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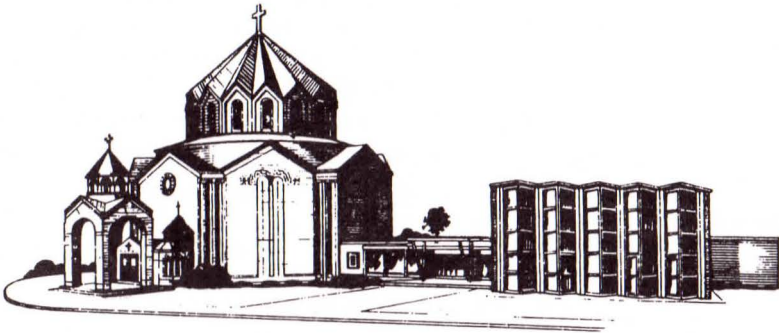
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**INVITATION  
TO THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF  
ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT**

**Southfield, Michigan**

**Friday**

**February 8, 1980**

**8:00 P.M.**

**AT THE ARMENIAN CULTURAL BUILDING**

**22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield**

**AGENDA**

1. Invocation and Call to Order
2. Verification of the Eligibility of Members and Quorum
3. Elections
  - a. Election of Parish Assembly Officers - Chairman and Secretary
  - b. Partial election of Parish Council (6)
  - c. Partial election of Auditor (1)
  - d. Election of Nominating Committee for 1981 (5)
4. Election Results of Chairman and Secretary of the day.
5. Minutes of the 1979 Annual Parish Assembly
6. 1979 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 1979. However, parish members are encouraged to come prepared to ask questions on any section of this Annual Report.
7. Review and Approval of 1980 Budget
8. Consideration of the sale of the Church property in Sterling Heights.
9. New Business
10. Election Results
11. Pastor's Closing Message and Benediction
12. Adjournment and Refreshments

**THE VERY REV. FR. PAREN AVEDIKIAN  
PRESIDENT**

**Richard M. Apkarian  
Parish Council Chairman**

**Dr. V. Michael Armoudlian  
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, provided they have attained the age of 21.
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.”

Excerpted from the **BY-LAWS  
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**St. John's Armenian Church**  
OF GREATER DETROIT



## 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.

### Worship Service

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.

### Addition to Pastoral Staff

Very Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian arrived in Detroit on March 8, 1979 as an undergraduate student at Wayne State University by arrangement of His Beatitude, Archbishop Yeghishe Derderian, Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem and Mr. Alex Manoogian. With the consent of our Diocesan Primate, His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Father Papken has joined our Pastoral Staff with limited responsibilities. Father Papken celebrated his first Divine Liturgy at St. John's on March 18, and was formally introduced to the parishioners following Church Services with a Tea in his honor. Since then, Father Papken has conscientiously attended to his duties at St. John's.

### Sacraments and Rites

During 1979, the following Sacraments and Rites were officiated: Baptism and Confirmation of infants and adults (66); Engagement Services (7); Holy Matrimony (40); and Funeral Services (64).

### Acknowledgements of Services

The following clergymen celebrated the Divine Liturgy and preached, or were present at our Church Services in connection with their visits to Detroit in 1979: The Most Rev. Archbishop Sion Manoogian, the Chairman of the Supreme Spiritual Council of Holy Etchmiadsin; The Most Rev. Archbishop Shahe Ajemian, the Chancellor of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem; The Most Rev. Dr. Paulos Mar Gregorius, the Metropolitan of the Malankara (Malabar) Church of Delhi, India; His Grace, Bishop Papken Varjabedian, the Diocesan Legate in Washington, D.C.; His Grace, Bishop Arsen Berberian, the Chancellor of the Holy Mother See of Holy Etchmiadsin; The Very Rev. Fr. Zaven Arzoumanian, the Pastor of St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Church of Wynnewood, Pa.; The Very Rev. Fr. Vosgan Kalpakian, the Primate of the Armenian Church of Damascus, Syria; The Very Rev. Fr. Vartan Dilanian from Holy Etchmiadsin, the Representative of His Holiness



to the Diocesan Clergy Conference; The Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian, the Canon Sacrist of St. Vartan Cathedral in New York; The Very Rev. Father Haigazoun Melkonian, the Pastor of St. Gregory the Illuminator Church of Haverhill, Mass.; The Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian, the Pastor of St. Gregory of Narek Church of Cleveland, Ohio; The Rev. Fr. Khosrof Assadourian, the Pastor of St. George Church of Hartford, Conn.; and The Rev. Fr. Yeghishe Bagramian from Holy Etchmiadsin, the Representative of His Holiness to the Diocesan Clergy Conference.

On behalf of our Church, I extend my appreciation to our Church hierarchs and her dedicated servants for the opportunity of praying and exalting the Lord together at St. John's. It is my duty also, at this time, to thank Deacon Lévon Zenian for his sermons on two Sundays during 1979.

In connection with the worship service of our Church, it is my duty and privilege to thank each and every member of our Komitas Choir, and the Deacons of our Church for their dedication and service to our Church and her worshiping 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. During the officiation of the Sacraments and Rites of our Church, Deacons Harry Ekizian, Ara Haig, Daniel Shahan, John Semizian, Michael Ohanesian, Mihran Hoplamazian, Richard Norsigian, and Hagop Asadurian have assisted us as often as possible and we thank them for their concern for the dignity of our Sacramental Services. Again 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, 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 Papken Anoushian to the utmost of our ability. I would like, at this time, to remind our parishioners again to inform the Church Office directly when the services of a clergyman are needed.

#### **Religious Educational Programs**

In 1979, Mrs. Zabel Atesian has conducted a successful Bible Study Class for interested parishioners. Also, Mr. Martin Cholakian has continued to offer Adult Church School Classes under the sponsorship of St. John's Church School. We express our gratitude both to Mrs. Atesian and Mr. Cholakian for their commendable efforts in these areas, and hope that more of our parishioners will choose to take advantage of these religious educational classes.

#### **Administrative Duties**

My administrative responsibilities during the past twelve months have included office work and management, Parish Council and Church Auxiliary Organizations' general body and committee meetings, attendance and participation in organizational functions, promotion of educational and cultural programs, coordination of Church organizations; fund raising, and involvement in the various aspects of the building and expansion program.

## **Publications**

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 Mikaelian, for the commendable service she renders to our Church in connection with this publication.

## **Special Features of 1979**

Our parishioners were called upon for the third time in recent years to come to the aid of our brothers and sisters in Lebanon. Realizing the plight of their brethren, our community raised \$118,887.14 adhering to the Appeal of the Joint Committee of St. John's Armenian Church and the Armenian General Benevolent Union. This magnificent response again demonstrates the Christian spirit of giving which is the mark of our wonderful community. I extend my heartfelt appreciation in this regard to Mr. Martin Apkarian who served with me as the Co-Chairman of this Fund-Raising Committee.

In 1979, the Armenian Apostolic Society, under the leadership Mr. Alex Manoogian and Mr. Edward Mardigian, embarked upon the much needed and long-awaited Building Expansion Project. Through the guidance of General Chairman Daniel Shahan, the project will include a magnificent museum, an extensive library, a youth center with a regulation size gymnasium, and renovation of the present facilities of the Church Cultural Building. Pledges of approximately one and a half million dollars made during the first two fund-raising banquets demonstrated the tremendous support of our community for this project, proving our willingness to sacrifice for the preservation of our faith and ancestral heritage. At this time, I thank all of the donors who thus far responded to our appeals and made substantial contributions for the success of our goals. But before us still lies the challenge to raise the remaining one million dollars needed to complete the fund-raising for this project. I strongly urge our parishioners and friends who have not yet pledged an amount, to be generous in their donations.

## **Acknowledgements of Committees**

With deep gratitude I would like to extend my appreciation to St. John's Parish Council Building Committee, Chairman Mr. Armen Hovnanian; the Bazaar '79 Diocesan Delegates Committee, Chairman, Arthur Mardigian; Bingo Committee, Chairman Vahe Papelian; and to each and every member of these committees for their dedication and hard labor to improve the financial position of St. John's. Without their imaginative contributions, the resources of our Church would have fallen short of their growing needs.

## **Recommendations and Acknowledgements**

The pledged membership of St. John's Armenian Church increased by 10% during the later months of 1979 as a result of the vigorous campaign launched by the Membership Committee. Although this is a significant increase, I must state my disappointment that a great number of individuals who are members of St. John's family have not yet chosen to make a pledge commitment to our Church. As individuals who have been baptized in the Armenian Church it is their duty to assume their share of responsibility for the Armenian Church through a pledge commitment to St. John's. But I am hopeful that in the next few years through various means, and the support of our present members, we will increase our membership to our Church's maximum potential. In connection with the membership drive, I commend the Membership Committee, Chairman Mr. Arthur Apkarian for pur-

suings their objective during the past year, and hope that their continuing efforts during the coming years will be as fruitful as the last year.

### **The Challenge And The Opportunity Facing Us In The New Year**

The challenge facing our parishioners in the New Year is the renovation and expansion of St. John's facilities. We know and we hear the reservations that some of our parishioners have regarding the expansion project which we have embarked upon. The concerns of these parishioners were our concerns, as well, and we would not have guided them in the direction we have thus far, had it not been for the trust we have in the leaders of our Parish and their ability to see to it that provisions are made. With confidence, we must face the challenge ahead, and be deserving of the privileges being offered to us, the parishioners of St. John's.

In 1980 our Parish will have the honor to receive a pontifical visitation by His Holiness, Vazken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians. His Holiness will again grace St. John's with His presence in June, 1980. This will be the third visit of His Holiness to America and to Detroit, long overdue, since His last visit took place twelve years ago in 1968. We hope to be able to extend a warm welcome to His Holiness with the help and the participation of our parishioners and be worthy of the blessings of His Holiness and in turn strengthen His Holiness with the knowledge and trust that His flock in Detroit is alive and well and prospering both spiritually and materially.

### **Appreciation and Conclusion**

I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the members of the Parish Council and their Chairman, Richard Apkarian; our Church Bodies; Auxiliary 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 will 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.

Prayerfully,

*F. P. Avedikian*

**Father P. Avedikian  
Pastor**

## PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Nineteen seventy-nine ends yet another successful year for St. John's Armenian Church. But, most important, 1979 is also the end of a decade of accomplishments for St. John's. Both throughout the decade and during the year, our Church has endeavored to perpetuate and rekindle the Armenian religion and cultural heritage in the lives of its people. Under the leadership of our Pastor, the Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian, many goals were attained. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Pastor for his untiring efforts and his motivating qualities which have contributed to the successful accomplishments of our Church. Also, I would like to thank all Parish Council members who have worked toward the goals of our Church in a dedicated manner.

During 1979 we have instituted several new committees which have created new possibilities and new sources of revenue for our Church. The New Membership Committee, under the leadership of Arthur Apkarian, has worked to fulfill our commitment to the Parish Assembly of increasing our pledged membership. St. John's Fund Raising Committee, coordinated by Helen Bagdasarian, was established to assist St. John's in fulfilling its commitment of \$200,000 pledged to the Armenian Apostolic Society for our building expansion project. The Committee is on its way to a meaningful attempt to raise these funds. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to both Committees for their accomplishments.

