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ANNUAL REPORT OF PASTOR and ASSISTANT PASTOR

By God's grace and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, we the members of Christ's Holy Church have completed another year of service and dedication to our faithful community. We thank the Lord for the abundance of his blessings bestowed upon us this past year and we continue to pray that our works may produce more fruits during this coming year, bringing glory and honor to God and our Armenian Church.

Every year at our Annual Assembly, we gather together as servants in God's vineyard to assess the harvest of the past and plan for the future.

The success of our community life is measured not only in terms of material gains but also more particularly in terms of spiritual gratification for a deed well done in the name of our beloved Church.

As time goes on, our horizons are broadened and our sights intensified. With the help of God in His infinite wisdom and divine inspiration, we shall achieve even greater accomplishments.

EPISCOPAL VISITATIONS- His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Diocesan Primate made two pastoral visitations during 1976. The first visit was on the occasion of Vartanantz - February 29. During that weekend, he ordained nine of our young acolytes to the four minor ranks and on Boun Baregentan celebrated the Divine Liturgy and presided at the Vartanantz banquet.

His second visitation was at the time of Fr. Garabed Kochakian's ordination to the Holy Priesthood on the weekend of July 17-18. We are always thankful to His Eminence for his fatherly love and concern he continually gifts to us. We pray always for the Holy Spirit to grant him health and peace so that he may continue to guide his faithful.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SERVICES- During the past year while our parish was without the services of a permanent pastor, Father Papken Maksoudian, Pastor Emeritus of the Holy Trinity Church of Cambridge served as visiting pastor. We take this opportunity to thank Father Papken for fulfilling the spiritual needs of our community.

The following clergymen also celebrated the Divine Liturgy at our church: Rev. Fr. Aram Boyajian of Leninagan, Armenia on May 16 and Very Rev. Fr. Mesrob Semerjian on July.

In connection with worship services conducted in our church, we extend our sincerest thanks to the Ekmalian Choir, the sub-deacons and altar servers for their dedication and service to our parish. It is always gratifying to see more

young people joining the Choir. Special thanks to Mrs. Margaret Hagopian, Choir Director and Miss Marie Shamgochian, Mrs. Irene Shooshan, Mr. George Sogigian and Mrs. Grace Kheboian, organists whose talents increased the joy of our musical praises to God.

Finally, a note of appreciation to Mr. Manase Jardarian and Mr. Carnig Alexanderian who, on behalf of the Parish Council, open the church doors and handle all necessary arrangements during funerals throughout the year.

WORSHIP SERVICES- The Divine Liturgy is the central worship of our Church and was celebrated on every Sunday as well as on special feast days. Our sermons have been delivered in both the Armenian and English languages in order to communicate with our bilingual community.

During Great Lent and Holy Week, the appropriate services were conducted to enhance the spirit of the season. Divine Liturgy was also celebrated on the occasion of Western Christmas.

SACRAMENTS and RITES- During 1976, the following sacraments and rites were performed: 8 Baptism & Confirmation; 2 Confirmation only; 6 Weddings and 31 Funerals.

VISITATION- Visitations are another vital part of our ministry. We feel that contact with our faithful is an important means of keeping our members close to their Church. This is particularly true with those who are hospitalized or ill at home, the bereaved, the lonely shut-ins and those who are in pain and sorrow. We have shared their grief and extended our consolation through prayer and God's message and also by administering the sacrament of Holy Communion to strengthen their faith. To broaden our scope of visitations, we have encouraged the formation of our lay visitation committee whose efforts are promoting good will and concern. We are grateful for their dedication and pray for their continued success.

PUBLICATIONS- The church monthly publication, "The Messenger" is mailed to all members and Diocesan parishes in order to keep them aware of our church and community life. Recently, a staff was organized to facilitate the frequency of this publication. Also Sunday Bulletins were prepared and distributed to the congregation. Special announcements and brochures for various occasions have been mailed out informing our people of these important events.

