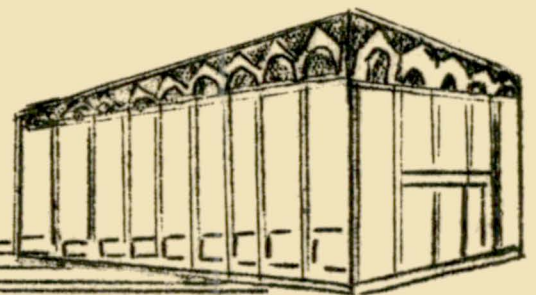




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Boy Scouts	John Merzigian

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ՊԱՇՏԱՄՈՒՆՔ. -- Ամեն Կիրակի տեղի ունեցաւ առաւօտեան կարճ ժամերգութիւն, պատարագ ու կենաց բանին քարոզութիւն. Վարդանանց եւ Համբարձման տօներու հինգ-շաբթի օրերուն ալ պաշտամունք. իսկ մեծ պահոց Չորեքշաբթի իրիկունները խաղաղական ու հանգստեան ժամերգութիւն:

ԾԻՍԱԿԱՏԱՐՈՒԹԻՒՆ. -- Տարւոյս ընթացքին տեղի ունեցաւ 13 մկրտութիւն, 6 պսակ եւ 24 թաղում. յուղարկաւորութեանց առթիւ տրուեցաւ մխիթարական խօսք եւ հանգուցեալի տան այցելութիւն:

ՀՈՎՈՒԱԿԱՆ ԱՅՑԵԼՈՒԹԻՒՆ. -- Նուազագոյն 450 այցելութիւն տրուեցաւ շուրջ 250 հիւանդներու, որոնք կը դարմանուէին քաղաքիս հիւանդանոցներուն մէջ: Տուներու այցելութիւնը (մօտ 120) եղաւ համաձայն պարագաներու եւ յարմարութեանց:

ԺՈՂՈՎՆԵՐ. -- Ժողովներու եւ խորհրդակցութիւններու մեր մասնակցութեան թիւն է աւելի քան 200:

ՇՐՋԱԿԱՅ ՀԱՄԱՅՆՔՆԵՐ. -- Տարւոյս ընթացքին տեղի ունեցաւ մի քանի թաղումներ ֆիչպըրկի եւ Միլիթըրտի մէջ: Այդ առիթներուն տրուեցան հանգուցեալներու տուններուն այցելութիւն եւ մխիթարական խօսք: Հովիւը այցելեց նակաւթիւ հիւանդներու, որոնք կը դարմանուէին Ուայթընզվիլի եւ Միլիթըրտի հիւանդանոցները:

ՅԱՐԱԲԵՐՈՒԹԻՒՆ ԲԱՂԱՔԻՍ ՀԱՅ ԲՈՂՈՔԱԿԱՆ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՒՆ ՀԵՏ. -- Մեր եկեղեցիին յարաբերութիւնը Հայ Մարտիրոսաց Ժողովական (Գանկրիկէյշընըլ) Եկեղեցիին հետ եղաւ շեղմ, ըստ նախընթաց տարիներուն:

ՅԱՐԱԲԵՐՈՒԹԻՒՆ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԵԱՅ ԽՈՐՀՈՒՐԴԻՒՆ ՀԵՏ. -- Մեր եկեղեցին, լինելով անդամ, կը պահէ բարւոք յարաբերութիւն Մեծագոյն Ուստրի Եկեղեցեաց Խորհուրդին հետ, համաձայն նախորդ տարիներուն:

ՍՈՒՂԱՆԴԱԿ. -- Մեր ամսաթերթը լոյս տեսաւ ըստ առաջնոյն, եւ ղրկուեցաւ եկեղեցւոյ անդամներուն ու թեմի եկեղեցիներուն: Եթէ կան անձեր որոնք չեն ստանար մեր թերթը, եւ կամ առաջնորդահանի հայերէն եւ անգլերէն ամսագրերը, թող բարեհաճիկ իրենց անուններն ու հասցէները յանձնել գրասենեակ: Վերոյիշեալ երեք հրատարակութիւններն ալ եկեղեցւոյ անդամներուն կը ղրկուին ձրի:

ՀՈԳԱՏԱՐՈՒԹԻՒՆ ԴՊՐՈՑՆԵՐՈՒ ԵՒ ՊԱՏԱՆԵԿԱՆ ԿԱԶՄԱԿԵՐՊՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐՈՒ. -- Մեր ղրպորոցները, պատանեկան եւ սկստութեան կազմակերպութիւնները վայելեցին հովուին հովանաւորութիւնն ու հոգատարութիւնը:

ՀԱՆԴԻՍՈՒԹԻՒՆ ԵՒ ԱՅՑԵԼՈՒԹԻՒՆ. -- Մեր եկեղեցւոյ հրաւերով հետեւեալ անձերը մաս առին զանազան մեր հանդէսներուն:

Գերշ. Տ. Տիրան Արքեպս. Ներսոյեան Վարդանանց տօնին պատարագեց մեր եկեղեցւոյ մէջ, եւ ապա հանրային հանդիսութեան, որ տեղի ունեցաւ Մշակութաթային Կեդրոնի Հանդիսասրահին մէջ, խօսեցաւ Հայ Եկեղեցւոյ միասնականութեան շուրջ, Վարդանանց միակամ ոգիէն ներշնչուած:

Արժշ. Տ. Յովհաննէս Բհնյ. Մարութեան, Ս. Էջմիածնի Հոգեւոր ձեմարանի հայ գրականութեան ուսուցիչ: Կաթողիկէ Ս. Էջմիածնի տօնին պատարագեց եւ քարոզեց մեր եկեղեցւոյ մէջ, իսկ ճաշկերոյթին ալ, որ տրուեցաւ Մշակութաթային Կեդրոնի Հանդիսասրահին մէջ, խօսեցաւ Մայր Հայրենիքի նուաճումներուն մասին: Թիւրքիոյ Հայոց Պատրիարք Ամեն. Տ. Շնորհք Արքեպս. Գալուստեան Նոյեմբերին այցելեց մեր եկեղեցին, ուր ընդունուեցաւ հրաշափառով եւ տուաւ իր ողջոյնները. ապա տրուեցաւ ճաշկերոյթ Մշակութաթային Կեդրոնի Հանդիսասրահին մէջ, ուր խօսեցաւ Թիւրքիոյ հայոց կեանքին մասին:

ՄԵԿՆՈՒՄ. -- Օր. Գլարա Տաթևեան, որ իբրեւ դաստիարակութեան տեսուչ երկու տարիներ ծառայեց մեր պատանիներուն եւ նորահաս երիտասարդութեան, տարւոյս

Սեպտեմբերի սկիզբը մեկնեցաւ Նիւ Եորքի մերձակայ Ռուսաց Սէյնթ Վլատիմիր Աստուածաբանական Վարժարանը, որպէս ուսանող թեմիս Ս. Ներսէս Ծնորհալի Աստուածաբանական Վարժարանի, ընդարձակելու համար ընդհանուր եւ ազգային եկեղեցական պատմութեանց ու հայ լեզուի իր ուսումը:

ՆՈՒՆԵՐՆԵՐ. — Հետեւեալ անձերը եկեղեցիին ըրած են նուէրներ:

Տիկ. Աղաւնի Պաղտիկեան գեղեցիկ ծածկոց մը մեծ պահոց բեմի շարժական սեղանին համար:

Տիկ. Մէրի Ղուկասեան խաչի ձեռագործ բռնիչ մը:

Տիկ. Արուսեակ Նաճարեան սկիհի ասեղնագործ գեղեցիկ ծածկոց մը:

Տէր եւ Տիկ. Ճորճ Գալայճեան միսը շերտ շերտ կտրող եւ աղացող մեքենաներ:

Սիմոն Արկ. Ջաքարեան, Տէր եւ Տիկ. Ջարլըս Կարապետեան, Պետրոսեան ընտանիք (Նօրթպօրօ), Տէր եւ Տիկ. Թորգոմ Խուլօեան եւ Տիկ. Վարդուհի Մալըճեան մէյ մէկ սնտուկ խողով, Ս. Աստուածածնայ Վերափոխման տօնին տեղի ունեցող Խաղողօրհնէքին:

Գաբրիէլեան եւ Պօղոսեան ընտանիքները (Վեստպօրօ), Տիկ. Եւա Կիւլպէնկեան (Սաուիթպօրօ), Տիկ. Արմենուհի ձարտարեան թարմ ու հոտաւէտ ռահան, Խաչվերացի տօնին առթիւ:

Արանց Ակումբը երկու գեղեցիկ մոմակալներ, ինչպէս նաեւ բարձրացող ու շարժական ամուր ռանդուխ մը:

Ճողէճ Տէրտէրեան ժապաւէնի արձանագրիչ մը:

Տիկ. Աղաւնի Պաղտիկեան սուրճի եւ թէյի արծաթեայ կազմածներ:

Տիկ. Մէրի Տաքէսեան մաքուր պողպատէ շաքարի եւ կաթի երկվեցեակ ամաններ:

ԾՆՈՐՀԱԿԱԼՈՒԹԻՒՆ. — Հետեւեալ անձերուն կը յայտնենք մեր շնորհակալութիւնը:

Տիկ. Անիթա Պէզիկեան, որ մաքրեց եկեղեցւոյս խաչելութեան պատկերը եւ վերանորոգեց վնասուած մասերը:

Տիկնայք Աղաւնի Պիլէղէրեան, Միածան Չօլաքեան եւ Վերգին Խուլօեան, որոնք կ'եփեն եկեղեցւոյ մասը: Տիկ. Ա. Պիլէղէրեան, որ բաշխումը դիւրացնելու համար ամէն շաբաթ մասը բաժին բաժին կը դնէ թուղթէ պահարանիկներու մէջ: Սէթ Պիլէղէրեան, որ ամէն Կիրակի մասը կը բերէ եկեղեցի:

Թորգոմ Խուլօեան, որ ամէն Կիրակի խորանի թարմ ծաղկեփունջերը կը տանի մեր համայնքի հիւանդներուն, որոնք կը դարմանուին քաղաքիս հիւանդանոցները:

Մանասէ ձարտարեան եւ Գառնիկ Ալեքսանդրեան, որոնք կը յանձնաձեռն բանկալի աշխատանքները շաբթուան մէջ տեղի ունեցող թաղումներուն եւ այլ արորողութեանց:

Տիկնայք Հէլէն Մարալեան, Տիրուհի Իշլէմէճեան եւ Արուսեակ Նաճարեան, որոնք հոգ կը տանին պատարագի զգեստներու մաքրութեան եւ վայելչութեան:

Ուայթ Գլինըրը Հաստատութիւն, որ միշտ կը մաքրէ եւ կ'արդուկէ խորանի ծածկոցները եւ հարսանեկան ճերմակ կապերտները, եւ վերջերս ալ լուաց եւ արդուկեց եկեղեցւոյ սրահի պատուհաններուն բոլոր վարագոյրները:

Յարութիւն Սողիկեան, որ մաքրեց խոհանոցի օճախներուն հինգ մեծ աիսէները:

ԳՆԱՀԱՏՈՒԹԻՒՆ. — Հոգեւոր հովիւը իր անկեղծ գնահատութիւնը կը յայտնէ ծխական խորհուրդին, մեր մարմիններուն, միութիւններուն եւ կազմակերպութիւններուն, որոնք բոլորանուէր շնքերով ուճացան եկեղեցւոյս հոգեւոր, մշակութային, դպրոցական, պատանեկան, երիտասարդական ու սկաութեան աշխատանքները, ի միութարութիւն համայնքիս, ի պայծառութիւն եկեղեցւոյս եւ ի հառա Աստուծոյ:

Տէրը թող օրհնէ մեր բոլորին շնքերը, եւ պարգեւէ ամենուս իմաստութիւն, առողջութիւն, արեւշատութիւն եւ յաջողութիւն:

Յունուար 20, 1971

1970

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

CHURCH SERVICE - Every Sunday we held a short morning service and then celebrated Badarak and preached the sermon. We also held church services on Vartanantz and Ascension as well as evening service on each Wednesday during the Lenten period.

SACRAMENTS - During the year the church had 13 baptisms, 6 weddings and 24 funerals. Necessary advice and counseling are given on these occasions.

VISITATION - The Pastor made more than 450 visits--approximately 250 calls to sick persons at the local hospitals and nearly to 120 homes according to circumstances and opportunities.

MEETINGS - The Pastor attended more than 200 meetings of our organizations and various committees.

OUTLYING COMMUNITIES - We officiated at several funerals in Fitchburg and Milford. During such times the Pastor visited the homes of the deceased. The Pastor also visited several sick persons who were recuperating at the hospitals in Whitinsville and Milford.

RELATION WITH THE ARMENIAN PROTESTANT CHURCH - Our relation with the Armenian Congregation Church of Martyrs was cordial as in the past.

RELATION WITH THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES - Our Church, as a member, keeps a good relation with the Greater Worcester Area Council of Churches.

THE MESSENGER - The church paper is published and mailed to the entire membership as well as to all churches in our diocese. If there are parishioners who do not receive our monthly paper, or the Armenian and English publications of the Diocese, they may call the church office and give their names and addresses. These three publications are sent to all dues paying members free of charge.

PASTORAL ATTENTION TO SCHOOLS AND YOUTH GROUPS - All these church groups and organizations enjoyed the Pastor's attention and interest.

CELEBRATION and VISITATION - In accordance with our Church's invitation, the following persons took part in our various Celebrations:

Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan celebrated the Divine Liturgy on Vartanantz Day and at the public celebration which was held in the Cultural Center Auditorium. He spoke on the "Unity of the Armenian Church", inspired by the united spirit of Vartanians.

Rev. Hovhannes Marookian, Armenian Literature teacher at the Theological Seminary of Holy Etchmiadzin celebrated the Badarak and preached the sermon on the Feast Day of the Catholic Church of Holy Etchmiadzin, and then at the banquet which took place in the Cultural Center Auditorium. He spoke about the progress made in various areas in Armenia.

Archbishop Shnork Kaloostian, Armenian Patriarch of Turkey paid a visit to our church, where he was received by a Hrashapar Service and gave His Paternal greetings. At the banquet, which followed in the Cultural Center, he spoke on the present life of the Armenians in Turkey.