In 1979 we have successfully computerized an extensive mailing list which includes both pledged members and non-members of our Church and the Church Organizations. We express our thanks to Helen Armoudlian, Rose Boudakian, and Lucy Ardash for their assistance in compiling this expanded list. At this time, we have installed a computer terminal in our Church for more efficient and economical service to the community.

After several months of negotiations between the Armenian-American Veterans, the Armenian Apostolic Society, and St. John's Armenian Church, an agreement was consummated for St. John's Armenian Church to operate the Armenian-American Veterans' facilities. These facilities will be operated with the same care and cleanliness as our Church Cultural Building; the Parish Council has already made provisions for this purpose.

Our neighborhood development program has continued to serve our parishioners. We are happy to announce that two parishioners have received assistance in purchasing homes in our surrounding area.

The new decade should prove even more challenging to our Church due to the upcoming program to expand our facilities. We must join together and accomplish this project with enthusiasm and financial support. Not all of our parishioners are in support of all aspects of this project, but we are certain each of them approve at least some of the phases of the project; for this reason, we must all work together in order to accomplish the total goal for the continued growth and enrichment of our community. We thank the Armenian Apostolic Society for their foresight and dedication to our community, under the leadership of Mr. Alex Manoogian and Mr. Edward Mardigian.

The Parish Council would like to recognize a few individuals and committees who have contributed to the success of our Church throughout the year; Mr. Vahe Papelian and his Bingo Committee, Mr. Armen Hovnanian and Ms. Helen Bagdasarian and the Building committee, Mr. Arthur Mardigian and the Diocesan Delegates for the chairmanship and coordination of Bazaar 1979, the Heritage Collection Committee, Mr. George Mugerian for his legal services, Mr. Dick Simonian for his accounting services, and Mrs. Gloria Mikaelian and her staff of the Torch Bearer. Also at this time, we would like to thank our Church organizations, Church deacons, choir, and Church service organizations for their outstanding dedication throughout the past year.

Sincerely,



Richard Apkarian  
Parish Council Chairman

# PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

## EXECUTIVE BODY ELECTIONS

On March 1, 1979, under the Presidency of The Very Reverend Father 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 and assumed 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 1979-80 officers:

Chairman .....	*Richard M. Apkarian
Vice Chairman .....	*Richard Norsigian
Secretary .....	Dr. V. Michael Armoudlian
Assistant Secretary .....	*Edward Jamian
Treasurer .....	*Souren Keoleian
Assistant Treasurer .....	*Leo Zamanigian
Advisors .....	Souren Aprahamian
	*Helen Bagdasarian
	Arthur Barsamian
	Armen Hovnanian
	Ashod Torosian

\*Terms expire February 1980

## APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND LIAISON OFFICERS

The following members of the Parish Council were appointed to serve as the 1979-80 Standing Committee Chairmen and Liaison Officers to our respective Church auxiliary organizations:

### STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

Pledge and Membership .....	Ashod Torosian
Building Management .....	Armen Hovnanian
	Helen Bagdasarian
	Edward Jamian
	Ashod Torosian
In Lieu of Flowers, Sacraments, Gifts, Plate and Candles .....	Richard Apkarian
	Souren Aprahamian
	Leo Zamanigian
Hospitality and Friendship .....	Arthur Barsamian
Cultural .....	Souren Aprahamian
	Richard Norsigian
Budget and Finance .....	Richard Apkarian
	Armen Hovnanian
	Souren Keoleian
Church Publications and Public Relations .....	Arthur Barsamian
Building Addition .....	Helen Bagdasarian
	Armen Hovnanian
	Souren Keoleian
Neighborhood Development .....	Richard Apkarian
	Dr. V. Michael Armoudlian
	Souren Keoleian
	Richard Norsigian

Social Concern . . . . .	Father Paren Avedikian Richard Apkarian
Policy Steering . . . . .	Parish Council
Bequests . . . . .	Parish Council
Parliamentarian . . . . .	Father Paren Avedikian

#### LIAISON OFFICERS:

Armenian Apostolic Society . . . . .	Richard Apkarian
Armenian Cooperative Nursery School . . . . .	Armen Hovnanian
Ladies' Auxiliary . . . . .	Souren Aprahamian
Men's Society . . . . .	Edward Jamian
Women's Guild . . . . .	Helen Bagdasarian
Komitas Choir . . . . .	Arthur Barsamian
A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors . . . . .	Michael Armoudlian
A.C.Y.O. Project Youth . . . . .	Souren Keoleian
Library Guild . . . . .	Souren Aprahamian
Mr. & Mrs. Society . . . . .	Richard Norsigian
Church School . . . . .	Dr. V. Michael Armoudlian
Armenian School . . . . .	Richard Norsigian
Torch Bearer . . . . .	Helen Bagdasarian
Armenian American Veterans . . . . .	Edward Jamian
Senior Citizens . . . . .	Leo Zamanigian
Bingo . . . . .	Ashod Torosian
Armenian Heritage Collection . . . . .	Helen Bagdasarian
Youth Sports Committee . . . . .	Ashod Torosian
Fine Arts . . . . .	Richard Norsigian
Pro Musica . . . . .	Richard Norsigian
New Membership Drive . . . . .	Richard Apkarian

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

During 1979, the Parish Council held 23 regular meetings and 4 special meetings. The special meetings were held in conjunction with the Nominating Committee, the Diocesan Delegates, the election of the Parish Council executive body, and with the Diocesan Delegates and Alternates regarding the 1979 Diocesan Assembly proposals.

Throughout the year the Council has also held meetings with the auditor, Apostolic Society and various other committees concerning Church matters.

### SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLIES

The St. John's Parish Council called a Special Parish Assembly on Tuesday, April 30, 1979, which was attended by 43 members. The members gave direction to St. John's delegates regarding issues on the agenda of the 1979 Diocesan Assembly.

Again on Tuesday, June 5, 1979, a Special Parish Assembly convened with 95 members in attendance. Plans for the expansion and renovation of the Church Cultural Center were presented to the members by the Apostolic Society for their approval. A pledge of \$200,000 on behalf of St. John's Armenian Church was voted upon and approved by the members.

### PLEDGE REPORT

The minimum pledge per annum remained at \$78.00 per individual member and

\$156.00 per couple in 1979. The year began with a membership of 1011 and ended with 1135 pledged members. Out of the total membership 664 pay the minimum pledge, 295 pay under the minimum, and 176 pay over the minimum.

We would like to bring to the attention of our parishioners that it is the privilege of senior citizens and students to make less than the minimum pledge to the Church. All those who are gainfully employed are expected to abide by the decision of the Parish Assembly. As our Pastor indicated previously St. John's is assessed \$36.00 a year by the Diocese for each pledged member. In addition, the added costs related to membership privileges create an out-of-pocket expense for our Church of \$15.00 a year per member. It is obvious from these figures that it is the duty of each member to pledge no less than the minimum.

We take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Rose Boudakian for her efficient management of the pledge system of our Church and urge our parishioners to consult with her when and if questions or problems arise regarding their pledges.

### **NEW MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

The expanded Membership Committee under the Chairmanship of Arthur Apkarian, presented two receptions and extended nine hundred invitations to potential pledged members of our Church. As a result of these efforts, we have gained 86 pledged members in 1979 and 19 pledged members, thus far, for 1980. Co-ordinators of the on-going committee are Lucy Ardash, Alice Derderian, and Margie Simonian. Members of the committee are the following: Arlene Baylerian, Mary Cholmakjian, Margaret Derderian, Marianne Hovespian, Edward Karamanian, Stephen and Shnorig Karougian, Barbara Norsigian and Robert Simonian.

The Committee intends to pursue recruitment of new pledged members of St. John's in 1980 by trying new methods.

### **THE TORCH BEARER (CHAHAGIR)**

Eleven issues of the Torch Bearer (Chahagir) were published during 1979. (Combined July and August issue.)

We were able to maintain the monthly publication deadline with the cooperation of the reporters who assisted us in reporting the news and coming events on a current basis.

The Pastor and Parish Council extend their gratitude to the Editor, Mrs. Gloria Mikaelian, and the Editorial Staff of the Torch Bearer for their dedicated services enabling us to maintain the quality of our Church publication.

### **YOUTH SPORTS ACTIVITIES**

Our Youth Sports Program was active again in 1979. The Church sponsored Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening basketball programs attracted girls and boys ages 9-18 years of age. The evening program introduced the youth to basketball skills, team play and the excitement of competitive sports. This program began in October with a clinic session and proceeded to team play in mid-March. Stemming from the Church program a number of boys and girls were put on special teams to compete in the OYAA Orthodox Youth Athletic Association Basketball League. OYAA league games were held on Saturdays and Sundays from December through March. Following the league session our teams competed in the OYAA sponsored tournament on March 5, 6, 7.

Our baseball teams also competed in the OYAA sponsored games and tournament in June and July. This past summer we witnessed what could become an annual event, Track & Field. A.C.Y.O.A. and A.Y.F. decided to participate in track & field competition. The 60 athletes ranging from 12-50 years of age competed in a wide range of events.

The basketball program along with the summer baseball program has historically provided recreational as well as social outlets for our youth. However, in recent years participation has declined. Our present facilities were adequate in the past, but today's youth possess greater ability and resources than ever before, and search for a variety of activities. The Church Community recognizes the need for improved facilities and it is our hope that with parent encouragement our programs will attract a larger segment of our youth in the coming years.

The Sports Committee has done an outstanding job in the overall program of our Youth Sport Activities. The Pastor 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.

### **SENIOR CITIZENS DAY**

St. John's continued its program for Senior Citizens during 1979. The second Tuesday of every month is Senior Citizens Day at St. John's Cultural Hall, where lunch is served and an appropriate program for Senior Citizens is presented. Following the program there is ample time for fellowship among those who attend. A special Thanksgiving treat was given the Senior Citizens at their November luncheon, and in December the group was entertained at a Christmas Party on their luncheon day.

St. John's Armenian Church subsidizes the lunch charging only a minimal amount. Mr. Leo Zamanigian, Parish Council member, is present every month at these luncheons to assist our Senior Citizens in every way possible.

Throughout the year Mr. Homer Lafian has voluntarily assumed the responsibility of arranging for speakers for which St. John's and the Senior Citizens are grateful.

### **SENIOR CITIZENS COMPLEX**

In July, 1979, a Senior Citizens Complex Feasibility Study Committee was formed to investigate and study the needs, regulations and possibility of this project. The Committee has already extensively reviewed the situation with noted experts in the community as well as government personnel.

Available parcels of land in Southfield are being analyzed for suitability.

