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ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH
OF GREATER DETROIT

22001 Northwestern Highway

Southfield, Michigan 48075

INVITATION

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

Southfield, Michigan

Friday, February 10, 1984; 8:00 p.m.

AT THE CHURCH CULTURAL HALL
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 of the Day
 - b. Partial election of Parish Council (6)
 - c. Election of Auditors (3)
 - d. Election of Nominating Committee for 1984 (5)
4. Election results of Chairman and Secretary of the Day
5. Minutes of the 1983 Annual Parish Assembly
6. 1983 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 1983. However, parish members are encouraged to come prepared to ask questions on any section of this Annual Report.
7. Parish Council Proposal
8. Review and Approval of 1984 Budget
9. Proposals
10. Election Results
11. Pastor's Closing Message and Benediction
12. Adjournment and Refreshments

Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian
President

Arthur S. Mardigian
Parish Council Chairman

Ronald Godoshian
Parish Council Secretary

NOTE: The meeting will be conducted in English, however, questions may be asked in Armenian and will be answered in Armenian.

**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.
9. No one may be a voting member in more than one parish at the same time.”

**Excerpted from the BY-LAWS
OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA
(Eastern Diocese)**

**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.
43. The Parish Priest shall preside over the meeting of the Parish Council and the Parish Assembly.”

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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. With a clear conscience, I declare that I did my human utmost in providing pastoral care and guidance to this Church and her members, without sparing the graces which the Lord God has bestowed upon me. I am grateful to God for the opportunity to serve St. John's Armenian Church for another year.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Divine Liturgy was celebrated, and Armenian and English sermons were delivered every Sunday. Services were also offered during the week in accordance with the requirements of our Church traditions.

Under the auspices of St. John's Armenian Church, Divine Liturgy was celebrated in Ann Arbor, Michigan on one occasion in 1983.

We also assisted our Sister Parishes throughout the year whenever the need arose. We will continue to provide the services of a clergyman to our Sister Parishes in their times of need.

PASTORAL STAFF

In 1983, our Church operated with an adequate pastoral staff. The Rev. Fr. Haik Donikian, Assistant Pastor, and the Very Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian, Student Priest in Residence assisted me in attending to the needs of our Church and Community.

SACRAMENTS AND RITES

During 1983, the following Sacraments and Rites were officiated: Baptism and Confirmation of infants and adults, 72; Engagement Services, 8; Holy Matrimony, 36; and Funeral Services, 76.

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 1983: His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of our Diocese; the Most Rev. Archbishop Sion Manoogian, Chairman of the Supreme Spiritual Council of Holy Etchmiadsin;

Very Rev. Fr. Arshen Aivazian, Dean of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary; Very Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Melkonian, Pastor of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church of Haverhill, Mass.; Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian, Pastor of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church, Cleveland, Ohio; Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian, Pastor of St. Mesrob Armenian Church, Racine, Wisconsin. On behalf of our Church, I extend my appreciation to our Church hierarchs and her servants for the opportunity of praying and exalting the Lord together at St. John's.

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 worshipping congregation. Again, it is my pleasure to acknowledge, specifically, Deacon Ara Haig, Choirmaster, who worked diligently during the past year to make our services dignified and inspiring. During the officiation of the Sacraments and Rites of our Church, Deacons 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.

PASTORAL VISITATIONS

Hospital visitations, nursing home visitations to the sick and elderly, home visitations for consolation, home blessings, visitations with families of the Parish in connection with the Sacraments and for various other reasons have been attended to by myself, Fr. Haik Donikian and Fr. Papken Anoushian conscientiously and to the utmost of our ability. I would like to remind our parishioners to inform the Church Office directly when the services of a clergyman are needed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Under the sponsorship of St. John's Armenian Church and the Church School, the Adult Religious Education Program continued in 1983.

Adult Religious Education courses, featuring Armenian Church History as the subject were continued under my instruction.

Bible Study Classes were conducted during the year in Armenian and in English by Fr. Haik Donikian.

We urge our parishioners to avail themselves of these opportunities to learn more about our Church and her teachings.

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

My administrative responsibilities during the past year 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 our Building Expansion Program.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

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

Public Relations during 1983 were generally confined to presence at, and offering invocations and presenting lectures to various Armenian organizations, conducting Church and Museum tours for religious, educational, and youth groups for the purpose of introducing the Armenian Church, history, and cultural heritage.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COMMITTEES

I would at this time like to extend my appreciation to the following Committees and their Chairmen: Super Raffle '83 Chairman, Charles Stambouljian; Special Fund Raising Committee Chairmen, Dr. Edward and Anna Sarkisian; Oriental Rug Sale Chairman, Arthur Apkarian; Bazaar '83 Co-Chairmen Richard Apkarian and Sooren Gozmanian; and Bingo Committee Chairman Vahe Papelian.

We have come to rely upon all of the above annual fund-raising projects along with the newly added Oriental Rug Sale to improve the financial position of our Church. It is a concern of mine and of the Parish Council as it should be the concern of each and every parishioner that without the efforts of these committees the resources of our Church would have fallen short of her growing needs.

Once a year, I write to our parishioners asking if they can find it within their means and their hearts to raise their yearly pledges, because obviously the minimum pledge that is set by the Parish Assembly is not enough to operate our Church. We are all proud of our Church, and we all expect our Church to be there when we need it. The Church is our home; it is our community home, and that is the way we should look upon it.

As our expenses grow in our homes, so do our expenses grow at our Church. Unless one thinks in this manner, he will cling to his minimum pledge. For the past few years we have not raised our minimum pledge because of the economic situation prevailing in this country and in this state in particular.

Perhaps it is time that we raise our minimum pledge. However, whatever amount the Parish Assembly might be willing to raise the minimum pledge to, may not be sufficient to meet our needs. Above and beyond that, I am appealing to those of you who can afford it to reconsider your pledges in accordance with the inflation that has affected your own homes, since the Church is our extended home.

The fund-raising that take place might then become less important for budgetary reasons. Of course, we must continue to have them for their social and financial benefits, but since we would not be dependent on the fund-raising events, we might make the decision to save the income for posterity, thus, easing our own financial responsibility and that of our children to our Church in the future.

SPECIAL FEATURES OF 1983

On January 26, 1983, St. John's became the first Armenian Church to ever be visited by an American President. In this historic visit, President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalyn were the guests of St. John's and toured the Church Complex. President Carter displayed strong interest in our Sanctuary and in St. John's Museum, and was visibly impressed by St. John's collection of Armenian Artifacts, some of which date back to the 7th Century B.C. Throughout his visit, the President indirectly conveyed that he possesses a knowledge of Armenian history.

St. John's Armenian Church celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the ordination into the Sacred Priesthood of Rev. Fr. Haik Donikian, Assistant Pastor, on Sunday, January 30, 1983. His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church was present to preside over the day's festivities. Following the Church Services 380 parishioners and friends attended an elegant Banquet in honor of Fr. Haik Donikian at the Church Cultural Hall on that Sunday.

In an effort to bring Armenia's cultural heritage to the attention of both the general public and scholars, the Center for Russian and Eastern European Studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor presented a Festival of Arts and Humanities, "Concepts of Culture, The Armenian Odyssey" from February – April, 1983. The major portion of the magnificent exhibition of Armenian Artifacts and Manuscripts were on loan to the University from St. John's Armenian Church. Developed to illustrate the Armenian artistic tradition preserved in the United States, "An Armenian Treasury in Michigan" was one segment of the Armenian Odyssey. An outstanding exhibition of Armenian Rugs, and carefully assembled programs of performance events, films, and lectures were also devised to acquaint the public with our Armenian Culture. The Armenian Odyssey was the first attempt of a major University in the United States to present a festival of this magnitude devoted to the Armenians.

During 1983, construction of our new kitchen was completed. Enlarged and equipped with the finest equipment available, the kitchen was designed to attain high levels of efficiency to meet the current and future needs of St. John's. Parishioners were given their first opportunity to tour the facilities during a grand opening following Church Services on Palm Sunday.

In 1983, St. John's parishioners were called upon through a national appeal to come to the financial aid of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary. Adhering to this urgent appeal for funds to train young men for the priesthood in this country, our community came forth with an overwhelming response, and together contributed a sizeable amount. Also for the second consecutive year, St. John's fulfilled her pledge in the amount of \$10,000.00 to St. Nersess Seminary.

St. John's was honored with an "Orchid Award" for Historical Preservation and Environmental Planning in the Second Annual Orchids and Onions Competition for Design. Our Church was selected by a jury of design experts from out of over 300 nominations from the general public. The awards panel praised St. John's design because it has "kept the flavor of the Armenian people and culture, not only when it was built, but as an ongoing project." This in itself is a tribute to our parishioners for their foresight and their continued dedication to excellence.

CHALLENGES FACING US IN THE NEW YEAR

The foremost challenge facing us today is the development of our Senior Citizens' Complex. It is the duty and responsibility of our Parish and our Community to ease the loneliness of our elders and to provide them with comfort and security. I am confident that in 1984 we shall begin our Senior Citizens' Complex. We will not spare any effort or funds until this project materializes.

We feel that through the Church School, the Activities Programs, and the Recreation Center we have provided for some of the needs of our Church Community's youth. However, in this regard there are still some things that we should be able to provide. Specifically, I feel that a camp should be opened. I believe that properly structured it can provide an environment where our religious and cultural values and identity will best be communicated to our youth.

Coming to Church regularly or occasionally, making a pledge commitment to our Church, and other donations to the Church every so often, somehow do not seem to be enough for the generation among our parishioners who are expected to make provisions for all of the above. The question that I have on my mind is, "How truly are we committed to our faith and to our identity?" Our willingness to participate and to contribute actually is the barometer of our commitment to our faith and identity. It is we, who

make whatever we are doing in our lives to be meaningful. Talking about raising pledges, talking about making sacrifices now, both for our own benefit and that of our children's future will become unnecessary if we ourselves provide the positive answer to the above question. What is expected of me as an Armenian Christian to make my life meaningful for my community and from my Creator's viewpoint? Obviously the provisions that we have to make for our youth, for our elders, as well as for ourselves are beyond the scope of our annual pledges or occasional gifts to the Church. We must begin to seriously consider wills, bequests and endowments, both our own as well as others who are close to us who are in a position to make such provisions.

APPRECIATION AND CONCLUSION

I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Rev. Fr. Haik Donikian, Very Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian, to the members of the Parish Council, and especially the Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. Arthur S. Mardigian, the Armenian Apostolic Society, Church Auxiliary Organizations and their Executive Bodies, Church 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 of us abundantly. May the Lord God also give us guidance and perseverance to continue our good works.

Prayerfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. Paren Avedikian". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Father Paren Avedikian
Pastor

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

We have completed another year of excitement and accomplishment at St. John's.