DEPARTURE - Miss Clara Takesian, who as Program and Education Director served our youth for two years, left our Parish in September to attend St. Vladimir's Russian Orthodox Theological Seminary, Crestwood, New York as a student of the St. Nersess Theological School of our Diocese in order to further study the history of the Church and particularly the history of the Armenian Church and the language.

GIFTS - the following persons have given gifts to our Church:

Mrs. Agavny Bagdigian - two silver coffee & tea services and a beautiful cover for the movable altar used during Lent on the Bema.  
Mrs. Mary Takesian - a 101 cup capacity coffee urn and 12 stainless steel creamer and sugar bowl sets for use in the church kitchen.  
Mrs. Mary Hoogasian - A handwork cross holder.  
Mrs. Arousiag Najarian - a beautiful handwork cover for the Communion chalice.  
Mr. & Mrs. George Kalajian - a meat slicer and a meat grinder.  
Mr. Joseph Derderian - Wollensack solid state cassette tape recorder with headphones.  
Deacon Simon Zakarian, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Garabedian, Bedrosian Family of Northboro, Mr. & Mrs. Torcom Hooloian and Mrs. Vartoohi Yazijian, each a case of grapes for the Blessing of Grapes on the Feast of the Assumption.  
Kaprelian and Bogosian Families of Westboro, Mrs. Eva Gulbankian of Southboro and Mrs. Armenoohi Jardarian, each a basket of sweet basil for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.  
The Men's Club - Two beautiful candle holders for the Acolytes and scaffolding for custodial use.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - We wish to express our thanks to the following persons:

Mrs. Anita Bazigian for cleaning and repairing the painting of the crucifix.  
Mrs. Agavny Bilazarian, Mrs. Tziatzan Cholakian and Mrs. Verkin Hooloian for making the mas.  
Mrs. Agavny Bilazarian for preparing the mas for distribution each Sunday and Seth Bilazarian for bringing the mas to church each week.  
Mr. Torcom Hooloian for delivering the altar flowers to parishioners in the hospitals.  
Manase Jardarian and Carnig Alexanderian for representing and carrying our Parish Council duties at funerals during the week.

Mrs. Helen Maralian, Mrs. Diroohi Houmere and Mrs. Aroosiag Najarian for taking care of the liturgical robes.

White Cleaners, Inc. for dry cleaning the altar covers, wedding runners and the drapes in the church hall.

Harry Sogigian for cleaning the five oven trays in both kitchens.

APPRECIATION - I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all organizations of our church with whose devotion, sacrifice and wisdom our spiritual, cultural and school work was enriched.

May the Good Lord bless our parishioners and grant all of us health, wisdom and success.

January 20, 1971



## REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council respectfully submits the following report of activities for 1970:

The Annual Parish Assembly was held at 8:30 p.m., Thursday, January 22, 1970 and was continued on Sunday, January 25th for the purposes of electing members of the Parish Council, Auditing Committee and Nominating Committee. The Assembly was chaired by Mr. Bartevo Bagdassarian; the Assembly secretary was Mr. George Krikorian. The following were elected as Parish Council members: John Balian, Edward Bilzerian, Charles Garabedian, Leon Kachadoorian, Gilbert Markarian and Peter Nalbandian. Elected as Auditing Committee members: Anne Demirjian, Barbara Malkranian and Abraham Sivazian; as Nominating Committee: William Aslanian, Ara Eresian, Suney Kachadoorian, Harry Sogigian and Asbed Zakarian.

On March 3, 1970, the Very Reverend Muron Dz. V. Gurjikian, Pastor, presided at the organizational meeting of the Parish Council. The following executive officers were elected: Chairman, Zarvin Kasparian; Vice-Chairman, Edward Bilzerian; Secretary, Van Aroian; Treasurer, John Toromanian; Assistant Treasurer, John Balian; and Assistant Secretary, Peter Nalbandian; Advisors, Charles Garabedian, Leon Kachadoorian, Gilbert Markarian, Harry Sahagian and Ralph Yagjian.

Last year's annual report indicated that the parish, through cooperative efforts, had achieved significant financial contributions. Again, this past year, the parish facing heavy financial obligations, continued in cooperative spirit to meet the financial challenges before it. Parish's receipts in 1970 were \$55,201.78. Expenditures totaled \$58,164.58 for a deficit of \$2,962.80. This deficit led to a reduction in the church assets as of December 31, 1970 to \$21,627.71. In addition, the Mechanics National Bank note of \$75,000 was reduced by some \$33,000 during the calendar year 1970. This major reduction was the result of generous contributions and great sacrifices of money and energy on behalf of many of the members of our community. In addition to the

steady contributions from our parishioners were the following: Tzarooq Educational Association, \$1,000; Young Women's Guild, \$5,300; Senior Ladies, \$1,000; Gregory Armenian Educational Society of Pazmashen, \$5,000; and Mrs. Eva Gulbankian, \$2,000.

The financial success of the parish this past year can be attributed, as mentioned earlier, to the cooperative efforts of many parishioners. An excellent example of this success was seen in the outcome of the annual bazaar which made a significant increase in income contribution to the parish (\$12,649). This endeavor reflects not only the great work of the Coordinating Committee and the members of the Special Awards Committee but the general membership of all the church organizations. The parish, God willing, will be able to work toward even greater cooperative contributions when the many working parishioners are joined by many who still remain on the sidelines.

The Parish Council held 22 regular meetings during 1970. In addition, 11 special meetings were held with executive bodies or special interest groups to maintain communication as well as to work out problems of mutual concern.

Parish life was enriched by the visit of Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan who gave an inspirational talk on the life of St. Vartan on February 6, 1970 in honor of Vartanantz. He related and compared the modern problems of assimilation to the problems faced by St. Vartan and expressed the hopeful and positive potential which resides within the pluralistic multi-culture of the United States.

The parish was also deeply enriched by the visit of one of the great hierarchs of the Armenian church, Patriarch Shnork (Kaloustian) of Istanbul, on November 30, 1970. The Patriarch related the problems the church was facing. He showed both in spirit and substance how the patriarchate was responding with positive programs of education by the provision of sustenance to young Armenians coming to Istanbul from the Anatolian wastelands. Again, the parish responded with financial support and donated some \$1,155 to the Holy Cross Seminary Fund.

The generosity of Mr. Harold Markarian, a former resident of Worcester, resulted in a substantial and useful gift for the Cultural Center.

Mr. Markarian in memory of his grandmother, Mrs. Anne D. Aslanian, donated some 6,900 pieces of china and flatware to provide some 500 place settings. His gift was valued at \$12,000. This generous gift will quietly serve the parish for many years to come.

The Cultural Center was the scene of many activities particularly for our youth. The young people of junior high age enjoyed "Junior High Thing". TUB provided recreational opportunities on Friday nights for our high school aged young people. CAVE provided a three-day rest for parents and enjoyment for the elementary grade school children during the mid-April vacation week. These programs under staff direction from the Program and Education Director were a beginning to the fulfillment of activities envisioned by the builders of our Cultural Center. Again, all three programs enjoyed the voluntary active support and cooperation of parents and adults who assisted the professional staff in developing and carrying out these activities. Unfortunately, Miss Clara Takesian submitted her resignation in order to continue her religious education at St. Vladimirs. The parish having seen and now adjusted to the need for a Program and Education Director was seriously weakened by the lack of staff to carry out the growing demands for programs and is continuing to look for a replacement in the area of program and education direction and coordination.