### **ST. JOHN'S BUILDING FUND RAISING COMMITTEE**

A special Fund Raising Committee was established in 1979 by the Parish Council, the purpose of which is to assist the Parish Council in raising funds to meet the Parish Council commitment of \$200,000 for the expansion of the St. John's Cultural Complex. The Committee is enthusiastically working toward their goal. Three projects are in the working: Trip-a-Month, \$75.00 per ticket, first drawing starting in March, 1980; Gourmet Dinner, September 21, 1980; Movie Preview, 1980. The Committee consists of Dr. & Mrs. Michael Armoudlain, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Atesian, Miss Helen Bagdasarian, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Jingoian, Miss Mary Ann Karakashian, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Mardigian, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Norman Messelian, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Norsigian, Dr. & Mrs. Gary Zamanigian.

### **THE HERITAGE COLLECTION**

During 1979, The Armenian Heritage Collection was presented in Los Angeles in February under the sponsorship of St. James Armenian Church; in Montreal in March, sponsored by the A.G.B.U. School; and on two successive days in Boston sponsored by St. James and Holy Trinity Armenian Churches. The Collection was taken to the three cities by Varsenick Apkarian, Anoush Papelian, and Sona Yavruian.



Prior to these presentations, the script was re-edited by the Committee and was re-recorded with the assistance of Ara Berberian, Simon Javizian and Charlene Apigian.

It is difficult to relate in a few words the enthusiasm and new amazement with which the Collection was viewed on each occasion. The Detroit Community was acclaimed for having the inventiveness to develop the Collection.

The Heritage Collection Committee members are: Honorary Chairman, The Very Reverend Father Paren Avedikian; members: Varsenick Apkarian, Margaret Derderian, Rosemary Hoplamazian, Anounsh Papelian, and Sona Yavruian.

## **ARMENIAN ARTIFACTS**

Guided tours of St. John's Museum were provided in 1979 to Church Auxiliary Organizations, community organizations, student groups, visiting groups, and visiting Armenian and non-Armenian dignitaries.

Featured articles of interest and ancient relics from the Armenian past continue to arouse curiosity and create a sense of pride in our heritage.

During the year nine new acquisitions have enriched the Museum which houses the largest collection of Armenian artifacts in this country.

## **BUILDING REPORT, 1979**

During 1979, the Church Cultural Building continued to be used by the Church, Church Organizations, non-Church Organizations of the community, and for rental purposes by individual Church members and the general public. The major improvements for the year 1979 were the installation of a new lighting system in the Church parking lot and new lighting fixtures for the Church dome. During 1979 extensive study of the public address system, both in the Cultural Hall and Church Sanctuary was initiated. Also, an analysis of the condition of the Church portico was conducted and resulted in the decision to repair it completely in 1980. In order to maintain the maximum efficiency of our mechanical equipment, a Building Maintenance Committee was established to recommend a preventive maintenance program to the Parish Council. The Committee was charged with the following responsibilities: (a) To report to the Parish Council on the present condition of the equipment, (b) To prepare a schedule and to designate the method of servicing the equipment by our custodial staff, and (c) To seek and recommend firms for contracting maintenance services including periodic inspection. Normal maintenance will continue to be handled by the custodial staff of the building. On behalf of the Building Committee of the Parish Council, Ashod Torosian is the Co-Ordinator of the Building Maintenance Committee. Members of the Committee are Leo Boodakian, Sooren Gozmanian, Nick Mikaelian, Noray Sarkisian, and Walter Stubenrach.

With the concurrence of the 1979 Parish Assembly, St. John's assumed total responsibility for the Armenian American Veterans Building in 1979. Since then the building has received a thorough cleaning and the Parish Council has hired one additional custodian to insure the proper care of the building. The Veterans Building lighting system also was improved or changed completely where necessary.

We have received repeat and referral customers throughout 1979, and through more efficient cost recovery policies we have increased our hall operating income by 21.1% over 1978.

The Parish Council has continued to pass the bulk of the burden of the Church Cultural Building operation to the outside renters of the Church Hall in order to be able to provide the Church facilities to our Church Organizations, Church members, and the non-Church Organizations within our community at a minimal rental basis.

The following are the statistical studies of the Church rental usage for 1979.

CHART OF HALL USAGE

	No. of			Parishioners	Armenian Organizations	Church Org.	Non Armenian	Weekday		
	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.					Dinner	Luncheon	Hokejash
Jan. 1979	12	6	4/2 4/2 4/2(1 sat. forfeit)			1	5	1		2
Feb. 1979	12	4	4/2 4/4 4/2	2	2	2	2	1		2
Mar. 1979	14	4	5/3 5/4 4/3	2	1	1	6	1		
Apr. 1979	13	5	4/2 5/3 4/3	1	1	1	5			3
May 1979	12	2	4/3 4/4 4/3	4	1		5	2		3
June 1979	14	2	5/5 5/5 4/2(1 sun. forfeit)	3	3	1	5			1
6 MONTHS	77	24	26/17 27/21 24/15	12	8	6	28	5		11
July 1979	13	3	4/4 5/4 4/2	3		2	5			5
Aug. 1979	13	3	5/3 4/3 4/4(1 sat. forfeit)	4		1	5	1		3
Sept. 1979	14		5/5 4/4 5/5(1 fri. forfeit)	3	1	1	9			2
Oct. 1979	12		4/4 4/4 4/4(1 fri. forfeit)	3			8	3		1
Nov. 1979	13	1	5/4 4/4 4/4	2	3	4	3	1		2
Dec. 1979	14	7	4/1 5/4 5/2		1	1	5	1		1
TOTAL	156	37	53/38 53/45 50/36	27 (22.7%)	14 (11.8%)	15 (12.6%)	63 (52.9%)	11		25

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

	FRIDAY					SATURDAY					SUNDAY				
	Parishioners	Arm. Org.	Church Org.	Other		Parishioners	Arm. Org.	Church Org.	Other		Parishioners	Arm. Org.	Church Org.	Other	
Jan. 1979				2					2					1	
Feb. 1979	1		1			1			3			1		1	
Mar. 1979	1		1	1					4		1	1		1	
Apr. 1979				2		1			2		1	1		1	
May 1979	1			2		1			3		2	1			
June 1979		1	1	3		2	1		2		1	1		1	
6 MONTHS	3	1	3	10		5	1		16		4	4	4	4	
July 1979				4		2		1	1		1		1		
Aug. 1979				3		2			1		2		1	1	
Sept. 1979	1			3		1			4		1	1		2	
Oct. 1979	1	1		2					4		2			2	
Nov. 1979			1	3		1	1	2			1	2	1		
Dec. 1979				1				1	3			1		1	
TOTAL	5	2	4	26		11	2	4	29		11	8	8	10	

The preceding tables indicate that out of 156 weekend days the Hall was not in use for 37 days. In 1979 the Church Organizations used the Hall 12.6% of the total weekend days used while paying, aside from their assessments, only 3.5% of the income; the Armenian Organizations used the Hall for 11.8% of the total weekend days used while paying 4.6% of the income; the parishioners used the Hall 22.7% of the total weekend days used and paid 24.4% of the income; the outsiders used the Hall 52.9% of the total weekend days used and paid 67.5% of the total income of the Hall.

We would like to express our appreciation to Mrs. Helen Armodlian, and Mr. Nerses Markarian for their management of the various aspects of the Church Cultural Building facilities.

## **BINGO REPORT**

For the seventh year a dedicated group of parishioners, under the chairmanship of Vahe Papelian, has continued to work on the Bingo Program. Every Thursday of the year two to three hundred persons attend the excellent Bingo game offered by St. John's. The executive committee of the Bingo consists of: Vahe Papelian, Arthur Boudakian, Tom Hanesian and Sooran Yavruian.

The following people work at Bingo regularly: Paul Bazigian, Rose Boudakian, Emma Hovsepian, Anoush Papelian, Sona Yavruian, and Judy Yousoufian.

The following people work at least once a month: Emma Betrosian, Anjel Brown, Mary Cholmakjian, Nicholas Evarian, Lucy Fundukian, Judy Hovnan, Mary Ann Karakashian, Andrew Kasper, Arthur Mardigian, Donna Mariana, Sarkis Samarian, Lucille Sherman, Dick Tafraian, Sue Tafraian, Harry Tokatlian, Ashod Torosian and Ida Varadian.

The Pastor and Parish Council are grateful to these dedicated parishioners who, year after year, give of their time to make this fund raising program a huge success.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

During 1979, a loan amounting to \$10,000 each was provided to two parishioners. A total of five parishioners now have been provided monies to purchase homes in the Magnolia Subdivision. This has been accomplished under the Neighborhood Development Program.

## **SOCIAL CONCERN FUND**

During 1979, St. John's Social Concern Fund has helped various individuals or families who either have sought assistance from the Church or about whose predicament the Church was made aware of. The total contribution of the Church for the year 1979 was \$3,810.00.

## **RELIEF FUND FOR ARMENIANS OF LEBANON**

For the third time in recent years, our Community raised funds for the Armenians of Lebanon. As in the two previous fund raisings, St. John's Armenian Church and A.G.B.U. jointly sponsored the Fund-Raising Drive, under the co-chairmanship of Father Paren Avedikian and Martin Apkarian. In conjunction with the 1979 Drive, two functions were held; the first, was a dinner hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Alex Manoogian at the Renaissance Center which was attended by approximately sixty individuals. The second affair took place at the St. John's Church Cultural Building and was attended by 150 people. Our community known throughout the Diaspora for its charitable spirit, contributed a total of \$118,887.14 through the two fund-raising dinners.

We take this opportunity to thank all those individuals who generously responded to the appeal.

## **FINE ARTS COMMITTEE**

Reuben Nakian, one of the greatest sculptors of our time, was honored at a Champagne Reception on January 10, arranged by the Fine Arts Committee of St. John's Armenian Church, co-hosted by St. John's and the A. G. B. U. Alex Manoogian Cultural Fund.

"New York, Paris, Montreal" entitled the Art Exhibition and Sale of recent works of renowned artists Vava Sarkis Kachdourian, Krikor Norikian, and Arto Chakmakjian presented by the Fine Arts Committee on April 29 and 30.

Paris based artist Shant Avedissian exhibited thirty-two of his paintings in Detroit during a three day showing and sale August 12-14.

Bazaar '79 in November culminated the year's successful activities of the Fine Arts Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Garabed Belian, with an exhibition and sale of works by French-American artists. Members of the Committee are: Dr. Garabed Belian, Chairman; Members: Mr. & Mrs. Edmond Azadian, Mrs. Zabel Belian, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kazanjian, and Dr. & Mrs. Jack Yagoobian.

## **ST. JOHN'S SPONSORED CULTURAL EVENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AGBU ALEX MANOOGIAN CULTURAL FUND**

Professor Robert Hewson, formerly Visiting Professor of Armenian History at the University of Michigan, presented his views on "The Early Armenian Liberation Movement" on April 9 at the St. John's Cultural Bldg.

Professor Karlen Mooradian, Journalism Professor at Northwestern University gave a lecture and slide presentation on the life of Arshille Gorky Adoian the greatest American Armenian painter on August 14.