The buildings of our Church Complex have started to show their age and repair and maintenance problems had to be dealt with. A review of the actual expenditures for the year 1983 will indicate to you that much time and funds had to be spent in this area. We have been able to take care of certain aspects of this problem but there are many items that must be taken care of in the coming years.

A concern for us is the diminishing rates of pledge income versus expenses. In the coming year we will present to you a plan to bring these figures into proper proportions again.

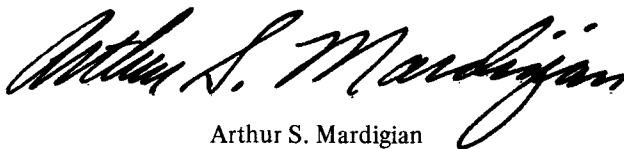
In order to meet expenses in the past the Parish Councils have initiated new fund-raising projects which have become permanent features in balancing the income of our Church against expenses.

In 1983 we followed the trend by introducing a Rug Sale in order to meet our budget as well as unforeseen additional expenses for the year. As you can see, as of 1984, the Rug Sale has been reflected in our budget as a line item of income.

In order to maintain the solvency of our Church finances in the future, we ought to think in terms of permanent endowments for the benefit of our Church. The Parish Council will be taking a small but firm step in that direction. Additional new steps will follow. The success of these programs will depend on its enthusiastic reception by you the parishioners of St. John's.

We hope that together we will be able to confront and to conquer the above challenges for the good of our Church and our people.

Very truly yours,



Arthur S. Mardigian
Chairman, Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

EXECUTIVE BODY ELECTIONS

On March 30, 1983, 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 1983-84 officers:

Chairman	Arthur S. Mardigian
Vice Chairman	*Victoria Reizian
Secretary	*Ronald Godoshian
Assistant Secretary	Edward Haic Korkoian
Treasurer	Ashod Torosian
Assistant Treasurer	*Ardavazt Ekizian
Advisors	Arthur Apkarian
	George Cross
	*Simon Javizian
	*John Kalajian
	*Homer Lafian

*Terms expire 1984

APPOINTMENTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND LIAISON OFFICERS

The following members of the Parish Council were appointed to serve as the 1983-84 Standing Committee Chairmen and Liaison Officers to our respective Church auxiliary organizations.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Pledge and Membership	George Cross
Building Management	John Kalajian
In Lieu of Flowers, Sacraments, Gifts, Plate and Candles	Ronald Godoshian
	John Kalajian
Hospitality and Friendship	Arthur S. Mardigian
Cultural	Victoria Reizian
Budget and Finance	Simon Javizian
	Arthur Apkarian
	Ronald Godoshian
	Ashod Torosian
Church Publications and Public Relations	Ardavazt Ekizian
Neighborhood Development	John Kalajian
	Edward Haic Korkoian
	Ashod Torosian
Social Concern	Fr. Paren Avedikian
	Arthur S. Mardigian
Policy Steering	Parish Council
Senior Citizen Housing Project	Parish Council

Senior Citizens	Homer Lafian
Cemetery	Fr. Paren Avedikian Arthur S. Mardigian
Bequests	Parish Council
Parliamentarian	Fr. Paren Avedikian

LIAISON OFFICERS

Armenian Apostolic Society	Arthur S. Mardigian
Armenian American Veterans	Ashod Torosian
Ladies' Auxiliary	Victoria Reizian
Men's Society	Edward Haic Korkoian
Women's Guild	John Kalajian
Komitas Choir	Ardavazt Ekizian
ACYOA Seniors	Ronald Godoshian
ACYO Project Youth	Arthur S. Mardigian
Mr. and Mrs. Society	Edward Haic Korkoian
Church School	Victoria Reizian
Armenian School	John Kalajian
Torch Bearer	George Cross
Senior Citizens	Homer Lafian
Bingo	Ashod Torosian
Activities Committee	Ronald Godoshian
Pro Musica	Simon Javizian
New Membership Drive	George Cross
Fine Arts Committee	Ardavazt Ekizian
Special Events Committee	Arthur Apkarian
Special Fund Raising Committee	Simon Javizian
Heritage Collection Committee	Arthur Apkarian

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council held 26 regular meetings and 5 special meetings. The special meetings were held for the election of the Parish Council Executive body, building policies and also with the Diocesan Delegates.

The Council also held meetings with various other committees concerning Church projects and activities.

SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLIES

The Parish Council called for a Special Parish Assembly on Sunday, March 6, 1983. Our HUD applications for housing for the elderly and handicapped that were submitted for 1980, 1981 and 1982 were reviewed and discussed. The membership present approved a \$7,000.00 increase for legal expenses for Seniors Housing in our 1983 Budget. This line item was increased from \$3,000 to \$10,000 for 1983. This was approved at the request of the Parish Council so that our 1983 HUD application would be prepared by a major legal firm. There were 153 members present at this meeting.

The Parish Council called for a Pre-Diocesan Assembly on Tuesday, April 26, 1983. The issues of the 1983 Diocesan Assembly were reviewed and discussed. There were 43 members present, therefore this was an informative meeting only.

On Tuesday, May 24, 1983, a Post-Diocesan Assembly was called by the Parish Council at which time the Diocesan Delegates reported on the decisions of the 81st Diocesan Assembly. This Post-Diocesan Assembly was called by the Parish Council for the purpose of electing a Church Auditor to fill a vacancy on the Auditing Committee from the nominees presented by the Nominating Committee.

An election was conducted resulting in the election of Mr. Robert Aginian. There were 62 members present at this meeting.

PLEDGE REPORT

The minimum pledge per annum remained at \$78.00 per individual member and \$156.00 per couple in 1983. The year began with 1218 members and ended with a total membership of 1202 in spite of deletions due to deaths or removal from membership for nonpayment of pledges for three consecutive years. Out of the total membership 665 pay the minimum pledge, 315 pay under the minimum, and 222 pay over the minimum.

We would like to remind our parishioners that it is the privilege of only the limited income senior citizens and students to make less than the minimum pledge to the Church. All those who are gainfully employed or can afford to, are expected to abide by the minimum pledge decisions of the Parish Assembly.

St. John's is assessed \$46.00 a year by the Diocese for each pledge member. In addition, the added costs related to membership privileges create an out-of-pocket expense for our Church of \$16.00 a year per member.

We hope that these costs are borne in mind when filling annual pledge cards for the Church.

THE TORCH BEARER, CHAHAGIR

Eleven issues of the Torch Bearer, Chahagir, were published during 1983 including a combined July and August issue.

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

The Pastors and Parish Council extend their gratitude to the Editor, Mrs. Gloria Mikaelian, for her dedicated service enabling us to maintain the quality of our Church publication.

SENIOR CITIZENS' LUNCHEONS

St. John's continued to sponsor Senior Citizens' Day on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at the Church Cultural Hall during 1983. Luncheon, programs, and fellowship highlighted the agenda on these days. A special Thanksgiving luncheon and program was presented for the Senior Citizens in November.

The Senior Citizens' Program is subsidized by St. John's, with only a minimal amount charged to those who attend.

Rev. Fr. Haik Donikian is present at the luncheons and usually presents food for thought to the Senior Citizens. Parish Council representative Homer Lafian and former Parish Council Member Leo Zamanigian continue to be present at the luncheons to assist our Senior Citizens in every way possible. St. John's Activities Director, Barbara Sarkisian, coordinates the programs and is present to assist the Senior Citizens.

SENIOR CITIZENS' HOUSING COMPLEX

In 1983, in the name of St. John's Manor Corporation, we again applied to the Federal Government for funding to provide housing for the elderly and the handicapped.

In order to increase our opportunities of receiving funding in 1983, we again submitted a non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 for an option to purchase a parcel of property in the proximity of our Church with the intent that it be acquired for the specific purpose of a Senior Citizens' Complex at the time our application is approved for funding by the Federal Government.

Our application was prepared for processing without any charge by Mr. Peter Sarkesian, Attorney at Law. We incurred processing fees and other expenses totaling \$1,429.00.

In 1983, because of our efforts, we were confident that we would receive funding. Our application was found technically acceptable by the Government; however, for reasons of priority, we were again denied funding.

As of the writing of this report we have not yet arrived at a decision regarding the direction in which we should proceed for funding this project; however, our commitment to the Senior Citizens' Complex remains steadfast and unwavering.

MARTYRS' DAY OBSERVANCE

St. John's Armenian Church commemorated the 68th Anniversary of the Genocide of the Armenian Nation on Sunday, April 24, 1983. The day's observance commenced with a Requiem Divine Liturgy.

Following the Divine Liturgy in the church, requiem prayers were also offered at the site of the Armenian Memorial Monument, Gomidas Vartabed, in Downtown Detroit. A wreath laying ceremony preceded the Hokehankist and the Blessing of the Madagh.

At the conclusion of the Services the Armenians who were present partook of Madagh sandwiches. The balance of the 2000 sandwiches, each one accompanied by a leaflet outlining the massacres of 1915, were distributed to the general public downtown with the assistance of representatives from the ACYOA Seniors and Men's Society Ushers' Corps.

Our sincere appreciation to Mrs. Arakse Hoogasian and her Committee from the Ladies Auxiliary for preparing the lamb and to Mrs. Julie Couyoumjian and her Committee from the Women's Guild for assembling the sandwiches.

ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

This year the Activities Program grew in several directions. The progress dealt with youth, families, adults and senior citizens. Approximately 900 people registered in the Activities Programs in 1983.

One youth program which continues to escalate is our basketball clinic. From barely 20 children age 8-12 years, the program involved 52 children this fall. St. John's participated in the Orthodox Youth Athletic Association with five basketball and two softball teams serving participants from 9 years to adult. During the summer our Men's and Women's Softball Teams took first place in their respective divisions.

Although youth programs have been targeted as a priority, Saturday activities have been slow movers. Day camps run during the summer and Christmas along with floor hockey and basketball clinics were found to be mildly successful. A renewed tradition of an Awards Banquet brought together 240 people to honor our sport teams and volunteers.

Family programs including trips to Tiger Baseball, Pistons Basketball, Snow Fun Day and Bowling have brought together families to share recreational pursuits and fellowship.

Adult programs have continued to be the backbone of the program. Armenian cooking, Ultimate Workout, Women's Golf League and Golf Clinic along with Instructional Bridge and Armenian Dance have led the list in favorites.

As usual, Men's Basketball continues to grow and provide an outlet recreationally and socially. Two racquetball tournaments were also highlighted during the year.

Our Senior Citizens enjoyed day trips to various destinations. Our travels included tours of Eleanor Ford Home, Armenian Art Exhibition in Ann Arbor, Sarnia, Detroit Symphony and Rockford-Hushpuppy Factory. Extended trips to Chesaning Showboat in Flint and Florida rounded out the year.