INTER-CHURCH RELATIONS- Our relations with all non-Armenian churches in Worcester are mainly through the Ecumenical Council of Churches to which we continue our membership. We have continued our participation in the Orthodox-Catholic Dialogue meetings continually enriching our awareness of our

two traditions. We are happy to see many from our parish take interest in this ecumenical encounter.

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES- As leaders of our church organizations, with much enthusiasm and interest we have attended their meetings and have supported their functions. We feel that the best way to be in touch with the community is through her people and feel it necessary to be present at all meetings related to community activity. Administrative duties of the Pastors include office work and management, attendance at meetings of the Parish Council, (general body and executive board), standing committee meetings, and attendance of organizational functions and the formation and execution of cultural and educational programs.

EDUCATIONAL- We have organized special gatherings for adults and adolescents to educate them about important religious and cultural subjects. Special Armenian Language classes were offered and were conducted by Fr. Garabed.

During the Lenten season, a series of movies and open forum discussions were held at the Church under the leadership of Father Garabed Kochakian and Sub deacon Michael Zeytoonian (former parish youth co-Ordinator). Those who attended experienced the growth of their spirituality which of course is the primary mission of the Church to her flock. We hope more who thirst for the knowledge of God from the Bible, Church and Holy tradition will join us.

In May, a special Symposium on Marriage & Inter-Marriage in the Armenian Church was conducted. The leader of the panel was Mr. Gerald Aharonian, who prepared the program. Present were Very Rev. Fr. Mesrob Semerjian, Rev. Fr. Henry Donahue of the Blessed Sacrament Parish and Fr. Garabed Kochakian who were advisors and resource people. The attendance was most encouraging. We hope to offer similar programs this year.

In August, ten of our youngsters attended the St. Nersess Summer Religious Study Conference which was held in Chelmsford at the Ss. Vartanantz Armenian Church. The time spent proved to be most beneficial and stimulating and our youngsters returned with renewed spirit and zeal for their Church. We thank all the church organizations who contributed toward the tuition of each participant.

We have continued our programs for training young boys to serve at the altar. To date, we have twenty young boys who presently serve at various church services.

Since fellowship and communication are part of our ministry, we make mention that on several occasions during the year fellowship gatherings were held to continue the bond of

Christian love among our people.

PARISH SCHOOLS- Both Armenian and Sunday Schools began their 1975-1976 academic year with a full program and new zeal. We are gratified with the dedication of the superintendants and teachers and the quality of their work with our children.

APPRECIATION- It is very much in order to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the Parish Council, Diocesan Delegates, Auditing Committee, Nominating Committee, all our church organizations, namely: Senior Ladies Auxiliary, Young Women's Guild, Men's Club, Church Choir, ACYOA Seniors and Juniors, Sunday and Armenian Schools, Library Committee, Cultural Committee, Ways & Means Committee, and our faithful parishioners for their dedicated efforts on behalf of our beloved Church. Our ardent prayers will always be with them for their continued well-being.

The Church needs you and you need the Church. With the complete cooperation of our people, we shall always develop a stronger church and community. Moreover, our Church needs conscientious supporters in order to continue and ever expand its numerous programs for the well-being of our people.

May God bless our efforts and guide our steps in the fulfillment of our goals. As we go on into a new year, we ask for your prayers to God for guidance and for inspiration in the fulfillment of our pastoral responsibilities in the service to our Holy Church for the greater glory of God.