On October 23, St. John's Armenian Church and the A.G.B.U. Alex Manoogian Cultural Fund co-sponsored a program featuring Elvira Ouzounian, Coluratura Soprano and Razmig Tavoyan, Poet, guest artists from Armenia.

## **TEAS IN HONOR OF CHURCH DIGNITARIES**

St. John's was honored to receive a visit from His Grace, The Most Reverend Archbishop Sion Manoogian, Chairman of the Supreme Spiritual Council of Holy Etchmiadsin, on Sunday, December 16, 1979. His Grace delivered the sermon in Church on that day, and shared his thoughts and informative explanations on Holy Etchmiadsin at a Tea tendered in his honor following Church Services. Mrs. Vicki Palaian chaired the Tea on behalf of the Women's Guild.

On Sunday, July 29, His Grace, Dr. Paulos Mar Gregorius, the Metropolitan of the Malankara (Malabar) Church of India, was a guest at our Church and delivered the sermon. Following the services on that day, a Tea was given in honor of the visiting dignitary from our Sister Church of India. The Tea was co-chaired by Miss Alice Derderian, Miss Margie Simonian and Mrs. Susie Najarian.

Father Papken Anoushian celebrated his first Divine Liturgy as a member of the Pastoral Staff of our Church on Sunday, March 18, 1979. A Tea was tendered in his honor following the services to formally introduce him to our parishioners. Co-ordinators of the Tea were Miss Alice Derderian, Miss Margie Simonian and Mrs. Susie Najarian.

## **MARTYRS' DAY OBSERVANCE**

Over 700 parishioners and friends attended the commemoration of the 64th Anniversary of the Armenian massacres on Sunday, April 22. The full day of observance commenced with a Requiem Mass followed by a Memorial Dinner and Program and was concluded

with a Memorial Concert by Shahan Arzruni, the acclaimed pianist.

The Madagh dinner which was served following Church Services was prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary under the Co-Chairmanship of Mrs. Siranoush Khelokian and Mrs. Pergouhi Javizian. Mrs. Julie Couyoumjian and Mrs. Sylvia Sahakian and their committees from the Women's Guild helped to prepare the trimmings of the dinner, co-ordinated the dining room arrangements and supervised the serving. The A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors and A.C.Y.O. Project Youth members served the dinner.

Professor Ronald Suny, a known scholar of Armenian History and presently on the Staff of Oberlin College, Oberlin Ohio, delivered the keynote address.

## CHURCH PICNIC

The twentieth Annual Church Picnic was held on Sunday, July 16 on the Church grounds following Worship Services. Over 1000 people gathered to enjoy food, entertainment and fellowship.

Picnic Chairman Edward Korkoian worked diligently along with various Church organizations and individuals to make the event a very successful one.

The Pastor and Parish Council extend their thanks to the Chairman and to all who helped to ensure the success of the picnic.

## CHURCH BAZAAR

Bazaar '79 was again a huge social and financial success. By now we are all familiar with the various events, exhibits and booths which make up the three days of hard work creating the opportunity for our parishioners to come together for fellowship, fun and friends.

The Church Bazaar is the largest project to be undertaken by our parish annually and involves a tremendous amount of work and requires the full cooperation of all the members of the Church and various Church Auxiliary Organizations. The rewards of being a part of such an undertaking are inherent in its results. Those who worked towards the success of Bazaar '79 undoubtedly not only reaped these rewards, but also helped to enhance a stronger bond of fellowship among parishioners.

The Pastor and the Parish Council wish to extend their appreciation to the Diocesan Delegates, the General Chairman, Arthur Mardigian and to every individual who gave of their time and talent to make this year's Bazaar a huge success.

## AID TO CAMBODIAN REFUGEES

In the month of December, 1979 on two occasions our Church members participated in the Relief for Cambodians Drive of our Church by raising approximately \$1,400.00 through plate collections. The A.C.Y.O.A. and St. John's treasury matched these collections bringing the total to \$2,750.00 which was transferred to our Diocese to become part of the total contribution of the Armenian Church of America to the Cambodian Refugees Relief Fund.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER DANCE

The Annual New Year's Eve Dinner Dance under the capable chairmanship of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Vahratian was again a tremendous success. Almost five hundred parishioners and friends attended the gala event.

The Pastor and Parish Council extend their thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Vahratian, who almost singlehandedly organized a very successful New Year's Eve Dinner Dance.

## IN APPRECIATION

The Pastor and Parish Council extend their appreciation to the Apostolic Society, Diocesan Delegates, Church Auditors, Church Organizations and their Executive and Standing Committee Members, the entire staff of the Parish Schools, Church Choir, Deacons, Acolytes, Ushers, Church Staff, Church Office Staff, Church Building Staff, volunteer workers assisting in the Church Office, 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 Church and community, and for the betterment of our people and for the Glory of God.

## 1979 DIOCESAN DELEGATES REPORT

The 77th Annual Assembly of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America took place on May 3, 4, & 5, 1979 at Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church in Chelmsford, Mass. with a total of 100 registered clergy and delegates present. The Assembly was jointly hosted by Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church, Chelmsford, Mass., St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church, Haverhill, Mass. and Holy Cross Armenian Church, Lawrence, Mass.

St. John's Armenian Church was represented by the following delegation:

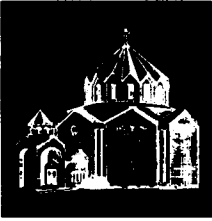
Pastor . . . . .	Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian
Parish Council Chairman . . . . .	Richard Apkarian
Diocesan Delegates . . . . .	Martin Cholakian
	Sooren Gozmanian, Mihran Hoplamazian, Simon Javizian, Edward Korkoian, Arthur Mardigian, Harry Terzian

The Assembly was presided over by His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Diocesan Primate. Representatives of His Holiness Vazken I to the Assembly were the Very Rev. Fr. Vartan Dilanian and the Rev. Fr. Eghishe Bagramian.

### SIGNIFICANT ASSEMBLY ACTIONS

1. Mr. Harry Terzian (St. John's, Southfield) was elected as the Chairman of the Assembly.
2. Fr. Paren Avedikian was re-elected to a four year term on the Diocesan Council.
3. Mrs. Louise Simone (St. John's, Southfield) was elected to a four year term on the Diocesan Council.
4. Fr. Mampre Kouzouian (Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge) was re-elected to a four year term on the Diocesan Council.
5. Mr. Kachadour Kazarian (St. Sahag & Mesrob Church, Providence) was elected to a four year term on the Diocesan Council.
6. Mr. Edward Chapiian (Holy Martyrs, Bayside) was re-elected to a ten year term on the Diocesan Board of Trustees.
7. Messers Martin Cholakian, Mihran Hoplamazian and Simon Javizian were elected to a one year term on the Diocesan Nominating Committee.
8. Mr. Martin Cholakian was appointed as one of the three Parliamentarians for the Assembly.
9. Approved for the second time, an amendment to the by-laws (Article 14) submitted by the Church of Our Saviour, Worcester, Mass. limiting a Nominating Committee member's consecutive terms to a maximum of two years, and after the interim of one year, may be eligible for election again to the Nominating Committee.
10. Defeated a proposed by-laws amendment (Article 61) submitted by St. John's Armenian Church, Southfield, Michigan, to disenfranchise a Parish at the Diocesan Assembly for failing to pay their previous year's Diocesan assessments.
11. Defeated a proposal by-laws amendment (Article 146) submitted by the Church of Our Saviour, Worcester, Mass. limiting the consecutive terms of a Diocesan Delegate to two.
12. Referred to the Primate for his consideration, a proposal submitted by St. George Armenian Church, Waukegan, Illinois to add \$5,000.00 to the Diocesan budget for a feasibility study on establishing a correspondence school for the training of part-time priests.
13. Approved a proposal submitted by St. James Armenian Church, Watertown, Mass. establishing at least one Regional Conference every year in the various regions of the Diocese.
14. Defeated a proposal submitted by St. James Armenian Church, Watertown, Mass. requiring the Diocesan Council to remain within budgetary line items of the budget adopted by the Diocesan Assembly.
15. Defeated a proposal submitted by St. James Armenian Church, Watertown, Mass. requiring the Diocesan Council to append its annual financial report listing salaries paid to all persons on the Diocesan Staff.
16. Approved a proposal submitted by St. Thomas Armenian Church, Tenafly, N.J. that the Diocesan Assembly approve the current year's budget and a provisional budget for the following calendar year.
17. Adopted a budget for calendar year 1979 totaling \$884,000 including a \$150,000 expenditure for the Cathedral mortgage.

The Diocesan Assembly also passed resolutions in support of the Armenians in Lebanon and the Cambodian refugees.



St. John's Armenian Church

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ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC SOCIETY, INC.

Building Project Committee

Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian  
*Honorary President*

Alex Manoogian  
*Chairman, Apostolic Society*

Edward Mardigian  
*President, Apostolic Society*

Hagop S. Derderian  
*Secretary, Apostolic Society*

Harry Kezelian  
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Daniel Shahan  
*Chairman, Project Committee*

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Harry Terzian  
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January 11, 1980

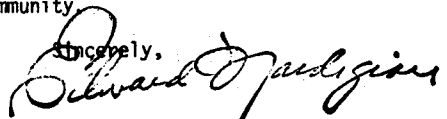
Dear Parishioners,

It is with deep gratification that I reflect on our accomplishments of the year gone by, and with added enthusiasm look to 1980.

Our community can, indeed, be proud that within a short span of two months, 1½ million dollars was pledged toward our 2½ million dollar goal for the major building project undertaken by the Armenian Apostolic Society for the expansion and renovation of the St. John's Armenian Church Cultural Center.

With the New Year will come additional fund-raising activities, and also the construction of the buildings which will fulfill the expanded needs of our parishioners. As you are aware, bid documents have been released to the contractors for tenders; however, a contract has not yet been awarded. I will continue to report on the progress of this project as new developments arise.

We look to the future for the realization of our plans for the enrichment of our community

Sincerely,  


Edward Mardigian, President  
Armenian Apostolic Society, Inc.



# STATISTICAL REPORTS OF CHURCH AUXILIARIES

## LADIES' AUXILIARY

- Chairman: Lusadsin Kazanjian  
 Membership: 231  
 Meetings: 10  
 Main Activities: Armenian Christmas Observance, Vartanantz and Paregentan Celebration, Michink and Armenian Women Saints' Day Observance, Hampartzoom Day and Luncheon, Visits and Luncheon at Old Age Home. The Ladies' Auxiliary also assisted in the following Church functions: Participated in the Martyrs Day Observance, Church Picnic and Church Bazaar. The Ladies' Auxiliary also prepares the Mas throughout the year.
- Remarks: Again this year the attendance at our monthly luncheons and meetings has been very good, but in order to maintain the vitality of our organization we are in need of younger members. Fr. Paren attends all of our monthly executive board and general meetings, and through his encouragement our organization remains strong.  
 In 1979, the Ladies' Auxiliary transferred \$3,000 to the Church as the donation of our organization to the forthcoming expansion project.