The Activities Advisory Board continues in their efforts to provide quality programs and afford the opportunities for our parishioners to recreate together. The 1983 Board consisted of: Dr. Rose Berberian, Mr. Harry Couyoumjian, Dr. Paul Hovsepian, Mr. Gary Reizian, Ms. Rose Samarian, Mr. Ron Godoshian, Parish Council Liaison Officer, and Ms. Barbara Sarkisian, Activities Director.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRIMATE

The occasion of the Twentieth Anniversaries of Ordination as Bishop of the Armenian Church and the Primacy of the Western and Eastern Dioceses of the Armenian Church of America of His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian was celebrated by the Diocese of the Armenian Church on April 9, 1983.

St. John's participated in this celebration by presenting a generous contribution to the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Educational Fund and with the presence of our Parish Council Chairman, Mr. Arthur S. Mardigian at the official celebrations of the Primate's Anniversaries in New York.

25th ANNIVERSARY OF REV. FR. HAIK DONIKIAN

St. John's paid tribute to Rev. Fr. Haik Donikian, Assistant Pastor of St. John's Armenian Church on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of his ordination to the Sacred Priesthood with a full day of celebration on Sunday, January 30, 1983.

His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese was present to preside over the day's festivities. Fr. Haik celebrated the Divine Liturgy and delivered the sermon on that day. Following Church Services 380 parishioners and friends attended a Banquet tendered for Fr. Haik.

On this occasion Fr. Haik received a Gontag from His Holiness, Vasken I, Catholics of All Armenians, bestowing the title of Avak Kahana upon him. Also, the Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian presented Fr. Haik with an Armenian Design Plaque on behalf of the Diocese.

On behalf of the parishioners of St. John's, a twenty-five inch console, color television set was presented to Fr. Haik during the Banquet.

The Pastor and the Parish Council served as the Committee for this special tribute to Fr. Haik Donikian.

25TH ANNIVERSARIES OF REV. FR. DIRAN PAPAZIAN AND REV. FR. MICHAEL BUTTERO

During 1983, the former Pastor of St. John's, Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian and former Assistant Pastor of St. John's, Rev. Fr. Michael Buttero celebrated the 25th Anniversaries of their ordinations into the Sacred Priesthood of the Armenian Church at their respective Parishes of Cleveland, Ohio, and Bayside, New York.

St. John's participated in these celebrations, on behalf of her parishioners, by extending congratulatory letters and appropriate gifts to each of them.

PRESIDENT CARTER VISITS ST. JOHN'S

In an unprecedented historic visit, former President Jimmy Carter was the guest of St. John's Armenian Church on Wednesday, January 26, 1983. Accompanied by his wife Rosalyn, President Carter along with close personal friend, Set Momjian, former United States Representative to the United Nations, and his wife Joan toured the St. John's Complex.

An elegant Champagne Reception in honor of President and Mrs. Carter was hosted by St. John's at which the elected and appointed officials of St. John's Armenian Church were present. President Carter was welcomed during brief addresses by Father Paren Avedikian and Mr. Alex Manoogian. In his address, President Carter expressed his pride in being "the first President of this great country to ever visit the historic Church of a great people."

All three local television channels featured extensive news coverage of President Carter's visit to St. John's.

TEAS

The Most Rev. Archbishop Sion Manoogian, the Chairman of the Supreme Spiritual Council of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadsin, was the guest of St. John's from March 25-30, 1983. His Grace celebrated the Divine Liturgy and delivered the sermon at St. John's on Palm Sunday, March 27. Following Church Services, a Tea was tendered in his honor by St. John's in the Church Cultural Hall. Members of the Women's Guild served as hostesses for the occasion.

The Very Rev. Fr. Arshen Aivazian, Dean of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary was invited to be the guest of St. John's during the weekend of May 15. Fr. Arshen was the Celebrant and Preacher at St. John's on Sunday, May 15. Following Church Services, a Tea was tendered in his honor. Mrs. Angie Banerian coordinated the Tea with the assistance of members of the Women's Guild.

SOCIAL CONCERN FUND

During 1983, St. John's Social Concern Fund has helped various individuals or families who either have sought assistance from the Church or of whose predicaments the Church was made aware. The total contributions to these recipients for the year 1983 was \$10,750.00.

CULTURAL EVENTS

“Concepts of Culture in America: The Armenian Odyssey” was presented by the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in an unprecedented Festival of Armenian Arts and Humanities from February 4 – April 9, 1983.

St. John’s collection of ancient artifacts and manuscripts provided impetus for the Center for Russian and European Studies at the University of Michigan to initiate and develop “An Armenian Treasury in Michigan” an exhibition part of the larger project, A Festival of Armenian Art and Culture. Since the goal of the organizers was to use works from Michigan collections only, the Exhibition proved that the Michigan Armenian community possesses one of the richest repositories of the Armenian artistic heritage, largely due to St. John’s collection.

Sacred and secular objects, Armenian manuscripts, ceramics, metalwork, textiles, and illuminated books and fragments were loaned to the University of Michigan by St. John’s for this two month exhibition.

Although the artistic treasures were provided locally, scholars from major universities throughout the United States and Europe participated in the lectures and symposiums. Dramatic readings, concerts, Armenian films, and an Exhibition of Armenian Rugs from the Caucasus, Persia, Turkey and Central Asia also highlighted “The Armenian Odyssey.”

SPECIAL FUND-RAISING EVENTS

Super Raffle '83

The Super Raffle '83 Committee was headed by General Chairman, Charles Stamboulian and consisted of a large number of individual parishioners and all of St. John’s Organizations. The grand prize offered in the \$100.00 a ticket Super Raffle was a 1983 Cadillac El Dorado. Four cash prizes of \$1,000.00 each were also awarded. The winning tickets were drawn at the Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, July 17, 1983. The net profit realized from the Super Raffle was \$13,158.00.

The Pastors and Parish Council extend their thanks to the Committee for their efforts on behalf of our Church.

Special Fund-Raising Committee “Kef and Cuisine”

The Special Fund-Raising Committee, formed in 1979, continued their tradition by presenting a gala dinner-dance “Kef and Cuisine” on Saturday, October 22, 1983. Elegant dining was combined with the musical talents of four of the finest nationally known Armenian musicians, Richard Hagopian, Kenny Kalajian, Roger Krikorian and Detroit’s own Hachig Kazarian.

“Kef and Cuisine” was an evening to remember due to the efforts of the Special Fund-Raising Committee members: Howard and Cathy Atesian, Richard and Arlene Baylerian, Simon and Alice Javizian, Paul and Millie Jingoian, Edward and Joyce Karanian, Michael and Dollie Matoian, Norman and Solange Messelian, Richard and Isabelle Vahratian, Dr. Gary and Marianne Zamanigian, and General Chairmen, Dr. Edward and Anna Sarkisian. The Committee realized a profit of \$3,600.00 during 1983.

The Pastors and Parish Council extend their thanks to the Committee for their efforts on behalf of our Church.

Oriental Rug Sale

St. John's Armenian Church sponsored a very successful four day Oriental Rug Sale in conjunction with Edward Bashian and Sons, Inc., importers from New York City on October 27-30, 1983.

St. John's Recreation Center Gymnasium was the scene of the gigantic sale which drew an overwhelming response from parishioners as well as from the general public from the Metropolitan Detroit Area.

This fund raising affair was a Parish Council project, having as General Chairman Arthur Apkarian, assisted by members of the Parish Council and dedicated parishioners. We thank Guy Amboian who served as special assistant to the Parish Council as Publicity Director, and also all of the other parishioners who helped in various ways to make this a profitable project. St. John's realized a net profit of \$36,82^o.00 from this project.

Bazaar '83

The annual Bazaar provided an exciting atmosphere for the weekend of November 11-13.

In addition to the traditional booths and activities, Bazaar '83 featured a number of activities for the entire family, including a Pie Eating Contest and a Teen Dance on Saturday evening. The color theme reminded one of the recent "Orchid Award" received by St. John's; thus, offering a delightful variation to the decor of past bazaars.

The tremendous success of Bazaar '83 was the result of months of preparation by St. John's Church Organizations and through the dedication of hundreds of parishioners. St. John's realized a net profit of \$53,999.00 from Bazaar '83.

The Pastors and Parish Council extend their appreciation to the General Co-Chairmen Richard Apkarian and Sooren Gozmanian and to their entire Committee for their tireless efforts.

Bingo Committee

The untiring efforts of the Bingo Committee, under the chairmanship of Vahe Papelian, has transferred \$52,984 to St. John's Armenian Church during the year 1983.

The Executive Committee consists of Vahe Papelian, Tom Hanesian and Sooren Yavruian, who are in charge of the weekly operation of Bingo (except on Church Holy days), with a weekly attendance of 200 to 300 persons. The following people work every Thursday at the Bingo: Paul Bazigian, Mardig Hatcherian, George Kouzoujian, Lucille Sherman, Blanche Swidersky, Sona Yavruian, and Judy Yousoufian.

During 1983, the following individuals assisted at least once a month: Sam Argonian, Emma Betrosian, Saznek Betrosian, Dan Cristiano, Dick Eginian, Nick Evarian, Lucy Fundukian, Andy Kasper, Archie and Hermalene Kahayian, Jack Kavlakian, Arthur Mardigian, Albert and Rose Mardirosian, Donna Marina, Jerry Messelian, Karen Messelian, John Ohanian, Harry Papazian, Sooren Torossian, Harry Tokatlian, and members of the Mr. and Mrs. Society.

The Church Organizations who support this program are to be commended. We sincerely hope that more individuals will offer their assistance, whether it be on a weekly or monthly basis.

The Pastors and Parish Council extend their thanks to the Committee for their efforts for the benefit of our Church.

Church Picnic

The 24th Annual Picnic was held on Sunday, July 17 on the Church grounds immediately following Church Services. Pleasant weather combined with good food and

entertainment provided an enjoyable day of fellowship for the over 600 persons who attended.

Picnic Chairman, Gary Reizian worked closely with the various Church Organizations and parishioners to make this annual event successful.

The Women's Guild Bakery Booth under the chairmanship of Victoria Reizian prepared an outstanding assortment of Armenian and American delicacies, all of which were completely sold out. The Ladies Auxiliary, Women's Guild, Men's Society, A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors, A.C.Y.O. Juniors Project Youth and Mr. and Mrs. Society all contributed their efforts in various capacities at the Picnic.

The Pastors and Parish Council extend their thanks to the Chairman and to all who participated and helped to promote the success of the picnic.

New Year's Eve Affair

The annual New Year's Eve Affair under the chairmanship of Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Delores Blakian was enjoyed by 353 parishioners and friends.