The Sunday School program continued under a three-way division with Mrs. Mary Arakelian in charge of the elementary school division; Mrs. Agnes Sagerian, the intermediate division; and Mrs. Joann Handelman, the senior division. Mr. Nerses Zeytoonian developed a new program for last year students called "Light on Life". In the absence of a Superintendent of Sunday Schools, Mr. Seth Bilazerian took on the coordination of these activities. Once again, the parish was provided invaluable services by a cooperative venture of dedicated members. However, as seen in the lack of a Sunday School Superintendent, it appears to become more difficult to obtain those volunteers who will assume overall responsibility

for programs. This indicates the need for the parish to hire paid, professional staff to fulfill such functions. It is in the recognition of this need and the hiring of quality staff, that will allow the parish to harness the voluntary efforts and talents of our people with the paid staff members to more effectively carry out God's Mission to our families and community.

For the Parish Council

Very Rev. Muron Dz. V. Gurjikian  
President

Zarvin J. Kasparian  
Chairman

Van M. Aroian  
Secretary

**CULTURAL CENTER BUILDING FUND**

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Year Ended Dec. 31, 1970

Cash Balance, January 1, 1970		\$ 1,640.93
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Pledges Received	\$22,544.35	
Receipts from Church Auxiliaries	6,800.00	
Bazaar Income	12,649.79	
Gifts & Bequests	6,005.00	
In Lieu of Flowers	6,616.00	
Parish Council	<u>6,500.00</u>	
Income for the Year		<u>61,115.14</u>
Total Cash		\$ 62,756.07
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
Payments on Mortgage Loan	\$ 5,698.48	
Payments on Demand Note	33,000.00	
Interest Paid	<u>17,234.67</u>	
Disbursements for the Year		<u>55,933.15</u>
<u>Cash Balance, December 31, 1970</u>		<u>\$ 6,822.92</u>
<u>At Year End:</u>		
Balance due on Loan, Worcester Federal Savings		\$186,392.97
Balance due on Note, Mechanics National Bank		<u>42,000.00</u>
Total of Indebtedness		\$228,392.97

It is with pleasure that we submit our stewardship for the Cultural Center Fund during the 1970 period. In the face of generally poor economic conditions it is gratifying to note that the Parish has responded generously to the financial requirements of the Center.

We believe the figures truly reflect the spiritual and moral responsibility of our people and indicate their confidence for the eventual success of this project.

For your further information letters from the individual banks attesting the balances of the loan and note are on file with the Parish Council. Verification of the Cash Balance at year end is attested by bank statement and our accounts have been examined by the Auditing Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Bart Bagdasarian  
Assistant Treasurer

**ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS 1970**

<u>A. MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>1970 BUDGET</u>	<u>1970 ACTUAL</u>	
1. Pledges (weekly 1969)		\$1,378.10	
2. Pledges (weekly 1970)	\$17,000.00	15,201.05	\$16,579.15
3. Pledges (Annual 1969)		3,319.00	
4. Pledges (Annual 1970)	9,000.00	8,563.50	12,511.50
5. Pledges (Annual 1971)		629.00	
6. Plate	1,800.00	1,502.58	
7. Sunday School Offering	2,000.00	1,229.65	
8. Sunday School Registration		466.00	
9. Youghakins	3,800.00	3,823.00	
	<u>33,600.00</u>		<u>36,111.88</u>
 <u>B. SERVICE</u>			
1. Hokehankist	3,700.00	3,686.00	
2. Momakin & Offerings	700.00	715.00	
3. Baptisms	300.00	240.00	
4. Weddings	400.00	390.00	
5. Funerals	1,400.00	920.00	
	<u>6,500.00</u>		<u>5,951.00</u>
 <u>C. GIFTS &amp; BEQUESTS</u>			
1. Gifts	1,500.00	463.00	
2. Bequests		1,182.00	
3. In Lieu of Flowers		168.00	
4. Hall Donations	1,000.00		
Church Hall		875.00	
Cultural Center		400.00	
5. Flowers		156.50	
	<u>2,500.00</u>		<u>3,244.50</u>
 <u>D. AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS</u>			
1. Senior Ladies Auxiliary		1,000.00	
2. Educational Society of Malatia		50.00	
			<u>1,050.00</u>
 <u>E. AFFAIRS</u>	15,000.00		
1. Gomidas Centennial		446.92	
2. New Year's Eve 1970		823.50	
3. Food Fair		1,275.75	
4. Church Picnic		625.60	
5. Miscellaneous		32.75	
6. Bazaar	15,000.00		7,204.52
a. 4,000 thru church treasury		4,000.00	
b. 8,649.79 Directly to Bldg. Fund			
c. 12,649.79 Total Profit to Bldg. Fund			
 <u>F. OTHER RECEIPTS</u>			
1. Bank Interests		1,182.21	
2. Water Damage (Cultural Center)		240.00	
3. Postage		72.72	
4. Addressograph		30.00	
5. Telephone Toll		15.95	
6. Books & Cathedral Records		99.00	<u>1,639.88</u>
 <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>\$57,600.00</u>		<u>\$55,201.78</u>

**ANALYSIS OF  
DISBURSEMENTS  
1970**

<u>A. SALARIES</u>	<u>1970 BUDGET</u>	<u>1970 ACTUAL</u>	
1. Pastor	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,020.00	
2. Program & Education Director	4,000.00	2,823.50	
3. Choir Director	780.00	780.00	
4. Secretarial	2,000.00	2,142.50	
5. Visiting Clergy	200.00	150.00	
6. Custodians	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>4,121.27</u>	
	23,980.00		17,037.27
<u>B. ADMINISTRATIVE</u>			
1. Fuel	4,500.00	3,727.40	
2. Electric	1,000.00	1,453.09	
3. Telephones	700.00	628.54	
4. Telephones (Pay Stations)		110.57	
5. Printing	800.00	812.50	
6. Postage	600.00	595.58	
7. Pledge Supplies	200.00	208.07	
8. Water		39.90	
9. Office Supplies & Expenses	1,000.00	955.38	
10. Flowers	500.00	522.00	
11. General Supplies & Bld'g. Mtn.	5,000.00	2,027.61	
12. Church Supplies	400.00	191.21	
13. Insurance (\$350. 1969)	1,500.00	1,681.00	
14. Clergy Insurance & Pension	<u>300.00</u>	<u>304.75</u>	
	16,500.00		13,257.60
<u>C. ASSESSMENTS</u>			
1. Diocesan Dues	6,800.00		
1969 Unpaid Balance		1,051.00	
1970 (Increased from 6,801.00 to 8,052.00)		8,052.00	
2. Etchmiadzin Looma	250.00	250.00	
3. Council of Churches	<u>325.00</u>	<u>325.00</u>	
	7,375.00		9,678.00
<u>D. EDUCATIONAL</u>			
1. Sunday School	1,500.00	1,404.72	
2. Armenian School	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>	
	2,500.00		2,004.72
<u>E. AFFAIRS</u>			
1. Vartanantz		46.63	
2. Children's April Vacation Event		72.90	
3. Miscellaneous		<u>42.85</u>	
			162.38