## WOMEN'S GUILD

- Chairman: Mrs. Alice Terzian  
 Membership: 213  
 Meetings: 8  
 Main Activities: Old Age Home Christmas Lunch, Easter Communion Breakfast, Mother-Daughter Banquet, Membership Dinner, Monthly Old Age Home visits, craft classes, Armenian cooking classes, Dinner-Dance, Christmas Dinner, Golf Outing.  
 The Women's Guild also participated in the following Church projects and programs: Church Picnic, Church Bazaar in the areas of the Continental Bakery and Boutique, Martyrs' Day Observance.
- Future Projects: In addition to the above, members of the Women's Guild will assist at Bingo and serve at Teas in honor of special guests following Church Services.
- Remarks: In 1979, the Women's Guild transferred \$5,000 to the Church as the donation of our organization to the forthcoming expansion project.

## MEN'S SOCIETY

- Chairman: Mr. Charles Takessian  
 Membership: 116  
 Meetings: 10  
 Main Activities: Church School Communion Breakfast, Bowling Party, Tavloo Tournament, 4th Annual Khunjooyk/Festival, Annual New Year's Eve Raffle. The Men's Society assisted at the Church Picnic and Church Bazaar.
- Remarks: The Men's Society continues to provide the faithful services of the Church.

ch Ushers each and every Sunday. The men and their wives are also active in the Bowling League. Blood Bank Drive by the Men's Society has been a great success and help to the recipients. The men of all ages of our parish are encouraged to join the Men's Society in order to make the Organization more active and vigorous. In 1979, the Men's Society transferred \$2,000 to the Church as the donation of our organization to the forthcoming expansion project.

### MR. AND MRS. SOCIETY

Chairman: Mrs. Janet Mardigian  
 Membership: 37 Couples  
 Meetings: 4  
 Main Activities: Installation of Officers, Mothers' Day Dinner, Election Dinner and Meeting, Family Picnic, Pool Party, Children's Christmas Party, Adult Christmas Party.  
 Remarks: The first general body meeting of the year will determine the year's calendar.

## ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA SENIORS

Chairman: Brian Yazejian, Charles Palaian, Jr.  
 Membership: 98  
 Meetings: 11  
 Main Activities: Visits to the Old Age Home, Cooking Classes, Lamb Roast, Memorial Day Picnic, Independence Day Picnic, Summer Dance, Membership Party, Assumption Day Picnic, Bake Sales, ACYOA-AYF Track Meet, Halloween Party, First Midwest Regional Meeting, November Dance, Christmas Eve Services.  
 The A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors also participated in the following Church functions: Martyrs' Day Observance, Church Picnic, Church Bazaar.  
 Remarks: The year 1979 was a sad one for our organization because in November of this year our Chairman, Brian Yazejian passed away. May his soul rest in Eternal Peace.

## ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION - JUNIORS PROJECT YOUTH

Chairman: Melina Derderian  
 Membership: 35  
 Meetings: 7  
 Main Activities: Visit to the Old Age Home, Christmas Party, Lenten Fish Dinners, Halloween Party. We also assisted at the Martyrs' Day Observance and the Ladies' Auxiliary Paregetan Dinner.  
 Future Projects: Expanded membership is our major concern for the coming year, and we will continue our annual projects.  
 Remarks: In 1979, the A.C.Y.O. Juniors transferred \$1,000 to the Church as the donation of our organization to the forthcoming expansion project.

## KOMITAS CHOIR

- Chairman: Mrs. Agnes Barsamian  
 Membership: 39  
 Meetings: 3  
 Main Activities: Sale of St. John's Komitas Choir "Divine Liturgy" albums, Annual Choir Assembly, Hartford, Connecticut. Choir attended the musical "The Most Happy Fella" and Bob-lo Moonlight Cruise.  
 Future Projects: Preparation of new choir robes, membership drive.

## LIBRARY GUILD

- Chairman: Mr. Fred Demirjian  
 Membership: 5  
 Meetings: 1  
 Activities: Cataloging of books

## ALTAR GUILD

- Chairman: Mrs. Lucille Jivelegian  
 Membership: 5  
 Main Activities: Sewing a new set of Altar cloths, general sewing, maintaining and repairing of all Church vestments.  
 We express our appreciation to Mrs. Sylvia Bjornstad, Mr. Harry Kezelian, and Mr. John Semizian, who graciously dry cleaned the vestments and the Altar cloths of our Church throughout the year.  
 Future Projects: Sewing new sets of celebrants' and deacons' vestments and new choir robes.

## SENIOR RETIRED MEMBERS

- Chairman: Mr. Armen Jivelegian  
 Membership: 45  
 Meeting Days: Monday through Friday  
 Main Activities: Christmas Party, Three Shish Kebab Parties for members. Senior Retired Members made a donation of \$50.00 to St. John's Armenian Church.

## ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL

- Superintendent: Father Paren Avedikian  
 Enrollment: 310  
 Board & Staff: 65  
 Classrooms: 28  
 School Hours: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Sunday  
 Annual Affairs: Initiation and Installation, Armenian Christmas Jashoo Badarak and Communion, Staff Christmas Dinner, Lenten Offering, Lenten Fish Dinner and C.R.E. Film Presentation, Easter Party for Kindergarten, Easter Jashoo Badarak, Periodic Breakfasts following Church Services, Graduation Exercises, Staff Workshop, I.B.M. Staff Reception.  
 Curriculum: The Holy Scripture, Divine Liturgy, Armenian History, Armenian Church History, and Armenian conversation class in Kindergarten.  
 Remarks: This is the second consecutive year that the Church School has sponsored a new opportunity of learning by offering Adult Church School Classes to interested adults of our parish on Monday evenings. Two separate

courses are offered: A comprehensive study of the Sacraments, Divine Liturgy, and History of the Armenian Church; and a study of the early Christian Church. Instructor of the Adult Church School Class is again Mr. Martin Cholakian.

**Highlights:** Father Paren Avedikian is the Superintendent of the Church School. Board Members are as follows: Rosemary Hoplamazian, Assistant Superintendent; Estelle Barsamian, Board Secretary; Richard Vahratian, Treasurer; Aralyn Mardirosian, Assistant Treasurer; Harry Derderian, Senior Department Supervisor in Charge of Teachers; Louise Kushigian, Senior Department Supervisor in Charge of Students; Victoria Reizian, Junior Department Supervisor; Araxie Choukourian, Primary Department Supervisor In Charge of Teachers; Lucy Ardash, Primary Department Supervisor In Charge of Students and Torch-Bearer Reporter; Alice Semizian, Kindergarten Department Supervisor and liaison to Pre-Kindergarten Center; Agnes Tokatlian, Educational Advisor; Roy Callan, Margaret Gozmanian, Alice Terzian, Advisors; and Dr. Michael Armoudlian, Parish Council Liaison Officer.

### ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN SCHOOL

**Principal:** Father Paren Avedikian  
**Enrollment:** 17  
**Staff Members:** 2  
**Classrooms:** 4  
**School Hours:** Saturday 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.  
 Sunday 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

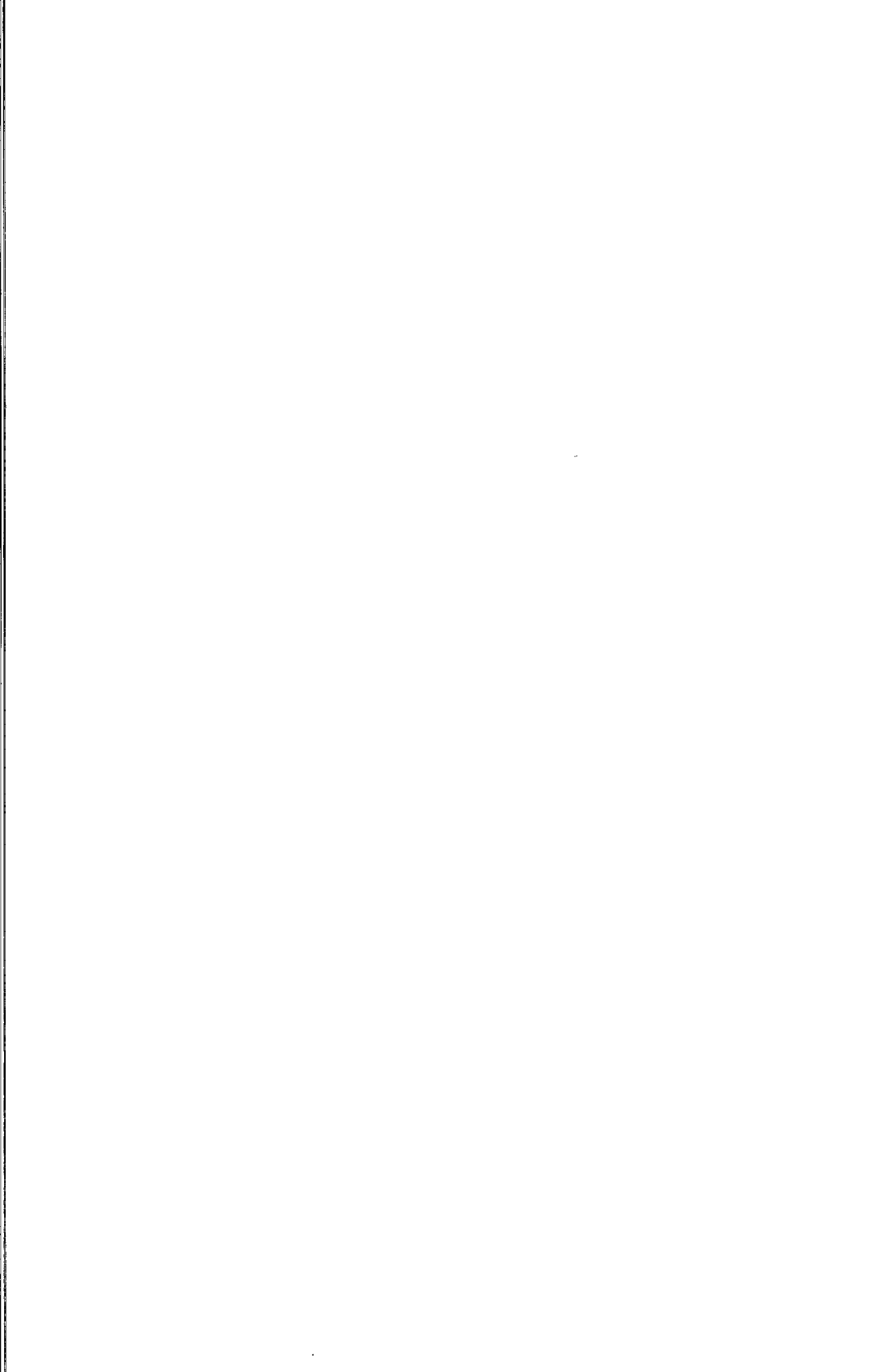
**Annual Activities:** Dance performances at various school, community and organizational Folk Fairs, Festivals and Khunjooyks.