Guests enjoyed a continuous buffet and danced to Armenian music by the Hachig Kazarian Ensemble and American music provided by a Disc Jockey.

The gala event was concluded with a superb breakfast in the early hours of New Year's Day.

The Pastors and Parish Council extend their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Blakian and their Committee, who made this event a most enjoyable evening for all who attended.

ST. JOHN'S RECEIVES "ORCHID AWARD"

St. John's Armenian Church was honored with an "Orchid Award" for Historical Preservation and Environmental Planning in the Second Annual Orchids and Onions Awards Competition for Design co-sponsored by the Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), the Designers' Lighting Forum and the Michigan Council for the Arts.

Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian accepted the award on behalf of St. John's at a champagne brunch at the downtown Savoyard Club on Saturday, September 24, 1983.

NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

During 1983, there were no requests by parishioners for financial assistance to purchase homes in the Magnolia Subdivision. As of the year ending 1983, we have 7 parishioners out of 8 that have outstanding balances totalling \$33,000.00. The amount paid back during the past year by these parishioners totalled \$25,000.00. A total of 4 parishioners have repaid the full amount of the financial assistance that they received.

We own a home on Winora Avenue, immediately adjacent to the Church Complex. As approved by the Parish Assembly, the Parish Council is committed to purchase all homes on Winora Avenue that are for sale and, in turn, will attempt to resell or to rent these homes to our parishioners in order to preserve our complex. Presently, the house we own is being rented to a parishioner who is contemplating purchase of the house.

ARMENIAN HERITAGE COLLECTION

The Armenian Heritage Collection is an on-going project, co-sponsored by St. John's Armenian Church and the A.G.B.U. Metro Chapter and is recognized nationally as an important contribution to the preservation of the Armenian culture.

In 1983 the Collection was taken to California for the fourth time and was featured in two performances. One in Los Angeles, St. Gregory Armenian Church in Pasadena, and one in Visalia, at St. Marys Armenian Church in Yetttem. Also St. Gregory of Narek Church of Cleveland sponsored the first showing of the collection in Ohio.

We are pleased to inform you that six new costumes have been added to our Collection. The script for these costumes has been written, the entire program has been reviewed and the complete tape has been recorded.

We are indebted to Berge Fazlian of Montreal for the choreography, to Charlene Apigian who has given generously of her time and talent, to Ara Berberian who re-recorded the entire program, and to the HARC recording facilities housed in St. John's for the use of their equipment and Armenian music library. All of the above services were graciously donated.

A sophisticated slide projector was purchased by the Committee. It is housed in a travelling case and will enhance the quality of the presentation and simplify the work of the Committee.

It is important to note that the Armenian Heritage Collection Committee is financially self-sufficient and has funded all the above expenses incurred from its treasury.

The Committee consists of Varsenick Apkarian, Margaret Derderian, Rosemary Hoplamazian, Anoush Papelian, Sona Yavruian having Fr. Paren as a regular member of the Committee.

ARMENIAN ARTIFACTS

Guided tours of St. John's Museum were provided in 1983 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, eighteen artifacts have enriched the Museum which houses the largest collection of Armenian artifacts in this country.

The following is the list of the new acquisitions for the year 1983: One Scroll Armenian Manuscript, two Cilician Armenian coins, two Armenian rugs, and thirteen paintings.

CHURCH-OWNED PROPERTIES

We sold the property that we owned in Sterling Heights for \$15,500.00 in October, 1983 with \$5,500.00 down and the balance to be paid on a three-year land contract. Our special thanks to Mr. Karl Couyoumjian for donating his services in the sale of this property.

We are the one-fifth owner of a parcel of land in Romulus that was donated in 1982.

BUILDING REPORT 1983

During 1983, 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 non-Church members. The Recreation Center was used by the Church, Church Organizations, non-Church Organizations of the community and by individual Church members for rental purposes.

We have received repeat and referral renters throughout 1983 and have increased our Hall Operating Income by 4.9 percent over 1982. The major improvements for the year 1983 include: Installation of insulated glass on the windows of the north side of the Cultural Hall; installation of fire, police, and EMS panic systems at the Cultural Center and the Recreation Center; installation of a fire-detection system at the Cultural Center; repair all the chairs of the Cultural Center; repair the doors of the Cultural Center and the Recreation Center; repair and refinishing of all the wooden doors of the Sanctuary; repair the ceiling of the Chapel; repair parking lot lights; repair Church air-conditioning unit; repair Cultural Center and Church furnaces; place new concrete blocks over water drains in the parking lot; build concrete ramps for the handicapped at the Cultural Center and the Church; purchase and improve security systems for Church, Cultural Center, and install security system at the Recreation Center; commission the study of the problems of the Church roof and obtain recommendations; complete private ownership of Cultural Center and Recreation Center telephone systems; replace the oven of the Recreation Center with a convection oven; and purchase additional dishes and glasses for the Cultural Center.

The accompanying tables indicate that out of 157 Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays the Hall was not in use 52 days, 33.3% during 1983. The Church Organizations used the Hall 12.4% of the total weekend days used while paying aside from their assessments only 4.6% of the incomes; the Armenian Organizations used the Hall 10.5% of the total weekend days used while paying only 5.1% of the incomes; the parishioners used the Hall 21.9% of the total weekend days used while paying 21.0% of the total income; the outsiders used the Hall 55.2% of the total weekend days used and paid 69.3% of the total income.

	% Usage of Weekend Days Available	% of Weekend Days Used	% of Income Received
Church Organizations	8.3%	12.4%	4.6%
Armenian Organizations	7.0%	10.5%	5.1%
Parishioners	14.7%	21.9%	21.0%
Outsiders	36.9%	55.2%	69.3%

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Mrs. Helen Armoudlian for her total cooperation in the various aspects of the Management of the Church Cultural Hall and Recreation Center facilities rentals.

CHART OF HALL USAGE 1983

	No. of			Parishioners	Armenian Organizations	Church Org.	Non-Armenian	Hokejash	Rec. Center
	Fri.Sat.Sun.	Not Used	No. Used Fri.Sat.Sun.						
Jan. 1983	14/7	7	4/1 5/5 5/1	2	0	2	3	4	
Feb. 1983	12/4	8	4/1 4/3 4/0	0	0	1	3	3	1
Mar. 1983	12/4	8	4/1 4/2 4/1	0	1	0	3	3	2
Apr. 1983	14/10	4	5/4 5/4 4/2	2	1	2	5	4	1
May 1983	13/11	2	4/4 4/4 5/3	5	1	1	4	8	2
June 1983	12/8	4	4/4 4/2 4/2	0	4	0	4	2	8
July 1983	15/10	5	5/3 5/4 5/3	3	0	1	6	3	1
Aug. 1983	12/10	2	4/4 4/4 4/2	2	0	0	8	3	2
Sep. 1983	13/12	1	5/5 4/4 4/3	4	0	0	8	2	1
Oct. 1983	14/11	3	4/4 5/4 5/3	4	0	1	6	3	1
Nov. 1983	12/10	2	4/4 4/4 4/2	0	2	4	4	6	2
Dec. 1983	14/8	6	5/2 5/4 4/2	1	2	1	4	2	1
% of Weekend 157/105	52 (33.3%)	52/37 53/44 52/24		23 (14.7%)	11 (7.0%)	13 (8.3%)	58 (36.9%)	43	22
Days Available	% of Weekend Days Used		(21.9%)	10.5%	(12.4%)	(55.2%)			

	Friday				Saturday				Sunday			
	Parishioners	Arm. Org.	Church Org.	Other	Parishioners	Arm. Org.	Church Org.	Other	Parishioners	Arm. Org.	Church Org.	Other
Jan. 1983	1				1		1	3			1	
Feb. 1983			1					3				
Mar. 1983		1						2				1
Apr. 1983	1			3	1		1	2		1	1	
May 1983	2		1	1	2			2	1	1		1
June 1983		2		2		1		1		1		1
July 1983				3	1			3	2		1	
Aug. 1983				4	2			2				2
Sep. 1983	1			4	1			3	2			1
Oct. 1983	1			3	2		1	1	1			2
Nov. 1983			1	3		1	2	1		1	1	
Dec. 1983				2	1	1	1	1		1		1
TOTAL	6	3	3	25	11	3	6	24	6	5	4	9

IN APPRECIATION

The Pastors 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 Church School, 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 Glory of God.

DIOCESAN DELEGATES' REPORT

The 81st Annual Assembly of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America was held during May 5, 6 and 7, 1983 at the Sts. Joachim and Anne Armenian Church, Palos Heights, Illinois, with a total of 120 registered clergy and lay delegates present.

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

Pastor	Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian
Assistant Pastor	Rev. Fr. Haik Donikian
Parish Council Chairman	Arthur S. Mardigian
Diocesan Delegates	Martin Cholakian, Mihran Hoplamazian, Edward Korkoian, Dennis Papazian, Harry Terzian, Richard Vahratian and Paul Hovsepian (alternate for Arthur S. Mardigian)

The Very Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian also attended from St. John's as an observer to become familiar with Diocesan Assembly procedures.

The Diocesan Assembly was presided over by His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

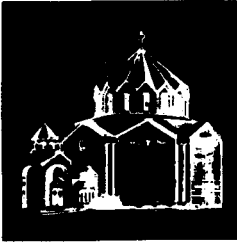
SIGNIFICANT ASSEMBLY MATTERS

1. Judge John K. Najarian (Sts. Sahag and Mesrob, Providence) was elected Chairman of the Assembly.
2. Mr. Alex Manoogian (St. John's, Southfield) was elected to a 10-year term on the Diocesan Board of Trustees.
3. Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Keshishian (Sts. Sahag and Mesrob, Providence), Rev. Fr. Mampre Kouzouian (Holy Trinity, Cambridge), Judge Vincent Gurahian (St. James, Westchester) and Mrs. Anne Kasparian (St. Gregory, Haverhill) were elected to 4-year terms on the Diocesan Council.
4. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian's address to the Assembly included the following: His Eminence referred to several "divisions" that need to be resolved — political divisions, the "division of the generations," and the "potential separation that may be effected by the large wave of new immigrants."
In facing these concerns, the Primate said "It is incumbent on all of us to confront this new situation, not with the myopia of personal prejudice, but with the interests

of the Church and the community paramount in our considerations.” His Eminence called for more education and training, a “renewed understanding of our Church and the practice of our faith, and an appreciation of our cultural and national attributes.”

In conclusion, the Primate said “Our community cannot be what each of us wants of it, but what all of us most require. We are one Church and one people. Let us learn to live that way, for the glory of God and the advancement of our people.”