Սիրելի ծխականներ,

Իբրև Աստուծոյ այգիին մշակները ամէն տարի կը հաւաքուինք տարեկան ծխական ժողովին առթիւ վայելելու համար մեր տարեկան հունձքը եւ արժեւորելու ձեռք բերուած աշխատանքը:

Ուրախ ենք ու երախտապարտ որ մեր միացեալ ջանքերով կարելի եղաւ բոլորել յաջող ու բեղմնաւոր տարի մը խանդավառ գործունէութեամբ եւ իրագործումներով: Եկեղեցւոյ կեանքին մէջ յաջողութիւնը կապահովուի այն ատեն միայն երբ նոյն եկեղեցւոյ անդամները աւելի գիտակից կը դառնան իրենց հոգեւոր պարտականութեան եւ այդ ուղղութեամբ աւելի արդիւնաւոր գործունէութիւն ցոյց կուտան: Եկեղեցին միշտ կենսունակ է ու քարգաւառ իր հաւատաւոր ու քարեպաշտ անդամներով:

Ուստի Ս. Փրկիչ Եկեղեցին հաւատարիմ իր կոչման նուիրուած է Աստուծոյ փառքին ու իր ժողովուրդին բարօրութեան: Անոր հովանիին ներքեւ հոգիներ ու մտքեր կը մշակուին ու հոգեւոր սնունդ կը ստանան: Կատարենք որ դուք ալ առիթն ունեցած էք մօտէն դիտելու եւ կամ մասնակցելու եկեղեցական պաշտամունքներուն եւ տեղի ունեցող ընկերային կեանքին: Այդ պատիւն ու պարտականութիւնը սակայն արժանաւորապէս կիրարկելու համար կարեւոր է ունենալ մեծ թիւով ազգայիններու գոթակցութիւնն ու օժանդակութիւնը:

1977 տարւոյ սեմին մեր բոլորին պարտականութիւնը պէտք է ըլլայ անդրադառնալ այն հսկայ աշխատանքին ու նուիրումին որ մեզմէ իւրաքանչիւրը բերելու է եկեղեցւոյ պայծառութեան եւ Աստուծոյ գործին յաջողութեան համար:

Մեր հովուական գործունէութեան մաս կազմած են հետեւեալ ծառայութիւնները. —

1. Կրօնական Պաշտամունք. — Ամէն Կիրակի սուրբ Պատարագի մատուցում ու քարոզխօսութիւն: Մասնաւոր եկեղեցական արարողութիւններ համաձայն մեր եկեղեցւոյ աւանդութեանց եւ տօնացոյցի կարգադրութեանց: Եկեղեցւոյ բոլոր արարողութիւնները կատարուած են պատշաճ վայելչութեամբ եւ հանդիսաւորութեամբ: Մասնաւոր գնահատանքի արժանի են եկեղեցւոյս դպրապետը, երգեհոնահարները, կիսասարկաւազները, խորանի սպասարկուներն ու մոմակալները ինչպէս նաեւ դպրաց դասի բոլոր անդամները իրենց հաւատարիմ մասնակցութեան համար:

2. — Խորհրդակատարութիւնք. — 1976 տարեշրջանին կատարուած են 8 մկրտութիւն, 2 դրօշմ, 6 պսակ եւ 31 թաղում:

3. Այցելուութիւն. — Ջերմապէս կը հաւատանք որ հոփուական այցելութիւնները բարերար դեր կը կատարեն եկեղեցւոյ ու ընտանեկան կեանքի զօրացման մէջ: Անցնող տարեշրջանին կարելի եղած կանոնաւորութեամբ այցելած ենք մեր ծխականներուն տուները իրենց ուրախ կամ տխուր առիթներով: Յաճախ կի այցելութիւններ տուած ենք հիւանդանոցները գտնուող մեր անդամներուն, ինչպէս նաեւ ծերանոցները: Մեր շերմագին փափաքն ու ցանկութիւնն է որ յառաջիկայ տարեշրջանին կրկնապատկենք մեր ճիգերը այցելութեան առաքելութեան մէջ, ուրախացնելու համար մանաւանդ մեր համայնքին երէց անդամները: Մեր փափաքն ու ծրագիրն է նաեւ այցելել շրջակայ քաղաքներու փոքր ծուխերը:

4. Ժողովներ. — Եկեղեցւոյս Ծխական Խորհուրդին եւ բոլոր կալմակերպութեանց ժողովներուն ներկայ եղած ենք ու բերած մեր գործօն մասնակցութիւնը օրուան հարցերուն:

5. Սուրհանդակ. — Եկեղեցւոյս ամսաթերթը մեր մասնաւոր ուշադրութեան առարկայ ըրինք որպէս զի անոր պարունակութիւնը ըլլայ շինիչ ու հետաքրքրական: Յոյս ունինք որ յառաջիկայ տարեշրջանին թերթը ամէն ամիս կանոնաւոր լոյս տեսնէ եւ պարունակէ եկեղեցական, ազգային ու մշակութային օգտակար տեղեկութիւններ: Ջերմապէս կը գնահատենք եկեղեցւոյս քարտուղար Տիկին Բօզ Թորոմանեանին ազնիւ ճիգերը Սուրհանդակին հրատարակութեան համար:

6. Այլ Ծառայութիւններ. — Մեր եկեղեցին անդամ ըլլալով Ուստրի եկեղեցեաց Խորհուրդին այս տարի եւս բերաւ իր գործօն մասնակցութիւնը Խորհուրդի աշխատանքներուն:

Ունեցանք դաստիարակչական բազմաթիւ նիստեր մեր երիտասարդներուն հետ ազգային ու կրօնաբարոյական զանազան հարցերու շուրջ:

ԱՌԱՋՆՈՐԴ ԱՐԲԱՋԱՆ ՀՕՐ ԱՅՑԵԼՈՒԹԻՒՆԸ. — Թեմիս Բարեխնամ Առաջնորդ Գերաշնորհ Տ. Թորգոմ Արքեպիսկոպոս Մանուկեան իր երկու այցելութիւններով ուրախութեան ու երջանկութեան առիթ մը տուաւ մեր հաւատացեալ ժողովուրդին: Կիրակի, փետրուար 29ին, Սրբազան Հայրը Ս. Պատարագ մատոյց մեր եկեղեցւոյ մէջ եւ ղպիրներ ձեռնադրեց: Իսկ Յուլիս 17-17 շաբաթավերջին քահանայ ձեռնադրեց Դանիէլ Սրկ. Բօչագեանը անուանելով Տէր Կարապետ:

Մեր համայնքը հաճոյքն ու ուրախութիւնը ունեցաւ նաեւ վայելելու Ս. Էջմիածնի ներկայացուցիչներէն ու Լենինականի Հոգեւոր Հովիւ Տ. Արամ Բհնյ. Պօյաճեանը որ Կիրակի, Մայիս 16ին Ս. Պատարագ մատոյց մեր եկեղեցւոյ մէջ:

ԳՆԱՀԱՏԱՆՔ. — Ահաւասիկ ամփոփ գիծերու մէջ այն գործերը որոնց հետ կապ ունեցած ենք: Տակաւին ունինք շատ մը գործեր որոնց պիտի ձեռնարկենք յառաջիկային Աստուծոյ օգնութեամբ եւ ձեր ազնիւ գործակցութեամբ: Սոյն պատեհ առիթով պարտ կը զգանք ու հաճոյքով կը գնահատենք եկեղեցւոյս բոլոր կազմակերպութիւններն ու յանձնախումբերը, որոնք իրենց ժամանակն ու ծառայութիւնը տրամադրեցին եւ ջանացին առաւելագոյն չափով արդիւնաւորել մեր հոգեւոր աշխատանքներն ու ձգտումները:

Մասնաւոր շնորհակալութեան ու երախտագիտութեան խօսք ունինք Մեծագոյն Պոստոնի Սուրբ Երրորդութիւն եկեղեցւոյ Պատուակալ Հովիւ Արժանաշնորհ Տ. Բարգէն Աւագ Քհնյ. Մագսուտեանին, որ աւելի քան մէկ տարի հոգ տարաւ Ուստրի Ս. Փրկիչ եկեղեցւոյ հաւատացեալ ժողովուրդի հոգեւոր կարիքներուն ամէն Կիրակի Ս. Պատարագ մատուցանելով եւ այլ հոգեւոր ծառայութիւններ կատարելով:

