
John Semizian
Charles Stamboulian
Simon Tashjian

CANDIDATES FOR PARISH COUNCIL

(5 to be elected for 2 year term)

*Richard Apkarian
Souren Aprahamian
Mary Cholmakjian
Hrand Hampikian
Adam Karapetian
*Souren Keoleian
*Arthur Mardigian
*Anoush Papelian
Ashod Torosian
Leo Zamanigian

CANDIDATE FOR AUDITING COMMITTEE

(1 to be elected for 3 year term)

Elizabeth Bozigian

AUDITING COMMITTEE - 1976

Albert Mardirosian
(elected in 1976 for 3 year term)
Richard Simonian
(elected in 1975 for 3 year term)
John Bahadurian
(elected in 1974 for 3 year term)

NOTE: Nominations may be brought from the floor.

*Incumbent

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Auditors of our Church urge our parishioners to use checks, rather than cash, in making donations, contributions, and payments of dues to our church, and to Church Auxiliary Organizations.

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Board of Management

CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(Nominations for 1976-77)

- John A. Bennett
- Charles H. Bunker
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- Carl H. Bunker
- John H. Bunker
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CANDIDATES FOR FINANCIAL COUNCIL

(Nominations for 1976-77)

- John A. Bennett
- Charles H. Bunker
- Charles H. Bunker
- Carl H. Bunker
- John H. Bunker
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CANDIDATE FOR AUDITING COMMITTEE

(Nominations for 1976-77)

- Charles H. Bunker

AUDITING COMMITTEE - 1976

- Charles H. Bunker
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1976 Financial Report and Balance Sheet

Important Notice

The Board of Management has the pleasure to announce that the 1976 Financial Report and Balance Sheet are available for review at the office of the Secretary, 1000 North Main Street, Suite 100, St. Louis, Missouri 63102. The report is available for review from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