5. Approved for the second time a change to Article 62 of the Bylaws increasing the Diocesan Council from 9 members to 11 members. The clergy number will remain at 4 and the lay members will be increased from 5 to 7.
6. Approved for the first time a change to Article 59 of the Bylaws concerning the elimination of the Budget Committee.
7. Approved for the first time a change to Article 65 of the Bylaws concerning the presentation of the Budget by the Diocesan Council.
8. Approved a proposal asking the St. Nersess Armenian Seminary to review their Bylaws with the purpose of having the North American Dioceses structurally involved in the Seminary Organization.
9. Approved a proposal to establish Clergy Training Programs.
10. Approved a proposal to establish a fund for the theological education of students preparing to serve as clergy in the Diocese.
11. Approved a proposal to review the present health insurance programs for the clergy.
12. Approved a proposal for the feasibility study on the possible constitution of a Hye-Rise project where the Diocese Building is today in New York City. The proposed project would not alter St. Vartan’s Cathedral or the adjoining plaza in any way, and may provide the Diocese with a substantial annual income.
13. The Assembly heard the report of the Diocesan Unity Committee and voted to extend by one year the period of time allotted for a successful resolution of this problem.
14. Approved a balanced budget of \$1,453,500.00 for 1983.
15. Accepted the reports of the Clergy Conference that was held on May 3, 4 and 5, 1983 in conjunction with the Diocesan Assembly.
16. Accepted the invitation of the St. Leon Armenian Church of Fair Lawn, New Jersey to host the 82nd Annual Diocesan Assembly to be held May 3–5, 1984.
17. The Assembly Banquet held on May 7, 1983 honored Archbishop Torkom Manoogian for his 20th Anniversary as Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America and the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.



St. John's Armenian Church

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC SOCIETY, INC.

January 10, 1984

Dear Parishioners:

The second phase of our project, the expansion and modernization of the existing kitchen in our Cultural Building, is complete. I am sure everyone is happy with the results.

However, I am sorry to say that we have approximately \$60,000 in past due bills to pay the various contractors for their services.


This is due primarily to the fact that there are approximately \$165,000 in past due pledges still outstanding. We cannot close the books on the second chapter of our project until all the bills are paid.

Therefore, we would greatly appreciate it if all those who have not paid their full pledges, would make some effort to pay, if not the total balance, at least a portion of it, so that our second phase will be completely paid for and our books free from any debt.

We have not finalized the plans for the third and final phase of our project, but we certainly would not start anything new until we have paid for what has already been completed.

I hope that the New Year has been very good to you and yours so far, and that it will be even better in the months ahead.

Sincerely,


Edward Mardigian
President

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF CHURCH AUXILIARIES

LADIES' AUXILIARY

Chairman: Nora Mazlounian
 Membership: 240
 Meetings: 10
 Main Activities: Armenian Christmas Observance, Vartanantz and Paregentan Celebration, Michink and Armenian Woman Saints Days Observance, Maundy Thursday Communion and Luncheon, Hampartzoom Day and Luncheon, visit to Old Age Home, Martyrs Day Observance, Mas preparation, Church Picnic and Bazaar participation.
 Remarks: In 1983, the Ladies' Auxiliary transferred \$2,000.00 to the St. John's Armenian Church.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Chairman: Rose Mardigian
 Membership: 236
 Meetings: 8
 Main Activities: Michink Luncheon, and Armenian Woman Saint Day's Observance, Easter Communion Breakfast, Mother-Daughter Banquet, Garage Sales, Membership Dinner, Special Women's Guild Requiem Service for deceased members, Church Picnic, Bakery Booth, Golf Outing, Bazaar Bakery and Boutique Booths, December Dinner Dance, Christmas Dinner, Teas in honor of special guests, visits to Armenian Home for the Aged, participated in Armenian Christmas, Vartanantz, Maundy Thursday, Martyrs Day, Ascension Day Celebrations and observances.
 Remarks: In 1983, the Women's Guild transferred \$14,000.00 to the St. John's Armenian Church.

SENIOR MEN'S ORGANIZATION

Chairman: Armen Jivelegian – Charles Gavejian
 Membership: 55
 Meeting Days: Monday through Friday
 Main Activities: The Senior Men's Organization had 4 dinners and a Christmas Party.
 Remarks: In 1983, the Senior Men's Organization made a donation of \$700.00 to St. John's Armenian Church.

MEN'S SOCIETY

Chairman: Andrew Kasper
 Membership: 117
 Meetings: 10
 Main Activities: Christmas Party, Christmas Communion Breakfast, Annual Bowling Party, Fathers Day Banquet, Summer Picnic, Blood Bank, New Year's Eve Raffle.

Future Projects: Jerry Murad Concert
 Remarks: In 1983, the Men's Society transferred \$1,500.00 to the St. John's Armenian Church.

MR. AND MRS. SOCIETY

Chairman: Michael & Carol Hazergian
 Jerry & Joann Nassar
 Membership: 56 Couples
 Meetings: 4
 Main Activities: Dinner for the Mrs., Children's Roller Skating, Bowling-Scotch Doubles, Children's Halloween Party, Hazel Park Raceway, Battle of Best-Games Night, Road Rally, Christmas Dinner Party. The Mr. and Mrs. Society also participated in Church sponsored projects of Picnic and Bazaar.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA SENIORS

Chairman: Garo Papazian
 Membership: 111
 Meetings: 12
 Main Activities: Bingo refreshments every Thursday, Memorial Day Picnic, Lamb Roast, Assumption Day Picnic, Church Picnic, Church Bazaar, participated in Martyrs' Day Observance, Summer Bowling League, November Dance, Christmas Party, Christmas Eve Service.

A.C.Y.O. JUNIORS PROJECT YOUTH

Chairman: Eric Torigian
 Membership: 55
 Meetings: 6
 Main Activities: Organized and sponsored Rollerskating, Retreat and Ski Weekend, Lenten Fish Dinners, Cedar Point Funday, Hayride at Upland Hills, Halloween Party and Youth Dance at the Church Bazaar. Participated in and assisted at the Church Picnic and the Church Bazaar.
 Future Projects: To continue the successful projects of this Organization to attract additional members.
 Remarks: In 1983, the A.C.Y.O. Juniors Project Youth contributed \$2,000.00 to St. John's Armenian Church.

KOMITAS CHOIR

Chairman: John K. Semizian
 Membership: 47
 Meetings: 2
 Main Activities: Valentine's Day Party, Sang the Divine Liturgy in Ann Arbor, Annual Church Picnic, Sandwich Bar at Church Bazaar, Christmas Party.
 Future Project: Reprinting of the Komitas Choir record of the Divine Liturgy.

ALTAR GUILD

- Chairman: Lucille Jivelegian
 Membership: 5
 Main Activities: Restoring and refinishing vestments, robes and altar cloths.
 Remarks: We express our appreciation to Mrs. Sylvia Bjornstad of Royalty Cleaners who graciously and voluntarily dry cleaned all vestments and the altar cloths of our Church throughout the year 1983.

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL

- Superintendent: Father Paren Avedikian
 Enrollment: 289
 Board & Staff: 55
 Classrooms: 28
 School Hours: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Sunday
 Annual Affairs: Initiation and Installation, Staff Christmas Dinner, Lenten Offering, Easter Jashoo Badarak, Periodic Brunches following Church Services, Graduation Exercises, Bake Sales, Adult Religious Education.
 Curriculum: The Holy Scripture, Divine Liturgy, Armenian History, Armenian Church History, and Armenian conversation class in Kindergarten. This was the sixth consecutive year that the Church School sponsored Adult Church School classes to interested adults of our Parish on Monday evenings. Armenian Church History has been the continuing subject under the instruction of Father Paren Avedikian. The 1983-84 academic year is our 36th year in providing Christian training to our Parish children through the Church School. Father Paren Avedikian is the Superintendent of the Church School. Board members are as follows: Rosemary Hoplamazian, Asst. Superintendent; Marian Iafate, Board Secretary; Richard Vahratian, Treasurer; Carol Aprahamian, Asst. Treasurer; Louise Kushigian, Senior Dept. Supervisor; Victoria Reizian, Junior Dept. Supervisor and Parish Council Liaison Officer; Lucy Ardash, Primary Dept. Supervisor and Torch Bearer Reporter; Diana Vosganian, Kindergarten Dept. Supervisor; Agnes Tokatlian, Educational Advisor, Gary Ezmerlian and Alice Terzian, Advisors.
 Remarks: In July, our Church School was ably represented by Sandra Bourgeois, Rosemary Hoplamazian, and Alice Terzian at the Helen and Edward Mardigian Religious Institute sponsored by the Dept. of Religious Education at the Diocesan Center in New York through the continuing support and generosity of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Mardigian.

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH BOWLING LEAGUE

- Chairman: Harry Papazian
 Membership: 72
 Meetings: 4
 Main Activities: Bowl Every Friday Evening, Bowling Banquet
 Future Projects: Increase number of teams in league.
 Remarks: Primarily a social organization to promote harmony and fellowship among Armenians and friends.

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT
OPERATING FUND - PARISH COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1983

ASSETS

Cash		\$ 606,149.00
Secured loans receivable		33,000.00
St. John's Manor account		10,381.00
Land Contract Receivable		9,581.00
Investments:		
Land-Romulus	\$ 20,000.00	
Residence-Southfield	<u>40,157.00</u>	60,157.00
Total Assets		<u><u>\$ 719,269.00</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

LIABILITIES

Hall Deposits		\$ 19,382.00
Due Armenian Apostolic Society, Inc.		22,327.00
Accounts Payable		1,485.00
Payroll Taxes		6,474.00
Agency Accounts		33,924.00
Special Bequests		11,500.00
Library Guild		2,801.00
Deferred Pledge Income		<u>7,658.00</u>
Total Liabilities		<u><u>\$ 105,554.00</u></u>

FUND BALANCE

Unappropriated fund balance;		
Balance at January 1, 1983		\$ 484,246.00
Less: Excess disbursements over receipts for year ending December 31, 1983		<u>48,677.00</u>
		<u>\$ 435,569.00</u>
Appropriated for future Building Maintenance:		
Balance at January 1, 1983		\$ 155,817.00
Add: Current year appropriation		<u>22,327.00</u>
		<u>\$ 178,144.00</u>
Less: Current year's disbursements for major maintenance		-0-
Balance at December 31, 1983		<u>\$ 178,144.00</u>
Total Fund Balance		<u><u>\$ 613,714.00</u></u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance		<u><u>\$ 719,269.00</u></u>

Albert Mardirosian
Auditor

Ashod Torosian
Treasurer

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT
OPERATING FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ended December 31, 1983