Մեր շերմագին շնորհակալութիւնը կը յայտնենք նաեւ մեր պատուական ազգայիններէն Տիարք Մանասէ Ճարտարեանին ու Գառնիկ Ալեքսանեանին որոնք անցնող տարեշրջանին դարձեալ ազնիւ ծառայութեամբ ներկայ եղան եկեղեցւոյս բոլոր թաղումներուն եւ հոգ տարին ամէն կարգադրութեանց:

Մասնաւոր շնորհակալութեան խօսք ունինք նաեւ մեր սիրելի ժողովուրդին որ ամէն կերպով աջակցեցաւ մեզի եւ զօրակից եղաւ մեր նպատակներու իրագործման:

Շարունակեցէք ձեր բարի գործը առանց ընկրկելու արգելքներու ու դժուարութեանց առջեւ: Մեր նախահայրերը հաւատքով ապրեցան, ստեղծագործեցին ու կտակեցին իրենց մտքին ու հոգիին արդիւնքները: Շարունակենք անոնց սուրբ գործը եւ նախանձախնդիր ըլլանք մեր հոգեւոր ժառանգութեանց պահպանման:

Ի բոլոր սրտէ կաղօթենք Սուրբ Պրկիչ եկեղեցւոյ յարատեւ բարեդարութեան եւ պայծառութեան եւ մեր ժողովուրդի հոգեւոր ու ազգային փողփողման եւ շինութեան համար:

Աղօթեցէք մեզի համար որ կարենանք գործել Աստուծոյ այգիին մէջ իր Սուրբ կամօքին համաձայն լիագոյնս արդիւնաւորելով մեր հովուական աշխատանքները:

Մնամք Տիրաւանդ Սիրոյ ողջունիւ Աղօթարար

Եղիշէ Ծ. Վրդ. Կիզիրեան.
Կարապետ Քհնյ. Բօչագեան

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The Parish Council respectfully submits the following report of its activities for the year 1976.

The first session of the Annual Parish Assembly was held on Wednesday, February 18, 1976 with a second session on Sunday, February 22, 1976. The officers elected for the Assembly were: Mr. Zarvin Kasparian, Chairman, Mr. Gary Hovhanesian, English Secretary and Mr. Vahan Pogharian, Armenian Secretary.

Results of the elections held on Sunday, February 22, were as follows:

Elected to Parish Council Elected to Nominating Com.

N. John Kabian	Anne Demirjian
Charles H. Garabedian	Arsen Haroian
Haroutune Kasparian	George Herosian
David Adishian	Gilbert Markarian
John Merzigian	Berjoohe Zakarian
Leo Parnagian	

Elected to Auditing Committee

Bartev Bagdasarian - Edward Bilzerian - Harry Sogigian

In March, 1976, the following Council members were elected to serve as the executive committee:

John Kabian, Chairman Charles Garabedian, Sec.
Haroutune Kasparian, Vice Chair. Francis Najarian, Treasurer
Advisors are: George Migridichian, Leo Parnagian, Aaron Hovenesian, John Merzigian, David Adishian, George Avakian and Jerry Stepanian.

On December 31, 1975, a New Years Eve Party was held in the Cultural Center. Those attending enjoyed the festivities.

On Sunday, February 29, Vartanantz was celebrated with a banquet and program in the Cultural Center. Honored guests were the Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Mayor Thomas Early, guest speaker, Berj Zamkochian and the Svažlian Trio.

According to By-Laws Article 18, a special parish meeting was held on June 6, 1976 at which time the Diocesan Delegates presented their report on the Diocesan Assembly held in Philadelphia on May 7 - 9, 1976.