DISBURSEMENTS

(continued)

<u>F. OTHER DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>1970 BUDGET</u>	<u>1970 ACTUAL</u>
1. Cultural Center Bldg. Fund	\$ 5,000.00.	\$10,000.00
2. Transfer to Bldg. Fund from Bazaar		4,000.00
3. Soloist & Organists (weddings & Funerals)		410.00
4. Pastor's Car Allowance		250.00
5. Diocesan Assembly	600.00	100.45
6. F.I.C.A. Tax		174.49
7. Blue Cross & Blue Shield		79.00
8. Armenian Church of Montreal (Consecration)		100.00
9. Church of Martyrs (Renovation Fund)		100.00
10. Young Women's Guild (Dinnerware)		300.00
11. ACYOA Patron Fund		25.00
12. Cultural Center Memorial Plaques		345.67
13. Books & Cathedral Records		140.00
		<u>16,024.61</u>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$55,955.00</b>	<b>\$58,164.58</b>



RECAPITULATION - 1970

BALANCES JANUARY 1, 1970

Guaranty Bank & Trust (Checking Account)	\$ 5,855.87
Worcester Mechanics Savings (Special Notice)	14,462.31
Worcester Mechanics Savings (Regular Account)	412.42
Worcester Federal Savings & Loan (Choir Fund)	121.67
Worcester Federal Savings & Loan	<u>3,738.24</u>
Balance January 1, 1970	24,590.51
Total Receipts - 1970	<u>55,201.78</u>
	79,792.29
Total Disbursements - 1970	<u>58,164.58</u>
Balance December 31, 1970	<u>\$21,627.71</u>

BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 1970

Guaranty Bank & Trust (Checking Account)	2,711.61
Worcester Mechanics Savings (Special Notice)	15,819.39
Worcester Federal Savings & Loan (Choir Fund)	127.68
Worcester Federal Savings & Loan	<u>2,969.03</u>
Balance December 31, 1970	<u>\$21,627.71</u>

Respectfully submitted,

John Toromanian  
Treasurer

The above report has been reviewed and audited and as a result of the examination of the records and accounts of income and expense of the (a) Cultural Center Building Fund, (b) Armenian Church of Our Saviour, we find them to be a fair and reasonable representation of the financial position of the Church.

By Anne Demirjian  
Abraham Sivazlian  
Barbara Nalkranian

ANTICIPATED INCOME & EXPENSE FOR 1971  
(CHURCH OPERATIONS BUDGET)

INCOME

Pledges (Weekly Envelopes)	\$17,600.00
Pledges (Annual)	12,000.00
Plate	1,800.00
Sunday School	2,000.00
Yooghakin	4,000.00
Hokehankist	3,700.00
Momakin & Offerings	700.00
Baptisms	300.00
Weddings	400.00
Funerals	1,000.00
Gifts & Bequests	1,500.00
Hall Donations	1,500.00
Church Functions	15,000.00
Interest	<u>700.00</u>

\$62,200.00

EXPENSE

Pastor	\$ 7,800.00
Choir Director	780.00
Secretarial	4,000.00
Program & Education Director	6,000.00
Visiting Clergy	200.00
Custodians	10,000.00
Fuel	4,500.00
Electric	1,500.00
Telephones	700.00
Printing Publications	950.00
Postage	650.00
Pledge Supplies	200.00
Office Supplies & Expense	1,000.00
Church Supplies (Sacramental)	350.00
Building Maintenance	6,000.00
Clergy Insurance & Pension	400.00
Insurance	1,500.00
Sunday School	1,500.00
Choir	200.00
Diocesan Assessment	8,050.00
Etchmiadzin Assessment	250.00
Council of Churches	325.00
Flowers	500.00
Diocesan Assembly	600.00
Contingency Fund	1,000.00
Armenian School	1,000.00
Note Reduction	5,000.00
Pastor's Car Allowance	<u>250.00</u>

\$65,205.00

## THE SIXTY EIGHTH ANNUAL DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

The 68th annual Diocesan Assembly gathered on Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2, 1970 at the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church, Cheltenham, Pa. with Archbishop Torkom Manoogian presiding and 137 clergy and lay delegates present.

### A CONCISE REPORT

**LIBRARY:** Diocesan Council authorized to establish a library to assemble and catalogue books, manuscripts and literary materials instead of having them in storage.

**VOTING AGE:** Members reaching the age of 18 are eligible to vote. Eligible to be elected to office at age 21. This amendment awaits approval by His Holiness.

**DIOCESAN GOALS COMMITTEE:** Zarvin Kasparian, of our parish, presented a study by a committee to revamp the administrative structure and pursue definite objectives to make more effective the role of our Church in America. Recommendations were adopted. The implementation to be as soon as feasible.

**ROTATION OF CLERGY:** Plan for the rotation of clergy, after much discussion, submitted to committee for further study. Report to be given at the next assembly.

**CELIBACY QUESTION:** Diocesan Council select a committee of 12 to study this question and act only to supplement other studies being made by other church organizations.

**DIVINE LITURGY:** Diocesan Council requests His Holiness to initiate studies to provide guidelines for making Divine Liturgy more effective and meaningful in our Diocese.

**ELECTION:** Archbishop Torkom elected Primate for a second term.

**BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDED:** Income \$187,639 - expended \$201,755 - deficit \$14,136.

**BUDGET FOR 1969-1970:** \$233,480. \$31,825 over previous year.

### ADDRESS OF PRIMATE

**THEME:** "The Harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

### FOUR GOALS TO WORK TOWARD:

1. Establishing schools and prepare curriculum designed especially for our needs.
2. Organize and recruit youth for our educational and religious programs.
3. Need educators both clergy and lay to carry out goals 1 and 2 in this pluralistic society.
4. The necessity to provide financial means to realize our noble intentions. Stewardship programs must be strengthened throughout our parishes.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold A Gregory    Asbed Zakarian  
Gilbert Markarian

Harry G. Sogigian  
George K. Shamgochian

## ARMENIAN SCHOOL

The 1969-1970 Armenian School term started on October 4, 1969 and continued until June 6, 1970. There were 28 weeks of school with the closing hantes on June 6, 1970. There were 63 students enrolled and completing the academic year for 1969-1970.

The teaching staff included Mrs. Mary Arakelian, first year; Mrs. Jean Benglian, also first year; Mrs. Anita Bazigian, second year; Mrs. Helen Maralian, third year; Mrs. Rose Aslanian, fourth year; Mr. Varujan Kassavarian, fifth year; Mrs. Mary Tateosian, sixth year; and Mrs. Mary Aroian, seventh year. Serving as substitute teachers were Miss Roseanre Bagdassarian, Mrs. Grace Kheboian and Mrs. Arshalous Andonian.

The principal of the school was Mr. Manasse Jardarian who served under the direction of the School Committee presided by the Very Reverend Dz. V. Muron Gurjikian and the chairmanship of Torcom Hooloian. The School Committee also has as secretary, Mrs. Anna Krikorian; treasurer, Mr. Torkom Boyajian; and corresponding secretary, Mrs. Arshalous Andonian with advisors Mrs. Mary Arakelian, Mr. Malig Soghomonian and Mrs. Alice Yarumian. Representing the Parish Council was Mr. Van Aroian.