**Remarks:** For the first time in several years in July, 1979, a special flyer complete with registration forms was sent to every home on our mailing list. The result was a terrible disappointment, as indicated in the statistical report above. Our enrollment is almost nil, particularly in comparison to the vast number of Armenians in our community. Even this enrollment, itself, is misleading since a larger percentage of it represents the number of students enrolled in the Armenian Dance classes. Because of the lack of response by the community, the suspension of the classes was considered. However, reason prevailed.

The number of students at the A.G.B.U. Alex Manoogian School indicates that all youngsters of our community are not being provided with an Armenian education. The potential of the community is obviously much larger. The St. John's Armenian School offers a convenience to parents who have not made a full commitment for an Armenian education. It is apparent that the community is not taking full advantage of the opportunity presented through St. John's Armenian School. We cannot resign ourselves to the conclusion that our community has lost complete interest in Armenian language instruction. We are open to suggestions from concerned parents.

**ARMENIAN COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL**

Director: Mrs. Fran Hagopian  
Enrollment: 9  
Staff Members: 1  
Classrooms: 2  
School Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Annual Affair: Christmas Cookie Bake Sale  
Curriculum: Semi-structured play activities, directed arts and crafts, field trips.  
Future Projects: Replace roof on small shed in playground.



ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT  
OPERATING FUND -- PARISH COUNCIL  
BALANCE SHEET  
December 31, 1979

## EXHIBIT - A

## ASSETS

Cash (including savings accounts of \$427,611)	\$ 489,001
Secured loans receivable	42,500
Prepaid expenses	3,073
Bequest retained as investment-vacant land located in Sterling Township, at 12/31/63 value	<u>10,000</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 544,574</u>

## LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

## LIABILITIES:

Hall rental deposits	\$ 21,974
Due Armenian Apostolic Society	19,474
Payroll taxes	2,686
Service funds	18,202
Social Concern Fund	1,009
Deferred Pledge Income	<u>4,636</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 67,981</u>

## FUND BALANCE:

Unappropriated fund balance:	
Balance at December 31, 1978	\$ 364,277
Excess of disbursements over receipts for year ended December 31, 1979 - Exhibit - B	<u>(3,456)</u>
Balance at December 31, 1979	<u>\$ 360,821</u>
Appropriated for building maintenance:	
Balance at December 31, 1978	\$ 96,322
Receipts from "in lieu of flowers", less \$19,450 due to Armenian Apostolic Society	<u>19,450</u>
Beginning balance and 1979 additions	<u>\$ 115,772</u>
Less disbursed for building maintenance in 1979	<u>-</u>
Balance at December 31, 1979	<u>\$ 115,772</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 476,593</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 544,574</u>

Richard H. Simonian  
Auditor

Souren Keolelian  
Treasurer

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT  
OPERATING FUND  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
Year Ended December 31, 1979

## EXHIBIT - B

	Actual 1978	Actual 1979	Budget 1979	Over (Under) Budget 1979	Budget 1980
RECEIPTS:					
Pledges	\$105,184	\$126,503	\$125,000	\$ 1,503	\$130,000
Special 1978 pledge increase	10,000	-	-	-	-
Bazaar - net	56,202	45,441	45,000	441	42,000
Plates and candles	11,002	10,687	12,017	(1,330)	11,000
Hokehankist (Requiem)	8,786	10,793	9,500	1,293	11,000
Gifts and bequests	5,565	3,693	5,000	(1,307)	4,000
Sacraments	4,180	6,350	4,000	2,350	6,000
Yughakin offerings	3,231	3,785	4,000	(215)	5,000
Picnic - net	3,953	3,700	4,000	(300)	4,000
New Year's Eve - net	3,233	6,145	4,000	2,145	5,000
Bookstore - net	2,473	2,156	2,000	156	2,000
Contributions-Church Aux.	61,000	11,000	-	11,000	-
Special events - net	1,222	(4,825)	3,000	(7,825)	38,000
Rentals-Church org.	6,000	6,000	6,250	(250)	6,500
Rentals-Other org.	1,500	2,400	2,400	-	3,000
Building Operation - net, see Exhibit C	136,363	159,665	125,000	34,665	130,000
Bingo Program - net, see Exhibit D	66,265	61,755	65,000	(3,245)	55,000
Athletic-special fund	945	41	-	41	-
Torch Bearer publication	1,940	2,972	3,000	(28)	3,000
Interest income	19,774	29,976	20,000	9,976	34,000
Sale of residence - net	-	2,450	-	2,450	-
Miscellaneous	1,907	4,498	1,000	3,498	1,447
Total Receipts	<u>\$510,725</u>	<u>\$495,185</u>	<u>\$440,167</u>	<u>\$ 55,018</u>	<u>\$490,947</u>



	Actual 1978	Actual 1979	Budget 1979	Over (Under) Budget 1979	Budget 1980
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Building operations manager	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$(25,000)	\$ 25,000
Clergy stipend & allowance	24,310	31,970	56,600	(24,630)	55,800
Salaries - office	24,270	26,804	26,450	354	30,550
Salaries - building maintenance	55,674	71,942	60,117	11,825	85,037
Salaries - Church	5,810	5,940	6,060	(120)	8,760
Payroll taxes	5,158	6,419	8,600	(2,181)	9,600
Employee benefits	5,804	7,966	11,000	(3,034)	9,000
Automobile expense	998	2,827	1,500	1,327	10,000
Torch Bearer	3,697	5,950	4,000	1,950	9,600
Service awards	522	3,724	1,000	2,724	1,000
Supplies - Church	2,608	4,631	4,000	631	5,000
Printing	1,317	1,030	1,500	(470)	1,500
Office supplies and expense	5,274	4,888	4,000	888	4,500
Postage and freight	3,151	3,752	3,000	752	5,000
Telephone	3,087	5,899	4,000	1,899	6,000
Advertising	642	(7)	1,000	(1,007)	500
Contributions	2,142	5,037	3,000	2,037	2,000
Diocesan assessments	36,883	35,940	36,000	(60)	40,000
Etchmiadsin dues	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Visiting clergy expense	2,148	2,293	1,500	793	1,500
Travel	1,302	2,491	2,500	(9)	2,500
Insurance	13,599	17,349	15,000	2,349	17,500
Armenian School	740	1,350	2,000	(650)	1,500
Cultural programs - net	(920)	(121)	3,000	(3,121)	2,000
Heat	10,923	18,892	19,000	(108)	25,000
Light and power	23,000	21,075	21,000	75	26,000
Water	859	724	1,500	(776)	1,000
Building repairs and maintenance	4,633	15,772	7,000	8,772	6,000
Grounds maintenance	3,941	5,673	5,000	673	6,500
Computer services	2,856	3,785	3,000	785	4,000
Building supplies and expense	11,251	11,058	8,000	3,058	8,000
Kitchen supplies	461	2,087	1,000	1,087	2,000
Hall service supplies	7,971	11,640	9,500	2,140	13,000
Property tax - vacant land	1,035	991	1,000	(9)	1,000
Capital improvements	-	-	2,000	(2,000)	19,000
Equipment purchases	16,018	7,907	4,000	3,907	1,000
Athletics and Youth Director	3,962	3,025	10,000	(6,975)	5,000
Veteran's Building Operation - net	-	11,359	32,000	(20,641)	5,000
Future maintenance provision	10,000	-	-	-	-
Rental - Veterans Building	8,000	-	-	-	-
Property security	2,010	3,617	2,250	1,367	3,000
Church artifacts	14,540	10,025	10,000	25	10,000
Pledges (1977-81):					
Istanbul Patriarchate	3,700	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Jerusalem Patriarchate	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Appropriation - A.G.B.U. Alex					
Manoogian School	10,000	10,000	10,000	-	10,000
Assessment - Diocesan Clergy	3,409	3,590	3,590	-	4,000
Senior Citizens Program - net	2,385	3,824	4,000	(176)	4,000
Residence Carrying cost - net	329	(670)	-	(670)	-
Fine Arts - net	-	1,886	-	1,886	-

	<u>Actual 1978</u>	<u>Actual 1979</u>	<u>Budget 1979</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget 1979</u>	<u>Budget 1980</u>
EXPENDITURES (Cont'd)					
Church expansion contributions:					
Church auxiliaries	\$ -	\$ 72,000	\$ -	\$ 72,000	\$ -
Parish Council	-	28,000	-	28,000	-
Miscellaneous	657	307	500	(193)	600
Contingency	-	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Total Expenditures	<u>\$342,156</u>	<u>\$498,641</u>	<u>\$440,167</u>	<u>\$ 58,474</u>	<u>\$490,947</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>\$168,569</u>	<u>(\$ 3,456)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(\$ 3,456)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT  
 OPERATING FUND-BUILDING OPERATION  
 Year Ended December 31, 1979

## EXHIBIT - C

REVENUES		\$ 387,329.00
EXPENSES		
Catering		\$ 202,133.00
Sales tax		7,913.00
Bartenders and bar girls		12,340.00
Mix supplies		3,429.00
Equipment rental		137.00
Checkroom labor		677.00
Dishwashers		368.00
Advertising		652.00
All others		15.00
	Total Expenses	<u>\$ 227,664.00</u>
NET REVENUES		<u>\$ 159,665.00</u>

## EXHIBIT - D

BINGO OPERATION  
 Year Ended December 31, 1979

REVENUES		\$ 167,386.00
EXPENSES		
Prizes		101,661.00
Supplies		2,365.00
Advertising		234.00
Licenses		105.00
Security		1,266.00
	Total Expenses	<u>\$ 105,631.00</u>
NET REVENUES		<u>\$ 61,755.00</u>

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT  
IN LIEU OF FLOWERS ACCOUNT  
Year Ended November 30, 1979

	Total	Donated to St. John's	Others
Christie Altounian	\$ 2,829.00	\$ 2,829.00	\$
Haigouhi Altounian	312.00	312.00	
Alzar Alzarian	3,381.00	1,145.00	2,236.00 A & B
Mampre Amirkanian	879.00	440.00	439.00 G
Mary Amirkanian	1,235.00	1,235.00	
Asadure Aramian	110.00	110.00	
Nazig Arslanian	1,251.00	626.00	625.00 B
Pahlig Asadoorian	50.00	50.00	
Antranig Atamian	666.00	193.00	473.00 A & F
Satenig Bahlavooni	140.00	140.00	
Haig Balian	345.00		345.00 O
Hamaspyr Baylerian	4,588.00	1,809.00	2,779.00 A & E
Sirvart Berberian	730.00	730.00	
Bedros Bogosian	471.00	231.00	240.00 E
Sarah Boyajian	720.00	720.00	
Andrew Bozoian	1,201.00	1,201.00	
George Cholakian	2,103.00	526.00	1,577.00 A & P
Louise Dayinian	105.00	105.00	
Arshavir Derbabian	570.00	181.00	389.00 A & C
Helen DerKevorkian	460.00	160.00	300.00 A & C
Satenig Der Stepanian	583.00	583.00	
George Doctorian	1,610.00	806.00	804.00 B
Ovsana Esgandarian	1,728.00	865.00	863.00 B
Mugerdich Farsakian	1,438.00	719.00	719.00 B
Sirvart Gazurian	688.00	346.00	342.00 E
Kumer Geragosian	855.00	855.00	
Azniv Hamparian	960.00	960.00	
Zaven Hintirian	1,540.00	390.00	1,150.00 H
Azad Hogikyan	4,012.00	2,006.00	2,006.00 D
Rose John	115.00	115.00	
Nazareth Jurjuran	535.00	268.00	267.00 N
Garabed Kalfaian	358.00	179.00	179.00 B
Allaverdi Karalian	410.00	410.00	
Alberta Kazarian	690.00	345.00	345.00 C
Haroutiun Kekligian	460.00	115.00	345.00 J
Henry Kevonian	1,095.00	549.00	546.00 J
Rudy Keyishian	160.00	160.00	
Ardash Krikorian	373.00	192.00	181.00 G
Souren Krikorian	858.00	858.00	