	<u>1982</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>1983</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>1983</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under)</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>1984</u> <u>Budget</u>
RECEIPTS:					
Pledges	\$152,541	\$158,561	\$160,000	\$ (1,439)	\$165,000
Plates & Candles	12,218	11,407	12,500	(1,093)	12,500
Yughakin	5,357	5,496	5,500	(4)	6,000
Hokehankist	16,595	15,394	16,000	(606)	16,000
Sacraments	8,290	9,235	8,000	1,235	9,000
Gifts & Bequests	2,908	5,306	5,975	(669)	5,000
Clergy Service - Net	1,375	2,275	1,000	1,275	1,000
Bookstore - Net	3,824	4,055	4,000	55	4,500
Torch Bearer	2,671	3,215	4,000	(785)	4,000
Picnic - Net	3,495	2,785	5,000	(2,215)	3,000
New Year's Eve - Net	695	1,267	1,000	267	3,000
Special Events - Net	2,120	(3,205)	800	(4,005)	-
Fund-Raising Committee	2,000	3,600	5,000	(1,400)	3,000
Super Raffle	1,090	13,158	25,000	(11,842)	15,000
Rug Sale	-	36,829	-	-	35,000
Bazaar - Net	48,664	53,999	55,000	(1,001)	55,000
Bingo Operation - Net	63,946	52,984	60,000	(7,016)	55,000
Contributions - Church Aux.	30,300	20,200	18,000	(2,200)	21,000
Rentals - Church Org.	6,500	6,500	6,500	-	7,000
Rentals - Other	11,300	13,450	20,300	(6,850)	21,500
Building Operation - Net	177,873	186,569	190,000	(3,431)	190,000
Interest Income	89,619	49,143	60,000	(10,857)	45,000
Cemetery Lots	3,405	6,870	5,000	1,870	5,000
Sale of Investment	-	5,400	-	-	2,700
Resident Rent Income	2,845	3,000	3,000	-	3,000
Total receipts	<u>\$ 649,631</u>	<u>\$ 667,493</u>	<u>\$ 671,575</u>	<u>\$ (4,082)</u>	<u>\$ 687,200</u>

	1982	1983	1983	Over (Under)	1984
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
EXPENDITURES:					
Salaries - Total	\$235,760	\$246,148	\$236,000	\$ 10,148	\$228,000
Payroll Taxes	10,535	10,726	12,200	(1,474)	11,000
Employee Benefits	24,291	24,930	27,000	(2,070)	28,000
Etchmiadzin Looma	1,500	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Diocesan Assessment	55,810	54,480	58,600	(4,120)	58,600
Jerusalem Patriarchate Contrib.	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Istanbul Patriarchate Contrib.	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Diocesan Assessment-St. Nersess	7,500	10,000	10,000	-	7,500
Dues-Church School Graduates	-	475	475	-	600
Church Supplies	4,519	5,150	5,000	150	12,000
Service Awards	1,729	2,999	2,500	499	3,000
Torch Bearer	20,300	21,520	18,000	3,520	18,000
Armenian School	-	-	1,500	(1,500)	2,000
Cultural Programs - Net	1,005	-	2,000	(2,000)	2,000
Activities Committee - Net	10,324	10,566	10,000	566	10,000
Senior Citizens Luncheon - Net	7,596	3,688	4,000	(312)	4,000
Seniors Housing - Legal	1,123	1,429	10,000	(8,571)	5,000
Travel	8,072	5,359	6,000	(641)	9,000
Visiting Clergy	2,454	1,226	2,500	(1,274)	2,500
Office Supplies & Expense	7,596	8,124	7,500	624	7,000
Printing	2,234	1,660	2,000	(340)	2,000
Postage & Freight	8,875	7,603	9,000	(1,397)	8,000
Telephone	8,309	12,540	9,000	3,540	9,000
Advertising	21	25	500	(475)	500
Contributions	946	5,161	1,000	4,161	1,000
Appropriation-A.G.B.U. School	10,000	10,000	10,000	-	10,000
Educational Programs	-	-	-	-	3,000
Church Artifacts	10,000	10,634	10,000	634	10,000
Automobile Expense	1,160	20,600	2,000	18,600	5,500
Insurance	22,412	15,018	18,000	(2,982)	16,000
Natural Gas	36,632	32,916	30,000	2,916	31,500
Electricity	36,676	44,054	38,000	6,054	42,760
Water	1,988	2,270	2,500	(230)	2,500
Building Repairs & Maintenance	13,436	32,544	14,000	18,544	18,000
Grounds Maintenance	12,672	3,823	10,000	(6,177)	10,000
Building Supplies & Expense	12,397	11,297	16,000	(4,703)	16,000
Property Security	4,472	11,320	6,000	5,320	8,000
Kitchen Supplies	2,531	6,983	4,000	2,983	4,000
Hall Service Supplies	12,155	11,591	11,000	591	11,000
Equipment Purchase	1,955	4,343	5,000	(657)	5,000
Computer Service	10,284	7,974	10,000	(2,026)	9,000
Church Expansion Contribution	50,000	50,000	50,000	-	50,000
Property Taxes - Vacant Land	452	1,637	2,000	(363)	840
Residence Property Taxes	1,557	1,357	1,300	57	1,400
Total expenditures	\$ 663,278	\$ 716,170	\$ 678,575	\$ 37,595	\$ 687,200
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF RECEIPTS					
OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ (13,647)</u>	<u>\$ (48,677)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (48,677)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF CHURCH AUXILIARIES

LADIES' AUXILIARY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS Year Ended November 30, 1983

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1982

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 318.21	
Savings Account-First Federal Savings of Detroit	<u>1,607.60</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 1,925.81

RECEIPTS

Gifts	\$ 666.00	
Dues	707.00	
Christmas Lunch	557.44	
Vartanantz	3,299.00	
Michink	426.44	
Maundy Thursday	384.00	
Hampartzoom	498.00	
Interest Earned	120.05	
Hostess	322.26	
Miscellaneous	<u>1.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 6,981.19</u>

Total cash to be accounted for

\$ 8,907.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Flowers	\$ 173.13	
Stamps	20.00	
Armenian Christmas	262.06	
Vartanantz	1,513.84	
Michink	301.55	
Maundy Thursday	50.23	
Rent	2,000.00	
Hampartzoom	152.25	
Old Age Home	46.00	
Postage, Printing & Secretarial	310.00	
Contribution - St. John's Armenian Church	2,000.00	
Hostess	382.37	
Miscellaneous	13.05	
Adjustment to Reconcile	<u>(11.04)</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 7,213.44

Cash in Banks-November 30, 1983

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 465.91	
Savings Account-First Federal Savings of Detroit	<u>1,227.65</u>	
Total cash in banks		<u>\$ 1,693.56</u>

Total cash accounted for

\$ 8,907.00

Audited by: Janice Torosian

WOMEN'S GUILD
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Year Ended November 30, 1983

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1982		
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 2,734.34	
Savings Account-Standard Federal Savings	<u>4,448.72</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 7,183.06

RECEIPTS		
1982 Christmas Dinner	\$ 2,279.80	
1983 Christmas Dinner	200.00	
1982 Dinner Dance	4,247.00	
1983 Dinner Dance	7,500.00	
Membership Dues	2,055.00	
Mother-Daughter Banquet	10,141.83	
Garage Sales	4,578.19	
Golf Outing	3,071.83	
Membership Meetings	18.75	
Michink Luncheon	75.00	
Easter Communion Breakfast	58.00	
Donations	56.50	
Interest	<u>197.74</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$34,479.64</u>

Total cash to be accounted for	<u>\$41,662.70</u>
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DISBURSEMENTS		
1982 Christmas Dinner	\$ 452.44	
1982 Dinner Dance	7,984.95	
1983 Christmas Dinner	200.00	
1983 Dinner Dance	695.00	
Mother-Daughter Banquet	4,095.66	
Golf Outing	1,444.98	
Garage Sales	511.09	
Annual Rental	2,000.00	
Membership Meetings	224.36	
Communion Breakfast	150.00	
Membership Dinner	294.43	
Postage	357.09	
Cards and Flowers	19.55	
Old Age Home	47.06	
Membership Pins and Awards	30.00	
Supplies	497.50	
Women's Guild Day	25.00	
Contribution-St. John's Armenian Church	<u>14,000.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$33,029.11

Cash in Banks-November 30, 1983		
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 4,887.13	
Savings Account-Standard Federal Savings	<u>3,746.46</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 8,633.59

Total cash accounted for	<u>\$41,662.70</u>
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Audited by: Robert N. Aginian

MEN'S SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Year Ended November 30, 1983

CASH IN BANKS—NOVEMBER 30, 1982

Checking Account—National Bank of Detroit	\$ 376.06	
Savings Account—National Bank of Detroit	318.81	
Total cash in banks	<u>318.81</u>	\$ 694.87

RECEIPTS

Pre-meeting dinners and 50/50 raffle	\$ 350.78	
Dues	500.00	
Pancake Breakfast	301.00	
New Year's Eve Raffle	1,036.00	
Christmas Party	455.00	
Bowling Party	520.00	
Father and Son Dinner	4,525.00	
Communion Breakfast	207.46	
Donation	25.00	
Refund	14.00	
Miscellaneous	15.20	
Interest earned	14.83	
Total Receipts	<u>14.83</u>	\$ 7,964.27

Total cash to be accounted for

\$ 8,659.14

DISBURSEMENTS

Pre-meeting dinners and 50/50 raffle	\$ 337.39	
Pancake Breakfast	259.48	
New Year's Eve Raffle	485.00	
Christmas Party	290.00	
Annual rental	1,000.00	
Bowling Party	423.10	
Father and Son Dinner	2,749.30	
Jerry Mourad Concert	30.00	
Blood Bank	90.00	
Communion Breakfast	303.92	
Postage and mailing	344.93	
Picnic	30.30	
Contribution—St. John's Armenian Church	1,500.00	
Total Disbursements	<u>1,500.00</u>	\$ 7,843.42

Cash in Banks—November 30, 1983

Checking Account—National Bank of Detroit	\$ 399.85	
Savings Account—National Bank of Detroit	415.87	
Total cash in banks	<u>415.87</u>	\$ 815.72

Total cash accounted for

\$ 8,659.14

Audited by: Robert Aginian

MR. AND MRS. SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Year Ended November 30, 1983

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1982

Checking Account-Manufacturers Nat'l. Bank	\$ 55.55	
Savings Account-Manufacturers Nat'l. Bank	<u>421.11</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 476.66

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$ 1,005.00	
Christmas Party	366.50	
Installation Dinner	122.00	
Dinner for Mrs.	440.00	
Sports Night	246.00	
Bowling	237.00	
Race Track	1,024.00	
Road Rally	321.75	
Halloween Party	338.00	
Interest on savings	<u>17.85</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 4,118.10</u>