The continuation of the improvement and modernization of the school curriculum took up much of the attention of the School Committee. Some headway was made in preliminary preparation of a new curriculum for the first and second years, and at the date of this report, the Committee has developed two teaching manuals for the first and second years and is continuing to work in developing curriculums for the succeeding years.

The work of various school committees in the recent past emphasizes the difficulties facing any Armenian school committee operating in the United States. One clear problem is the definite lack of central leadership and the development of curriculum guides at one responsible center. Another problem is that the community is entering into the third and fourth native-born generations where the

difficulty of teaching the spoken language increases by the fact that the language has often become a totally foreign one for the student. The lack of modern books and teaching materials, the difficulty in finding qualified language teachers compounds the school's problem in challenging our student body. The time is quickly coming when the roll of the school must be thoroughly re-evaluated by all of those interested in the continuation of the Armenian language and culture. Such an evaluation will also have to include the need to integrate the rich content of Armenian culture to the general body of knowledge which is the heritage of our American-born students. The Committee with dedicated teachers and committed parents continues to cope with the problem of transmitting the Armenian language and traditions to our students. However, the priority of this effort and the community energies to be allocated for this purpose must be re-examined in the expectation that more intensive inputs will reward the educational life of our community.

Respectfully,

Torcom Hooloian

## SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

### ADMINISTRATION:

President: Very Rev Muron Gurjikian

Supervisors: Mrs. Mary Arakelian (ages 3-8)  
Mrs. Agnes Sagerian (ages 9-11)  
Mrs. Joan Handleman (ages 12-14)  
Mr. Nerses Zeytoonian (ages 15-17)

Special Assistant: Mrs. Arlene McCoy - Children's Programs

Assistant to Supervisors: Mr. Seth Bilazarian

### TEACHING STAFF:

Nursery	age 3	Miss Lila Hagopian & Miss Marilyn Markarian
"	age 4	Miss Diane Soghomonian
Kindrgtn.	age 5	Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler
Primary	age 6	Mrs. Gladys Andonian
"	age 6 & 7	Miss Marcia Toromanian
"	age 7	Miss June Nishanian
"	age 8	Miss Deborah Galdauckas
"	age 8 & 9	Mrs. Arpie Migridichian
Junior	age 9	Miss Carol Arakelian
"	age 10	Mrs. Betty Sheehan & Mrs. Louise Saunders
"	age 11	Miss Violet Nalbandian, Miss Maryann Aslanian, Miss Diane Sagerian
Jr. High	age 12	Mr. George Krikorian & Mrs. Marty Mooshagian
"	age 13	Miss Berjoochi Zakarian & Mr. Paul Davis
"	age 14	Miss Brenda Toromanian
Sr. High	ages 15-17	Mr. Nerses Zeytoonian

Money Steward - Mr. Nischan Zartarian

PROGRAM & CURRICULUM: Registration was held on Sunday, September 13 and classes began on Sunday, September 20th with a total registration of 275.

Supervisors conduct opening assemblies in their respective departments in an atmosphere of worship that includes Bible readings, prayers and hymns of the Armenian Church, the collection of offerings, and lessons from the Armenian Church Liturgical Calendar.

Classroom curriculum for ages 3-5 is the David Cook Bible-in-Life Series; ages 6-7, "With Christ to the Father," (Sadlier, Book One); ages 8-9, "Jesus," (Sadlier, Book III); age 10, Church Year (CRE) and Introduction to Divine Liturgy; age 11, "Jesus..." (United Church) and Sacraments (CRE); age 12, Armenian Church History; age 13-14, "Light on Life," (Sadlier), "Call to Liberty and Greatness", 4 series: (1) Call; (2) Relation or Covenant; (3) Service; (4) Fulfillment; ages 15-17 are participating in a program of elective academic courses which are held every other week on the topics: "Divine Liturgy," "Armenian History," and Religions of Man." On alternate Sunday mornings, students attend church services, sing in the choir, serve as teaching assistants in the Sunday Church School, or spend the time with their families.

ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOL YEAR (Jan. - June, 1970)

1. Holy Communion and Breakfast for all children on Saturdays, January 3 and March 28.
2. Teachers' meeting - Feb. 1 - slides on "How to make and create unusual hand-made projects."
3. Lenten offering Program started Feb. 8. The total amount of collection totaled \$170.61 which was donated to the Cultural Center Fund.
4. Easter Sunday, March 29 - in Church Hall - a colorful pageant on Spring, narrated by Mrs. Arlene McCoy and assisted by Mrs. Ann Najarian. Viewed by 3-8 year olds.
5. Open House (Display of Art Work, etc.) May 10
6. Closing Exercises. Children's Day - Distribution of flowers.
7. Recognition Dinner for Sunday School teachers sponsored by the Parish Council was held in July at Charles Restaurant.

ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOL YEAR (Sept. - Dec., 1970)

1. Teacher Training Workshop sponsored by Council for Religious Education (CRE) on September 12. Miss Constance Tarasar, Consultant to the CRE, spoke on "The Biblical and Liturgical Focus of our Teaching." Miss Louise Yeghissian, Assistant to the Consultant, spoke on "Projects - Activities for Church Schools."
2. Teacher's Dedication Ceremony held on October 4 after church Services.
3. Halloween Party for children ages 3-9 under the supervision of Mrs. Arlene McCoy, assisted by ACYOA Junior members was held on Saturday afternoon, October 31st. in the Church Hall. The annual Halloween collection to sponsor a needy Armenian child at the St. Tarkmanchatz School in Jerusalem totaled \$25.00.
4. December 20 - Christmas Party for all children. Departmental parties were planned by their immediate supervisors and teachers.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

1. Under the sponsorship of the Parish Council, Mrs. Mary Arakelian is continuing as director of Project Baby Guide, designed to establish communication between the church and parents of newborn children.
2. Mrs. Joan Handleman, Supervisor of the Junior High Dept. is in the process of organizing a social program for the students in the Jr. High group. All activities will take place on Sunday afternoons. In December, the groups' first activity was bowling at the Town & Country alleys. Other activities are being scheduled for 1971.
3. A farewell luncheon for Miss Clara Takesian, our Program and Education Director, who left our Parish to further her education as a student of the St. Nersess School at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, was held at the Paxton Inn in August. A beautiful tape recorder was presented to Clara in appreciation for her dedicated service to our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

## CHURCH CHOIR

The executive committee of our Church Choir for 1970 consisted of the following: Chairman, Ara Eresian; Vice-Chairman, Anna Mosessian; Recording Secretary, Hazel Eljanian; Corresponding Secretary, Rosanna Bagdasarian; Treasurer, Charles Hoogasian, Advisor, Margaret E. Hagopian.

Serving at the Holy Altar are: Deacon Emeritus, Haigaz Santoian, Deacons George K. Shamgochian, Simon Zakarian as well as Sub-Deacons, Suney Kachadoorian, Haroutune Kasparian, Charles Hoogasian and Ara Eresian.