## In Lieu of Flowers (Cont'd)

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	<u>Total</u>	<u>Donated to St. John's</u>	<u>Others</u>
Khoren Kurkjian	\$ 30.00	15.00	15.00 A
Nazar Manoian	1,295.00	1,295.00	
George Mardigian	270.00	136.00	134.00 L
Onnig Mardossian	75.00	75.00	
Karena Mayanagian	453.00	453.00	
Paul Mazloumian	4,983.00	2,493.00	2,490.00 A
Julia Mutevelian	330.00	168.00	162.00 B
Anita Nazarian	2,950.00	1,493.00	1,457.00 A & C
Alice Nishanian	195.00	49.00	146.00 A,E,F
Ervant Ormanian	115.00	115.00	
Hachik Ornekian	902.00	234.00	668.00 Q
Barkev Papaganian	670.00		670.00 H
Harry Pusgolian	190.00	190.00	
Zabel Rapael	212.00	212.00	
Lydia Jane Regish	30.00	30.00	
Mary Sarkisian	950.00	950.00	
Hrop Sarkissian	75.00	75.00	
Arous Shigaian	650.00	650.00	
John Solakian	3,455.00	1,753.00	1,702.00 A
Malcolm Stepanian	845.00	428.00	417.00 A
Serpouhi Tokatlian	640.00	640.00	
Paul Toovalian	2,921.00	1,461.00	1,460.00 K
Charles Topalian	45.00	45.00	
Narin Vahratian	980.00	980.00	
Haig Vartabedian	4,090.00	1,038.00	3,052.00 A
Karzouhi Varteressian	190.00	190.00	
Edward Yagoobian	1,601.00	544.00	1,057.00 A & M
Brian Yazejian	1,022.00	722.00	300.00 I
Harry Zaratzian	1,203.00	602.00	601.00 E
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 71,981.00</b>	<b>\$ 40,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 31,481.00</b>

## CODE:

- A. A.G.B.U. Alex Manoogian School
- B. Evereg-Fenese Society
- C. Michigan Cancer Fund
- D. Providence Hospital Oncology
- E. Pan-Sepastia Union
- F. A.R.S. School
- G. Lraper Press
- H. Istanbul Orhanage Fund
- I. Armenian Congregational Church
- J. Leukemia Foundation
- K. Harper-Grace Cancer Research
- L. Michigan Home for Armenian Aged
- M. Heart Fund
- N. A.G.B.U. Women
- O. Lebanon Relief Fund
- P. Russell Cholakian Education Fund
- Q. Armenian National Hospital of Istanbul

Audited by: Richard Simonian

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF CHURCH AUXILIARIES

## LADIES' AUXILIARY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS Year Ended November 30, 1979

CASH IN BANKS—November 30, 1978		
Checking Account—National Bank of Detroit	\$ 2,889.63	
Savings Account—First Federal	871.61	
Total cash in banks		\$ 3,761.24
RECEIPTS		
Gifts	\$ 1,203.00	
Dues	1,121.69	
Christmas Luncheon	10.00	
Vartanantz	2,040.74	
Topic	1,436.25	
Maundy Thursday	272.60	
Hampartzoom	382.05	
Crosses	25.00	
Mas	322.00	
Flint Trip	120.00	
Interest on Savings Account	212.07	
Total Receipts		\$ 7,145.40
Total Cash to be accounted for		\$10,906.64
DISBURSEMENTS		
Flowers	\$ 54.38	
Christmas Gifts	115.00	
Stamps/Stationary	90.76	
Christmas Luncheon	150.00	
Hostess Money	65.00	
Vartanantz	1,061.93	
Topic	397.35	
Locks	3.52	
Maundy Thursday	100.99	
Transfer to St. John's Armenian Church	3,000.00	
Rent	2,000.00	
Old Age Home	28.35	
Hampartzoom	190.85	
Mas	322.00	
Miscellaneous	.30	
Total Disbursements		\$ 7,580.43
Cash in Banks—November 30, 1979		
Checking Account—National Bank of Detroit	\$ 1,342.53	
Savings Account—First Federal	1,983.68	
Total cash in banks		\$ 3,326.21
Total cash accounted for		\$10,906.64

Audited by: Elizabeth Bozigian

**WOMEN'S GUILD**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
 Year Ended November 30, 1979

CASH IN BANKS- November 30, 1978

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 2,421.11
Savings Account-Standard Federal Savings	<u>2,230.40</u>
Total cash in banks	

\$ 4,651.51

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$ 1,089.00
1978 Dinner-Dance	5,530.96
1978 Christmas Dinner	545.00
Mother-Daughter Banquet	6,921.63
Bake Sale	1,066.26
Communion Breakfast	45.27
Membership Dinner	24.00
Church Women United of Southfield	28.00
Craft Classes	361.00
Golf Outing	2,320.00
Donations	17.00
Interest on Savings	296.66
1979 Dinner-Dance	<u>4,440.00</u>
Total Receipts	

\$22,684.78

Total cash to be accounted for

\$27,336.29

DISBURSEMENTS

1978 Dinner-Dance	\$ 4,878.37
1978 Christmas Dinner	277.00
1979 Dinner-Dance	865.00
1979 Christmas Dinner	150.00
Bake Sale	253.17
Communion Breakfast	184.93
Mother-Daughter Banquet	3,524.29
Membership Dinner	239.10
Membership Awards	670.99
Refreshment Expenses	203.10
Old Age Home	158.23
Church Women United of Southfield	111.68
Church Picnic	15.00
Gifts	185.82
Cards and Flowers	6.92
Film and Processing	71.18
Craft Classes	287.70
Golf Outing	825.83
Postage	22.42
Supplies	18.18
Building Rental	2,000.00
Transfer to St. John's Armenian Church	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>9.63</u>
Total Disbursements	

\$19,958.54

## WOMEN'S GUILD - PAGE 2

Cash in Banks-November 30, 1979		
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 4,450.69	
Savings Account-First Federal	<u>2,927.06</u>	
Total cash in banks		<u>\$ 7,377.75</u>
Total cash accounted for		<u><u>\$27,336.29</u></u>
Audited by: Elizabeth Bozigian		



**MEN'S SOCIETY**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
Year Ended November 30, 1979

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1978		
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 1,564.89	
Savings Account-National Bank of Detroit	<u>364.50</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 1,929.30

RECEIPTS		
New Year's Eve Raffle	\$ 2,172.30	
International Festival-1979	6,181.11	
Christmas Party	1,316.00	
Pre-Meeting Dinners	566.54	
Membership Dues	207.00	
Bowling Party	850.00	
Pancake Breakfast	65.50	
50/50 Raffle	12.50	
Miscellaneous	3.00	
Interest on Savings	<u>18.68</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$11,392.63</u>

Total cash to be accounted for		<u><u>\$13,322.02</u></u>
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DISBURSEMENTS		
New Year's Eve Raffle-1978 Prize Money	\$ 800.00	
New Year's Eve Raffle-1979 Printing	135.00	
International Festival-1979	3,838.89	
Christmas Party	1,223.67	
Pre-Meeting Dinners	668.53	
Bowling Party	811.50	
Pancake Breakfast	232.77	
Building Rental	1,000.00	
St. John's-Contribution	2,000.00	
Postage	238.30	
Dishwashers	114.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>132.98</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$11,195.64

Cash in Banks-November 30, 1979		
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 1,743.20	
Savings Account-National Bank of Detroit	<u>383.18</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 2,126.38

Total cash accounted for		<u><u>\$13,322.02</u></u>
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Audited by: John Bahadurian

**MR. & MRS. SOCIETY**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
 Year Ended November 30, 1979

CASH IN BANKS—NOVEMBER 30, 1978		
Checking Account—Manufacturers National Bank	\$ 292.70	
Savings Account—Manufacturers National Bank	<u>369.91</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 662.61

RECEIPTS

Dues—1979 (37 members)	\$ 555.00	
Children's Christmas Party—1978	119.52	
Installation	32.00	
Parent Effectiveness Training Lecture	56.00	
Crab Dinner	225.00	
Pool Party	270.00	
Family Picnic	57.00	
Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation Lecture	10.00	
Square Dance	131.00	
Interest on Savings	<u>18.97</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 1,474.49</u>

Total cash to be accounted for

\$ 2,137.10

DISBURSEMENTS

Adult Christmas Party	\$ 31.53	
Children's Christmas Party	176.90	
Gifts	59.12	
In-Lieu-of-Flowers	80.00	
Postage	151.50	
Installation	14.14	
Membership Drive	192.19	
Crab Dinner	208.00	
Parent Effectiveness Training Lecture	50.00	
Pool Party	244.52	
Family Picnic	45.71	
Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation Lecture	30.00	
Square Dance	153.77	
Election Dinner	65.09	
Miscellaneous	<u>2.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$ 1,504.47</u>

Cash in Banks—November 30, 1979

Checking Account—Manufacturers National Bank	\$ 243.75	
Savings Account—Manufacturers National Bank	<u>388.88</u>	
Total cash in banks		<u>\$ 632.63</u>

Total cash accounted for

\$ 2,137.10

Audited by: John Bahadurian

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

Year Ended November 30, 1979

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1978

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 3,110.02	
Savings Account-National Bank of Detroit	<u>3,226.46</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 6,336.48

RECEIPTS

Assumption Day Picnic	\$ 1,035.57	
Bake Sale	931.47	
Bingo refreshments	6,310.66	
Christmas Eve Offering	487.00	
Delegates	20.00	
Lamb Roast Dinner	2,038.75	
Lamb Roast Raffle	443.00	
Membership Dues	510.00	
Membership Party	27.63	
November Dance	7,990.04	
Summer Picnics	663.50	
Sports	1,015.00	
Summer Dance	2,327.60	
Interest on Savings Account	<u>203.17</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$24,003.39</u>