Total cash to be accounted for

\$ 4,594.76

DISBURSEMENTS

Christmas Party	\$ 196.28	
Installation Dinner	154.32	
Dinner for Mrs.	326.58	
Sports Night	390.64	
Bowling	237.66	
Race Track	875.00	
Road Rally	272.11	
Halloween Party	482.24	
Election Dinner	120.80	
Gifts	56.00	
Postage & Supplies	155.61	
Check Printing Charge	40.96	
Adjustment to Reconcile	<u>104.23</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 3,412.43

Cash in Banks-November 30, 1983

Checking Account-Fidelity Bank	\$ 564.48	
Savings Account-Fidelity Bank	<u>617.85</u>	
Total cash in banks		<u>\$ 1,182.33</u>

Total cash accounted for

\$ 4,594.76

Audited by: Janice Torosian

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
SENIORS
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Year Ended November 30, 1983

CASH IN BANKS—NOVEMBER 30, 1982

Checking Account - National Bank of Detroit	\$ 502.32	
Savings Account - National Bank of Detroit	920.35	
Checking Account - National Bank of Detroit (Bingo)	<u>1,619.01</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 3,041.68

RECEIPTS

Assumption Day Picnic	\$ 837.07	
Bake Sales	112.00	
Bingo	15,430.93	
Bowling	513.00	
Christmas Eve Offering	800.00	
Allocation from Church	2,835.00	
Interest	81.72	
Lamb Roast	1,854.50	
Membership Dues	590.50	
November Dance	9,660.00	
Picnics	154.34	
Tekeyan Cultural Center Dinner	150.00	
Tiger Baseball Game	225.00	
Archbishop's Tournament	<u>6,343.04</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$39,587.10</u>

Total cash to be accounted for

\$42,628.78

DISBURSEMENTS

Archbishop's Tournament	\$ 5,945.80	
Armenian Studies Program	2,100.00	
Assumption Day Picnic	553.84	
Bowling	494.92	
Delegates and Chairman	562.45	
Gifts	72.46	
Lamb Roast	2,674.83	
Membership Dues	496.50	
Membership Parties	200.00	
November Dance	6,208.55	
Picnics	182.41	
Annual Rental	1,000.00	
Secretarial	350.00	
Sports	4,687.00	
Christmas Gifts to the Needy	1,600.00	
Christmas Eve Refreshments	102.43	
Bingo	11,596.09	
Tiger Baseball Game	226.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>2.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$39,055.28

Cash in Banks - November 30, 1983

Checking Account - National Bank of Detroit	\$ 2,919.58	
Savings Account - National Bank of Detroit	100.07	
Checking Account - National Bank of Detroit (Bingo)	<u>553.85</u>	
Total cash in banks		<u>\$ 3,573.50</u>

Total cash accounted for

\$42,628.78

Audited by: Robert N. Aginian

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION
 JUNIORS-PROJECT YOUTH
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 Year Ended November 30, 1983

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1982

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 480.96	
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	515.68	
Savings Account-American Federal Savings	<u>3,156.38</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 4,153.02

RECEIPTS

Lenten Fish Dinners	\$ 5,750.05	
Cedar Point Trip	214.00	
Retreat	450.00	
Membership Dues	99.00	
Hayride	28.00	
Interest earned on savings	<u>173.85</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 6,714.90</u>

Total cash to be accounted for

\$ 10,867.92

DISBURSEMENTS

Lenten Fish Dinners	\$ 3,021.65	
Annual Rental	500.00	
Contribution-St. John's Armenian Church	2,000.00	
Cedar Point Trip	281.25	
Retreat	980.27	
Membership Lunches	240.89	
Hayride	100.00	
Halloween Contest	20.00	
Postage and Mailing	<u>175.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 7,319.06

Cash in Banks-November 30, 1983

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ (63.16)	
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	281.79	
Savings Account-American Federal Savings	<u>3,330.73</u>	
Total cash in banks		<u>\$ 3,548.86</u>

Total cash accounted for

\$ 10,867.92

Audited by: Janice Torosian

KOMITAS CHOIR
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Year Ended November 30, 1983

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1982

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 317.28	
Savings Account-National Bank of Detroit	<u>6,869.79</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 7,187.07

RECEIPTS

Plate Collections	\$ 950.96	
Donations	287.00	
Sale of Badarak Books	57.00	
Interest earned on savings	349.59	
Social	29.00	
In Lieu of Flowers	<u>112.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 1,785.55</u>

Total cash to be accounted for

\$ 8,972.62

DISBURSEMENTS

Association of Armenian Choirs of America	\$ 100.00	
Delegate expenses to Choir Assembly	199.00	
Flowers and gifts	120.40	
Robes	265.43	
Postage and Office Supplies	58.11	
Social	127.72	
Miscellaneous	17.59	
Badarak Books	<u>54.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 942.25

Cash in Banks-November 30, 1983

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 698.99	
Savings Account-National Bank of Detroit	<u>7,331.38</u>	
Total cash in banks		<u>\$ 8,030.37</u>

Total cash accounted for

\$ 8,972.62

Audited by: Albert Mardirosian

ALTAR GUILD
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Year Ended November 30, 1983

CASH IN BANK-NOVEMBER 30, 1982		
Savings Account-Metropolitan Savings	<u>\$ 1,975.77</u>	
Total cash in bank		\$ 1,975.77
RECEIPTS		
Interest earned	<u>\$ 93.90</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 93.90</u>
Total cash to be accounted for		<u>\$ 2,069.67</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
None		
Cash in Bank-November 30, 1983		
Savings Account-Empire of America	<u>\$ 2,069.67</u>	
Total cash in bank		<u>\$ 2,069.67</u>
Total cash accounted for		<u>\$ 2,069.67</u>

Audited by: Janice Torosian

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Year Ended November 30, 1983

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1982

Savings Account-Standard Federal Savings	\$ 2,645.60	
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	418.46	
* Thomassian Fund Account-Mfg. National	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 4,064.06

RECEIPTS

Registration fees	\$ 1,240.00	
Weekly offerings	2,269.76	
Birthday offerings	89.80	
Lenten offerings	535.10	
Easter offerings	319.51	
Christmas offerings	132.00	
Needy family offerings	76.98	
Interest earned	324.14	
Christmas dinner donations	450.00	
Bake and food sales	3,328.15	
Donations and sales	<u>179.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 8,944.44</u>

Total cash to be accounted for

\$13,008.50

DISBURSEMENTS

Instructional material and equipment	\$ 2,626.56	
Mailing and postage	423.88	
Supplies	967.85	
Lenten expenditures	600.00	
Easter program	90.53	
Feet Washing Essay Contest	100.00	
Graduation expenses and awards	1,594.97	
Christmas program	78.41	
Christmas dinner	1,150.49	
Bake sale	649.50	
Donations to needy families	<u>122.07</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 8,404.26

Cash in Banks-November 30, 1983

Savings Account-Standard Federal Savings	\$ 3,327.26	
Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	276.98	
Thomassian Fund Account-Mfgs. National Bank	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 4,604.24

Total cash accounted for

\$13,008.50

* Note: Mr. Khoren Thomassian has provided a \$1,000.00 Certificate of Deposit as a gift to the church in memory of his late wife, Flora, the proceeds of which are awarded annually to winners of the Feet Washing Essay Contest.

Audited by: Albert Mardirosian

ARMENIAN SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Year Ended November 30, 1983

CASH IN BANK-NOVEMBER 30, 1982

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 302.29	
Total cash in bank		\$ 302.29

RECEIPTS

None

DISBURSEMENTS

None

Cash in Bank-November 30, 1983

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 302.29	
Total cash in bank		\$ <u>302.29</u>

NOTE: Armenian School temporarily inactive

Audited by: Albert Mardirosian

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH BOWLING LEAGUE
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Year Ended June 10, 1983

CASH IN BANKS-MAY 21, 1982		
Checking Account-Michigan National Bank	\$ 25.82	
Savings Account-Michigan National Bank	<u>15.34</u>	
Total cash in banks		\$ 41.16
RECEIPTS		
Entrance Fees	\$ 336.00	
Bowling Fees	9,520.00	
Bowling Banquet-Guests	105.20	
Sanction Fees	28.00	
Doubles Night Subs Money	6.40	
Interest	<u>73.67</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 10,069.27</u>
Total cash to be accounted for		<u><u>\$ 10,110.43</u></u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Bowling Fees	\$ 6,283.20	
Bowling Fees-returned to bowlers	190.40	
ABC Sanction Fee	98.00	
WIBC Sanction Fee	122.50	
Tournament Fees	30.00	
Secretary's Fee	210.00	
Treasurer's Fee	98.00	
Secretarial Expenses	30.00	
Banquet	1,045.80	
Trophies	200.00	
Prize Money	<u>1,730.71</u>	
Total Expenses		\$ 10,038.61
Cash in Banks-June 10, 1983		
Checking Account-Michigan National Bank	\$ 59.49	
Savings Account-Michigan National Bank	<u>12.33</u>	
Total cash in banks		<u>\$ 71.82</u>
Total cash accounted for		<u><u>\$ 10,110.43</u></u>
Audited by: Janice Torosian		

ST. JOHN'S SPECIAL FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Year Ended December 31, 1983

CASH IN BANK-DECEMBER 31, 1982

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 820.90	
Total cash in bank		\$ 820.90

RECEIPTS

Sale of Telephone Directories	\$ 1,059.50	
Kef and Cuisine	<u>11,887.50</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$12,947.00</u>

Total cash to be accounted for

\$13,767.90

DISBURSEMENTS

Directory Costs	\$ 15.00	
Kef and Cuisine	9,812.22	
Contribution - St. John's Armenian Church	<u>3,600.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$13,427.22

Cash in Bank-December 31, 1983

Checking Account-National Bank of Detroit	\$ 340.68	
Total cash in bank		\$ 340.68

Total cash accounted for

\$13,767.90

Audited by: Robert N. Aginian

ST. JOHN'S FINE ARTS COMMITTEE
Year Ending November 30, 1983

Income:	\$ 8,909.45
<u>Expenses</u>	
Artists	\$ 4,126.50
Printing	233.75
Refreshments	197.31
Plants	219.45
Transfer to St. John's	<u>2,207.44</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 6,984.45
<u>Net Income</u>	\$ 1,925.00
Bank Balance - December 1, 1982	\$ 5,180.49
Add Excess Income Over Disbursements	<u>1,925.00</u>
Bank Balance - November 30, 1983	<u><u>\$ 7,105.49</u></u>

Audited by: Janice Torosian

THE ARMENIAN HERITAGE COLLECTION
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Year Ended November 30, 1983

CASH IN BANKS-NOVEMBER 30, 1982

Checking Account-Manufacturers National	\$ 2,183.98	
Savings Account	3,951.31	
Cash on hand	<u>22.36</u>	
Total cash in banks and on hand		\$ 6,157.65

RECEIPTS

Performance-Cleveland, Ohio	\$ 950.00	
Performance-A.G.B.U. Convention	450.00	
Sale of Shishes	36.00	
Interest earned	222.46	
Air fare-refund	<u>12.08</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 1,670.54</u>

Total cash to be accounted for

\$ 7,828.19

DISBURSEMENTS

Material	\$ 1,412.80	
Seamstress	500.00	
Travel expense	817.52	
Equipment	2,649.14	
Recording fees	218.00	
Photos	57.63	
Insurance	100.00	
Fur trimming	<u>136.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 5,891.09

Cash in Banks and on hand-November 30, 1983

Checking Account-Manufacturers National	\$ 409.00	
Savings Account	<u>1,528.10</u>	
Total cash in banks		<u>\$ 1,937.10</u>

Total cash accounted for

\$ 7,828.19

Audited by: Robert Aginian

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**(FOLLOWS)**

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

ST. JOHN'S CATEGORIZED RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES For the Year 1983

Receipts and Expenses for Church

Receipts	\$ 460,974
Expenses	<u>\$ 442,935</u>
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures	\$ 18,039

Receipts and Expenses for Recreation Center

Receipts	\$ 10,650
Expenses	<u>\$ 85,415</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Receipts over Expenditures	\$(74,765)

Receipts and Expenses for Cultural Hall

Receipts	\$ 195,869
Expenses	<u>\$ 187,820</u>
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures	\$ 8,049

NOTE:

There is no funding for future Capital Asset replacement due to obsolescence and deterioration.