The Choir consists of 25 members, singing on Sundays and Feast Days. Bi-monthly rehearsals are held under the direction of our Choirmaster, (Mrs.) Margaret Hagopian. Two executive and six business meetings were held for the year.

Participation and Representation: The Deacons, Choirmaster and Organists have also served at weddings, funerals and baptisms. The Choir has sung at many church and organizational functions. One of which, The Educational Society of Malatia graciously made a donation towards our Organ Fund.

We are represented at Co-Ordinating Committee meetings by two delegates.

We also had representation, that is delegates, attend the 24th Annual Choir Assembly of the Association of Church Choirs of America. The Assembly voted the 25th (Silver) Anniversary take place in Worcester, hosted by the Ekmalian Choir of our Church.

Organ Fund: We have established an Organ Fund, to which one aforementioned organization, and several individuals have contributed.

Our heartfelt thanks to our Hayr Soorp, Very Rev. Muron Gurjikian for his spiritual guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

Ara Eresian  
Chairman



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Համայնքիս հոգեւոր հովիւ Հոգշ. Տ. Միւռոն Ս. Վրդ. Կրճիկեանի նախագահութեամբ, Եկեղեցասէր Երէց Տիկնանց Միութեան վարչական կազմը կը բաղկանայ հետեւեալ տիկիներէ. Եղիսաբէթ Ղազարեան ատենապետուհի, Փայլուն Ահարոնեան փոխ-ատենապետուհի, Արմենուհի ձարտարեան ատենադպրուհի, Արաքսի Քերոբեան փոխ-ատենադպրուհի, Զապէլ Մարգարեան գանձապահուհի, Հէլէն Մարալեան հաշուապահուհի, Խորհրդականներ Միածան Զօլաքեան, Լիզա Մինասեան, Աղաւնի Պաղտիկեան, Եղիսաբէթ Ղուկասեան, Մարգրիտ Տէրտէրեան:

- Համառօտ տեղեկութիւն միութեան գործունէութեան շուրջ:
1. Տրատու անդամուհիներուն թիւն է 140:
  2. Տարուան շրջանին մահացած է 1 նուիրեալ անդամուհի: Միութեան անդամակցած են 2 նոր անդամուհիներ:
  3. Տարուան շրջանին ունեցած ենք 7 անդամական ճաշաժողովներ ու խորհրդակցական ժողովներ:
  4. Անդամական ճաշաժողովներուն ներկայ եղած են միջին հաշուով 65-75 անդամուհիներ եւ համակիրներ:
  5. Միութեան տարեկան հրապարակային գլխաւոր ձեռնարկն է Մեծ Պահոց Միջինքի ծաշկերոյթը, գեղարուեստական ճոխ յայտագրով:
  6. Միութիւնը ամառուան ամիսներուն կազմակերպած է բացօդեայ ճաշ եւ ուրախ ժամանց եկեղեցւոյ յարակից պարտէզին մէջ:
  7. Տարուան շրջանին միութիւնը կը հրաւիրէ իր սգաւոր անդամուհիները եւ իրենց անմիջական պարագաները ու հայր սուրբի միխթարական խօսքերով եւ հոգեճաշի հիւրանիւթութեամբ կը յարգէ իրենց սիրելիներու յիշատակը:
  8. Խնդակցութեան եւ ցաւակցական քաղթեր կը դրկէ անդամոց, նաեւ այցելութիւններ եղած են ըստ կարելւոյն:
  9. Վարչութիւնը իր կարելին ըրած է ժողովները հետաքրքրական ընելու, ի մասնաւորի շանացած է անդամոց մէջ վառ պահելու տօնական օրերու հետ կապ ունեցող աւանդական բարի սովորութիւնները:
  10. Միական Խորհուրդի հրաւերով, վարչութիւնս իր մասնակցութիւնը բերած է ծխական միացեալ ժողովներուն եւ տարեկան միացեալ ձեռնարկներուն, եւ իր լրիւ գործօն բաժինը բերած է դաշտահանդէսին եւ պազարի ճաշկերոյթին:
  11. Հայր սուրբը միշտ ներկայ եղած է եւ նախագահած միութեան ժողովներուն եւ խօսած օրուան պատշաճ նիւթերու շուրջ, տալով նաեւ շինիչ թելադրութիւններ, որուն համար միութիւնս իր խորին շնորհակալութիւնը կը յայտնէ հայր սուրբի, նաեւ շնորհակալութիւն ծխական խորհուրդին եւ եկեղեցւոյ շուրջ կազմուած միութիւններուն, որոնք ի պահանջել հարկին սիրայօժար իրենց մասնակցութիւնը բերած են միութեան կատարած աշխատանքներուն. նաեւ շնորհակալութիւն համայնքի բարեպաշտ անդամոց, որոնք քաջալերած են միութեան գործունէութիւնները նիւթապէս եւ բարոյապէս սատարելով նաեւ եկեղեցւոյ պայծառութեան:

Միութեան 1970 տարեշրջանի նիւթական մուտքն ու ելքը:  
Ընդհանուր մուտք 2,691.07, ընդհանուր ելք 2,681.64:

Եղած են հետեւեալ յատկացումները:  
2,000.00 տոլար Ս. Փրկիչ Եկեղեցւոյ:  
25.00 տոլար վիճակահանութեան տոմս (եկեղեցւոյ պազարին):  
5.00 տոլար փոխան ծաղկեպսակի:

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## YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD

It is gratifying to report that the year 1970 was again an active and successful year both culturally and socially for the Young Women's Guild.

Our Executive Committee for 1970 consisted of the following: Mrs. Elizabeth Markarian, Chairman; Mrs. Agnes Tavajian, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Mary Manoogian, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Alice Sahagian, Treasurer; Mrs. Beverly DerHarutunian, Assistant Treasurer; Mrs. Bess Kachadoorian, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Mary Tateosian and Mrs. Marion Nalbandian, Advisors.

Appointed to standing committees were:

Auditing, Ann Kabian and Mary Martin; Hospitality, Ann Najarian and Margaret Kazarian; Program, Nancy Megrichian and Dorothy Yagjian; Publicity, Alice Papazian; Membership, Rose Yalian and Sadie Takvorian; Visitation, Hazel Eljanian and Mary Elloian.

A total of 10 executive board meetings and 9 membership meetings were held with an average of 30 members attending. At the present time we have 101 members. Four new members were added this year.

Fund raising events for the year included Military Whist, Businessmen's Luncheon, Co-Ordinated Dinner Dance with the Men's Club and Fashion Show. We also Co-Ordinated with the other church organizations again and had a successful two-day Bazaar. With these functions, we remitted to our Parish Council \$1800.00 towards our Cultural Center Pledge and another \$1000.00 towards the purchase of 500 place settings of china and 500 place settings of silverware for our Cultural Center kitchen.

Once again our members showed their community spirit by successfully preparing and selling Armenian Foods at the Y.W.C.A. International Fiesta. We also assisted the Senior Ladies during their Lenten Supper, and the Parish Council during the Annual Church Picnic.

Our hospitalized and bereaved members were remembered by personal visits, cards and planters.

At this time we wish to thank Hayr Soorp, Muron Gurjikian, the Parish Council, and all other church organizations, parishioners and friends without whose support, our success would not have been realized. We express our gratitude to all.