Total cash to be accounted for

\$30,339.87

DISBURSEMENTS

Assumption Day Picnic	\$ 984.92	
Bake Sale	64.32	
Bingo refreshments	3,583.02	
Christmas Eve refreshments	65.86	
Christmas gifts to needy Armenian families	786.29	
Chairman's Round Table	130.34	
Delegates-Sports Weekend	752.71	
Flowers	136.00	
Gifts	112.54	
Lamb Roast Dinner	2,627.89	
Lamb Roast Raffle	587.20	
Membership Dues	241.67	
Membership Party	250.00	
November Dance	4,422.01	
Old Age Home gifts	35.41	
Summer Picnics	728.64	
Programs	92.69	
Rent	1,000.00	
Secretarial and Telephone	84.10	
Sports	2,525.38	
Summer Dance	3,358.77	
Armenian Study Program Subsidy	<u>900.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$23,469.76

## ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA-SENIORS

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Cash in Banks-November 30, 1979

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit

\$ 1,666.94

Savings Account-National Bank of Detroit

5,203.17

Total cash in banks

\$ 6,870.11

Total cash accounted for

\$ 30,339.87

Audited by: John Bahadurian

**ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION  
JUNIORS-PROJECT YOUTH  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
Year Ended November 30, 1979

<b>CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1978</b>		
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 686.88	
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	303.84	
Savings Account-American Federal Savings	<u>1,214.32</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 2,205.04
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Entertainment Books	\$ 120.00	
Services Rendered	50.00	
Lenten Fish Dinners	3,987.64	
Membership Dues	54.00	
Interest on Savings	<u>58.93</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 4,270.57</u>
Total cash to be accounted for		<u>\$ 6,475.61</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Entertainment Books	\$ 251.75	
Lenten Fish Dinners	3,085.26	
Luncheons for Meetings	34.35	
Program-Vartanantz	40.25	
Gifts	67.65	
Transfer to St. John's	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 4,479.26
<b>Cash in Banks-November 30, 1979</b>		
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 455.84	
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	1,467.26	
Savings Account-American Federal Savings	<u>73.25</u>	
Total cash in banks		<u>\$ 1,996.35</u>
Total cash accounted for		<u>\$ 6,475.61</u>

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**KOMITAS CHOIR**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
 Year Ended November 30, 1979

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1978		
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 1,158.66	
Savings Account-Community National Bank, Pontiac	<u>7,486.46</u>	
Total Cash in banks		\$ 8,645.12

RECEIPTS		
Choir Records	\$ 544.00	
Plate Collections	933.30	
Donations	115.00	
Sacred Music Books	66.50	
Christmas Party	40.45	
Moonlight Cruise	150.00	
Michigan Opera Theatre	140.00	
Interest on savings accounts	330.27	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 2,319.52</u>

Total cash to be accounted for	<u>\$10,964.64</u>
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DISBURSEMENTS		
Badarak Books	\$ 158.50	
Association of Armenian Choirs of America	120.00	
Flowers and Gifts	173.62	
Delegate expenses-Choir Assembly	200.00	
Michigan Opera Theatre	150.00	
Moonlight Cruise	156.00	
Christmas Party	150.00	
Postage	56.53	
Refreshments	14.79	
Choir Locker Keys	8.24	
Cassette Tape for Gomidas Music	<u>20.47</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 1,208.15

Cash in Banks-November 30, 1979		
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 7,939.76	
* Savings Account-National Bank of Detroit	<u>1,816.73</u>	
Total cash in Banks		<u>\$ 9,756.49</u>

Total cash accounted for	<u>\$10,964.64</u>
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\*Changed Banks

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**LIBRARY GUILD**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
 Year Ended November 30, 1979

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1978		
Checking Account-Manufacturers Bank of Southfield	\$ 656.57	
Savings Account-Manufacturers Bank of Southfield	<u>2,186.60</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 2,843.17
RECEIPTS		
Interest earned on savings account	\$ 113.75	
Bank Credit	<u>3.98</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 117.73</u>
Total cash to be accounted for		<u>\$ 2,960.90</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Book	\$ 12.50	
Bank Charges	<u>1.99</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 14.49
Cash in Banks-November 30, 1979		
Checking Account-Manufacturers Bank of Southfield	\$ 646.06	
Savings Account-Manufacturers Bank of Southfield	<u>2,300.35</u>	
Total Cash in Banks		<u>\$ 2,946.41</u>
Total cash accounted for		<u>\$ 2,960.90</u>
Audited by: Elizabeth Bozigian		

**ALTAR GUILD**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
 Year Ended November 30, 1979

CASH IN BANK-NOVEMBER 30, 1978		
Savings Account-Metropolitan Savings	<u>\$ 130.56</u>	
Total cash in bank		\$ 130.56
RECEIPTS		
Gifts	\$ 39.00	
Interest earned	<u>6.97</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 41.97</u>
Total cash to be accounted for		<u>\$ 172.53</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
None		
Cash in Bank-November 30, 1979		
Savings Account-Metropolitan Savings	<u>\$ 172.53</u>	
Total cash in bank		<u>\$ 172.53</u>
Total cash accounted for		<u>\$ 172.53</u>

Audited by: John Bahadurian



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

Year Ended November 30, 1979

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1978		
Savings Account-Standard Federal Savings	\$ 1,767.34	
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	1,432.16	
*Thomassian, Fund Account-Manufacturers National	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 4,199.50

RECEIPTS

Offerings:		
Kindergarten	171.56	
Primary	395.92	
Junior	831.48	
Senior	756.06	
Registration Fee	903.00	
Lenten Offering	555.81	
Easter Offering	353.65	
Christmas Offering	349.00	
Birthday Offering	109.50	
Pancake Breakfasts	312.00	
Christmas Dinner Donations	381.33	
Christmas Dinner Sales	45.75	
Savings Account Interest	260.83	
Other Donations	93.00	
Book and Bible Sales	48.00	
I.B.M. Catering	486.50	
C.R.E. Dinner	348.56	
C.R.E. Conference Reimbursement	316.00	
Miscellaneous	83.29	
Transfer of funds from Checking to Savings Acct.	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 7,801.24</u>

Total cash to be accounted for

\$12,000.74

DISBURSEMENTS

Transfer of funds from Checking to Savings Acct.	\$ 1,000.00	
Instructional Materials	1,415.18	
Mailing and Postage	282.50	
Supplies	1,046.48	
Christmas Dinner	980.22	
Christmas Program	80.64	
**Graduation Breakfast, Awards and Prizes	1,272.81	
Feet Washing Contest Prizes	100.00	
Lenten Canister Fund	600.00	
Pancake Breakfast	242.04	
I.B.M. Catering	123.69	
Teachers' Meeting	31.82	
C.R.E. Conference	316.00	
C.R.E. Workshop and Dinner	233.99	
Miscellaneous	<u>45.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 7,770.37

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Cash in Banks - November 30, 1979	
Savings Account-Standard Federal Savings	\$ 2,953.17
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	277.20
Thomassian Fund Account-Manufacturers National Bank	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Cash in Banks	<u>\$ 4,230.37</u>
Total cash accounted for	<u>\$12,000.74</u>

\* Note: St. John's Armenian Church School has a Certificate of Deposit for \$1000.00. The Certificate of Deposit is a gift to the Church by Mr. Khoren Thomassian in memory of his late wife, Flora Thomassian, the proceeds of which are awarded annually to the winners of the Feet-Washing Essay Contest.

\*\* Note: Item includes tuition and transportation to St. Nersess Summer Conference for class valedictorian, salutatorian and another member of the graduating class.

Audited by: John Bahadurian

ARMENIAN SCHOOL  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
Year Ended November 30, 1979

CASH IN BANK-November 30, 1978		
Checking Account-Michigan National Bank	<u>\$ 445.58</u>	\$ 445.58
Total cash in bank		
RECEIPTS		
Church subsidy	\$ 1,050.00	
Tuition	<u>220.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 1,270.00</u>
Total cash to be accounted for		
		<u><u>\$ 1,715.58</u></u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Teachers' salaries	\$ 1,140.00	
Graduation Exercises	11.25	
Textbooks	25.00	
Publicity	137.55	
Bank service charges	<u>25.05</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 1,338.85
Cash in Bank-November 30, 1979		
*Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	<u>\$ 376.73</u>	\$ 376.73
Total cash in bank		
Total cash accounted for		
		<u><u>\$ 1,715.58</u></u>
*Bank Change		
Audited by: Elizabeth Bozigian		

**ARMENIAN CO-OPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
 Year Ended November 30, 1979

CASH IN BANKS—NOVEMBER 30, 1978		
Checking Account-Manufacturers National	\$ 1,014.93	
Savings Account-Standard Federal Savings	<u>432.87</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 1,447.80
RECEIPTS		
Tuition	\$ 1,807.52	
Registration	70.00	
Insurance	20.00	
Cookie Bake	506.80	
Interest on savings account	<u>43.66</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 2,447.98</u>
Total cash to be accounted for		<u><u>\$ 3,895.78</u></u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Salaries	\$ 2,279.32	
Groceries	121.92	
New Play Equipment	52.25	
Petty Equipment	64.90	
Postage	6.00	
Dues & Subscriptions	83.50	
Office Supplies	2.81	
In Lieu of Flowers	10.00	
Exchange Items	88.00	
Cookie Bake	211.54	
Insurance	<u>15.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 2,935.24
Cash in Banks—November 30, 1979		
Checking Account-Manufacturers Bank	214.01	
Savings Account-Standard Federal Savings	<u>746.53</u>	
Total Cash in Banks		<u>\$ 960.54</u>
Total cash accounted for		<u><u>\$ 3,895.78</u></u>

Audited by: Elizabeth Bozigian

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE 1979

Guy Amboian  
Richard Baylerian  
Rose Hanesian

Jack Kazanjian  
Margie Simonian

## CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(5 to be elected for 1 year)

Mary Egigian  
George Elian  
Shakey Godoshian  
Edward Haic Korkoian  
Elizabeth Mamassian

Lucy Merzian  
Emma Minasian  
John Semizian  
Archie Yeghissian  
Harry Zartarian

## CANDIDATES FOR PARISH COUNCIL

(6 to be elected for 2 year term)

\*Richard Apkarian  
Edmond Azadian  
\*Helen Bagdasarian  
Ronald Godoshian  
Simon Javizian  
Edward Karamanian

Mihran Kupelian  
Edward Mardigian, Jr.  
Harry Mikaelian  
John Ohanian  
Victoria Reizian  
Andrew Tarpinian

## CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE DAY

Martin Cholakian

Vahe Papelian

## CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY OF THE DAY

Judy Hovnan

Joyce Karamanian

## CANDIDATE FOR AUDITING COMMITTEE

(1 to be elected for 3 year term)

George Arevigian

## AUDITING COMMITTEE - 1979

Elizabeth Bozigian  
(elected in 1977 for 3 year term)

Richard Simonian  
(elected in 1978 for 3 year term)

John Bahadurian  
(elected in 1978 for 3 year term)

NOTE: Nominations may be brought from the floor.

\*Incumbent

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