ST. JOHN'S INCOME FROM STANDING COMMITTEES
AND FUND RAISING FUNCTIONS
FOR THE YEAR 1983

Building Operation

Receipts	\$ 429,654
Expenses	<u>\$ 243,085</u>
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures	\$ 186,569

Bingo Operation

Receipts	\$ 156,043
Expenses	<u>\$ 103,059</u>
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures	\$ 52,984

Bazaar

Receipts	\$ 111,012
Expenses	<u>\$ 57,013</u>
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures	\$ 53,999

Picnic

Receipts	\$ 9,318
Expenses	<u>\$ 6,533</u>
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures	\$ 2,785

1982

New Year's Eve

Receipts	\$ 6,925
Expenses	<u>\$ 5,658</u>
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures	\$ 1,267

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT
 IN-LIEU-OF-FLOWERS ACCOUNT
 December 1, 1982 - November 30, 1983

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Donated to St. John's</u>	<u>Other</u>
Steve Hanesian	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$
Ardash Mooradian	265.00	265.00	
Serpouhi Mikjian	255.00	65.00	190.00 L
Serop Kizirian	25.00	25.00	
Lucia Tooghigian	780.00	390.00	390.00 H
Rachel Haroutunian	110.00	110.00	
Hampar Karageozian	115.00	115.00	
Mariam Mooradian	5.00	5.00	
Charles Ohanesian	6625.00	3330.00	3295.00 A
Shoushanig Kherbigian	48.00	48.00	
Serop Mashigian	565.00	189.00	376.00 I & J
Sam Mouradian	45.00	23.00	22.00 I
Nicholas Merdinian	1295.00	1295.00	
Mugerdich Godoshian	1103.00	276.00	827.00 A
Andon Noraian	3235.00	820.00	2415.00 A
Minerva Torosian	30.00	30.00	
Zoukra Mubayed	140.00	140.00	
Benjamin Yaylaian	1236.00	621.00	615.00 L
Josephine Merhafyan	430.00	215.00	215.00 K
Setrag Melidosian	1404.00	1404.00	
Sylvia Sema Chacker	2680.00	2680.00	
Sam Sarkis Kachigian	60.00	60.00	
John Gochian	1990.00	539.00	1451.00 G
Elizabeth Arakelian	90.00	90.00	
Harry Ajamian	2282.00	1142.00	1140.00 A
John Masegian	170.00	170.00	
Albert Papazian	325.00	325.00	
Anucosh Petrosian	430.00	280.00	150.00 G
Sylvia Kachigian	975.00	508.00	467.00 C
John Krikorian	345.00	345.00	
Marian Sirounian	1965.00	693.00	1272.00 C & G
Perous Mavian	2141.00	537.00	1604.00 A & M
Haganoush Keshishian	160.00	160.00	
Rose Tertzag	906.60	451.60	455.00 A & N
Vertchalous Torigian	4660.00	1165.00	3495.00 A F H O & P
Alice Zakian	362.00	132.00	230.00 A & B
Asadoor Kitapjian	1420.00	364.00	1056.00 A & F
Marian Krikorian	175.00	175.00	
Jacob Hulun	1358.00	694.00	664.00 Q
Khosrov Kaplanian	270.00	270.00	
Agavni Klavanian	1524.00	381.00	1143.00 A F & R
Manoushag Kazarian	10.00	10.00	
Garabed Seraydarian	1250.00	630.00	620.00 Q
Martin Stephens	857.00	857.00	
Rose Harpootlian	345.00	345.00	
George Kegham Megregian	1580.00	803.00	777.00 A
Agavni Stepanian	20.00	20.00	
Robert K. Kazanjian	205.00	52.00	153.00 A
Zabel Kurkjian	160.00	160.00	
Jack Hagop Haroutunian	1385.00	720.00	665.00 A
Vernon Markarian	910.00	455.00	455.00 Q
Serpouk Jizmejian	4436.00	1546.00	2890.00 B & S
Warren Dressler	170.00	85.00	85.00 L
Christine Garabedian	10.00	10.00	
Arshalous Shamalian	205.00	103.00	102.00 A
Nazle Kouca	355.00	220.00	135.00 A & U
Gary Jibilian	350.00	107.00	243.00 B

In Lieu of Flowers (cont'd)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Donated to St. John's</u>	<u>Other</u>
Virginia Shigaian	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	
Anna Jingozian	710.00	193.00	517.00 X
Azniv Anusbikian	1869.00	687.00	1182.00 A & F
Varsenik D. Apkarian	537.50	537.50	
Cariana Hagopian	640.00	290.00	350.00 A & F
Vahram Zagikian	290.00	145.00	145.00 U
Hagop Arzoomanian	2260.00	2260.00	
Pearl Geryan	35.00	18.00	17.00 A
Sam Lebet	455.00	455.00	
Zabel Tabibian	4562.00	2281.00	2281.00 A
Sarah Avesian	1305.00	653.00	652.00 Q
Mary Felemon Boyajian	605.00	605.00	
Apraham Tarpinian	45.00	45.00	
Harry Makjian	1367.00	342.00	1025.00 B
Hrant Aginian	2161.00	1081.00	1080.00 D
Charles Eshkanian	30.00	30.00	
Roy P. Gureghian	295.00	295.00	
Vartanoush Sookikian	1445.00	483.00	962.00 E & H
Yebrakse Mgrdichian	850.00	214.00	636.00 A & F
Kevork Vekoufian	100.00	100.00	
Sarkis G. Kechechian	570.00	570.00	
Mariam Osseyan	195.00	195.00	
Helen Attar	730.00	244.00	486.00 C & V
Dikranouhi Papelian	5300.00	2650.00	2650.00 A
Nevart Couyoumjian	255.00	255.00	
Harry Unjian	2145.00	1073.00	1072.00 A
Myrenie Khezarjian	4030.00	2015.00	2015.00 W
Louis Mugerdich	700.00	155.00	545.00 A
Angel Astourian	20.00	20.00	
Yepras Artinian	85.00	43.00	42.00 H
Dr. Richard Baylis	20.00	20.00	
Totals	\$87,909.10	\$44,655.10	\$43,254.00

CODE:

A. A.G.B.U. Alex Manoogian School	M. Victoria Order of Nurses
B. Evereg-Fenese Society	N. Michigan Cancer Society
C. American Cancer Society	O. Armenian Sisters Academy
D. Ford Hospital	P. Armenian Relief Society
E. Nor Malatia Society	Q. Michigan Heart Association
F. A.R.S. School	R. A.R.S. Zabel Keshishian Chapter
G. Lraper Press	S. Mt. Carmel Hospital Kidney Center
H. St. Sarkis Armenian Church	U. Cultural Society of Armenians of Istanbul
I. Hairenik Press	V. Cottage Hospital Hospice
J. A.R.S. Mid-Council	W. A.G.B.U. Women's Chapter
K. Providence Hospital Oncology Dept.	X. Crippled Children's Society
L. Michigan Home for the Armenian Aged	

Audited by: Albert Mardirosian

**CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE
(5 to be elected for 1 year)**

James Baharozian	Andrew Kasper
Charlotte Boshnakian	Jack Kavlakian
Andre Gregory	Mary Keolelian
Paul Hovsepien	Richard Torigian
Paul Jingoizian	Charles Yessaian

**CANDIDATES FOR PARISH COUNCIL
(6 to be elected for 2 year term)**

Ashod Raffie Aprahamian	*John Kalajian
Margaret Dakessian	Adam Karibian
George Derderian, Jr.	Stephan Karougian
*Ardavazt Ekizian	*Homer Lafian
Alberta Godoshian	*Victoria Reizian
*Ronald Godoshian	Andrew Tarpinian
	Kazar Terterian

CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE DAY

Martin Cholakian	Dennis Papazian
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CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY OF THE DAY

Judy Hovnan

**CANDIDATES FOR AUDITING COMMITTEE
(3 to be elected for 1 year)**

Robert Aginian	Albert Mardirosian
Edward Karamanian	

**Incumbent*

NOTE: Nominations may be brought from the floor.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 1983

Rosemary Bagdasarian
Noubar Dourjalian
Gary Ezmerlian

Souren Keoleian
Kathy Mekjian

AUDITING COMMITTEE 1983

Robert Aginian
Albert Mardirosian
Janice Torosian

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Parish Council urges our parishioners to use checks, rather than cash, in making donations, contributions, and payments to our Church, and to Church Auxiliary Organizations.

NOTES

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the position of the various groups. It is followed by a detailed account of the events of the day, including the speeches and the reactions of the audience. The report concludes with a summary of the main points and a list of the names of the participants.

The second part of the report deals with the activities of the various groups during the day. It includes a list of the names of the groups and a description of their respective activities. The report also mentions the names of the individuals who were involved in the activities.

The third part of the report deals with the results of the day's activities. It includes a list of the names of the groups and a description of their respective results. The report also mentions the names of the individuals who were involved in the activities.

The fourth part of the report deals with the conclusions of the day's activities. It includes a list of the names of the groups and a description of their respective conclusions. The report also mentions the names of the individuals who were involved in the activities.

The fifth part of the report deals with the final remarks of the day. It includes a list of the names of the groups and a description of their respective final remarks. The report also mentions the names of the individuals who were involved in the activities.