I submit herewith the annual report of the Young Women's Guild.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Manoogian  
Recording Secretary

## MEN'S CLUB

January 12, 1970, the Men's Club started their new year with the installation of officers. Under the direction of Very Rev. Muron Gurjikian assisted by Harry Sogigian the following officers were installed: Chairman, Jacob Hagopian; Vice-Chairman, Gerald Mosessian; Treasurer, Charles Garabedian; Recording Secretary, Leon Kachadorian; and Corresponding Secretary, Martin Keljikian.

Dinner meetings were normally held the second Monday of each month with an average of 40 to 50 members in attendance.

A combined dinner meeting with our wives and guests was held in February. Dr. T. Wittstruck of the Worcester Foundation of Experimental Biology was the guest speaker. Dr. Wittstruck's topic was "The Concept of Basic Research".

The Men's Club Annual Sports Night was held April 13 with 213 guests attending. Coach Donald "Dee" Rowe of the University of Connecticut was the guest speaker. Invited guests were: Members of the Armenian Holy Trinity Basketball Team, Athletic Committee of the Greendale Y.M.C.A., Junior and Senior Cheerleaders, Junior and Senior Basketball Teams. A dinner was served and presentations were made to the members of both our teams and also the Coaches and members of their staff.

Father's Day, June 21, the Men's Club received Communion as a group.

On December 26-27, under the auspices of the Men's Club, the 2nd Annual New England Invitational Basketball Tournament was held. The following teams participated in this annual event: Armenian Church of Our Saviour, Worcester; Armenian Holy Trinity Church, Worcester; St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Church, Providence; St. James Armenian Church, Watertown, and First Armenian Church of Belmont. Again the tournament was a great success not only for the sports activity but most important bringing together the Armenian youth.

Accomplishments for the Year - Increased the active membership to 85 members; Through our efforts obtaining as a gift, a meat slicer, meat grinder and scale for use in our kitchen; The purchasing of scaffolding for custodial use on our premises; New uniforms for both basketball teams; Liturgical candle holders for our Acolytes.

Participation in Combined Church Events - Joint Dinner-Dance with Young Women's Guild; Annual Church Picnic; Annual Church Bazaar; New Year's Eve Party.

The outgoing Executive Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all fellow parishioners who helped to make this past year a truly successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon H. Kachadorian  
Recording Secretary

## A.C.Y.O.A. SENIORS

The elected officers of this organization are respectfully, Brenda Toromanian, Chairman; Karen Nigosian, Treasurer; and Lucy Mooradian, Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

During the past year the ACYOA Seniors have been somewhat inactive. The reason for this being a lack of members and apathy on the part of those in membership. Hopefully through the means of innovated programs and the help, support and understanding of the elders of our parish, our organization will cease floundering and once again sail a straight course.

Monetarily the Senior's treasury balance is \$171.59. To say exactly where this money came from would be difficult. Except for coat checking and a few bake sales, the organization has been functioning on the donations realized by a dance given some two years ago. To say the least, this serves as exemplification of the apathy in existence in our organization.

The Worcester Chapter of the ACYOA Seniors was represented at the Annual Assembly in New York during July, 1970 by Brenda Toromanian and Karen Nigosian. At this time it was decided that the national organization was to be governed for a one year trial period by the Abstract, which could be said to be a constitution of sorts.

This past year also saw the realization of the Sports Weekend, which was held on the Cape. Many Worcester members were in attendance, but due to lack of preparation were unable to compete in any of the athletic competitions. Hopefully at next years weekend, which will be hosted by Detroit, Worcester will be able to enter the competitions.

In summarizing this report let me point out the reason for its unimpressiveness-- apathy. Apathy of our membership and our parish. The blame lies with no one side, for one serves to effect the other. Without programs we cannot ask for support, and without needed support we cannot expect to realize successful programs, one is dependent on the other. With all working together in the coming year, salvaging of the remains of this organization may be possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Toromanian  
Chairman

## A.C.Y.O.A. JUNIORS

The year 1970 proved to be most successful for the ACYOA Juniors. In January, an initiation and installation of officers was held (Chairman-Bryan Davis). During the February vacation the group spent a day in Boston. In April the Juniors attended a Red Sox Baseball game.

The annual election of officers was held in June with the following results: Chairman, Martha Merzigian; Vice-Chairman, Randy Chavoor; Recording Secretary, Joyce Melikian; Corresponding Secretary, Janice Andonian; Treasurer, Richard Hougasian, and Publicity Director, Elaine Toromanian. Our advisors from the Senior group are Brenda Toromanian and Karen Nigosian.

The new board planned two beach trips, one in July to Hampton Beach, and one in August to Misquamicut Beach. In August the Juniors also gave a going-away party for Miss Clara Takesian and presented her with a small gift of appreciation.

During the month of September an initiation and installation of officers was held and a profitable car wash was conducted.

In October we enjoyed a bike hike to Silver Springs in Paxton. We also held a bake sale.

At the Annual Church Bazaar in November the Juniors ran a Mini-Bazaar for the children in the Church Hall. During the weekend of November 20, 21, & 22 our chapter sponsored their first Regional Conference Weekend. As part of that weekend, an Armenian dance was held on Saturday night. The entire conference weekend was highly successful.

We ended the year with a Christmas Party in December.

As of December 31, 1970 we had \$836.28 in our treasury.

We wish to thank our Pastor, Father Muron, Mr. Edward Bilzerian, Mr. Lee Kachadorian, and Mrs. Rose Toromanian for donating their time and support to our organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Melikian  
Recording Secretary

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 48

Troop 48 now in its 5th year is comprised of 20 boys under the temporary leadership of the Troop Committee until a new scoutmaster is available.

Troop Committee members are John Merzigian, Kachadoor Toromanian, Abe Sivazlian, Paul Krikorian, Richard Papazian, George Mouradian, Gerry Kheboian, Mark Markarian and Malig Soghomonian.

Boy Scout Leaders are John Merzigian, Paul Soghomonian, Ken Saunders, Dave Papazian and Norman Sivazlian.

The Troop has been meeting on Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the church hall. The first Thursday of every month is devoted to physical activities held in the cultural center.

Highlights of the year, (1) camping trip to "The Rafters" in South Londonderry, Vermont, (2) a weekend at the Newport Naval Base, (3) annual stay at Treasure Valley where much time was devoted to advancement by the boys.

The Troop was well represented in the different areas of Scouting as follows:

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| 1. Councillors in Training:                         | John Merzigian<br>Paul Soghomonian |
| 2. Path Finders:                                    | Dave Papazian<br>Mark Markarian    |
| 3. New Members Installed in<br>Order of the Arrows: | Norman Sivazlian<br>Ken Saunders   |

The recently instituted Armenian Apostolic Religious Award known as the "Ararat Award" was presented to John Merzigian, Paul Nigosian, Ken Saunders, Norman Sivazlian, Paul Soghomonian and Richard Takvorian.

Many thanks to Hayr Soorp Gurjikian for his splendid endeavors in training the boys who received the aforementioned award. Also for his devoted effort in training our boys to serve as Acolytes on Sunday mornings.

Special thanks also to those who have shown their willingness to help further the cause of Scouting.

Respectfully submitted,

John Merzigian  
Committee Chairman

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