During the weekend of July 17-18, our parish was honored to have the ordination of Deacon Daniel Kochakian take place in Worcester. Deacon Kochakian was ordained by the Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian who renamed him Der Garabed.

A banquet in honor of the newly ordained was held immediately after the services in the Cultural Center. Father Garabed spent forty days in seclusion at the St. James Armenian Church in Watertown where he received instruction

and guidance from Father Dajad Davidian. Father Garabed returned to our parish to celebrate his first Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 29 after which a coffee fellowship was given in the church hall so that our parishioners would have the opportunity to greet and welcome Father Garabed back to our Church which is the first time in the history of the Armenian Church of Our Saviour that a deacon ordained here was also assigned as the Assistant Pastor of the Church.

The Annual Picnic was held on Sunday, August 1 at the S.A.C. Park in Shrewsbury. Despite inclement weather in the morning, the picnic was enjoyed by all who attended.

On Sunday, November 21, an appreciation banquet was given in honor of Rev. Fr. Papken Maksoudian for his devoted service to our parish. His untiring efforts to serve our needs whenever needed during the long period of time that the Worcester parish was without a permanent pastor, shall never be forgotten.

The Annual Church Bazaar was held on Saturday, November 6 and Sunday, November 7 and again all the organizations contributed their time and efforts to make this annual affair a financial and social success.

A Diocesan Regional Meeting was held in Worcester November 12 & 13 which was attended by our Primate and Diocesan Council and pastors, Diocesan Delegates and Parish Councilmen from all the New England churches. This marked the Primate's third visit to Worcester for the year 1976.

In December, George Avakian resigned as a member of the Parish Council due to a job transfer to another state. Our parish wishes him well and thanks him for all the services he has rendered through the Church Choir, Men's Club and the Parish Council. He was replaced by Leon Kachadorian on the Council for the remainder of his term.

The Parish Council proposed to underwrite a partial cost of the St. Nerses Summer Studies Program held in Chelmsford in August. Many of our young parishioners attended and found the experience rewarding and spiritually enriching. These summer programs are aimed at producing better qualified Sunday School instructors for the future.

Sub-deacon Michael Zeytoonian was in charge of the Sunday School and youth program through September. His services were well received by the young members of our parish. Mr. Zeytoonian was responsible for instituting the In-Service program for the senior class, which includes a once a month class session with Der Hayr and the remaining Sundays are spent in the Choir, serving at the altar, assisting teachers in the classroom and assisting the Council as Junior Council members.

In October, Very Rev. Yeghishe Gizirian was once again assigned to the Worcester Parish as Pastor and will be assisted by Rev. Garabed Kochakian. This was the result of a two and a half year search for a pastor. His return will once again help our parish to flourish as in the past.

The Ways & Means Committee has increased its membership since last year and is now actively involved in carrying out the purpose of its formation; namely, to better and strengthen our church life and activity.

Many improvements and renovations have been made to the church complex this year--an extensive check on our heating system by the Powers Regulator Company who repaired and replaced necessary parts; traverse rods were installed in the Cultural Center which will be of great use in the future; renovations to the Parish House which are not completed yet; church chimney repaired; the Church Hall walls were washed and painted by some members of the Parish Council and other members of the parish.

New office equipment was purchased to replace outdated and worn out machinery, namely, IBM Selectric typewriter, folding machine and a collator.

The Cultural Center mortgage was reduced by paying \$20,000. in addition to the regular monthly payments by treasurer, Bart Bagdasarian. The mortgage at the First Federal Savings & Loan stands at a balance of \$82,322.78 (not including interest) as of December 31, 1976.

The Council also transferred \$31,000. from our Special Notice Account to Certificate of Deposit. The interest received from the Special Notice Account was 5-3/4%. Interest which will be received from Certificate of Deposit is 7 1/4%.

It is with great appreciation that we make mention of the generous donations made during the past year to beautify our Church and for the Glory of God.

Icon Banner for Cross by Der Garabed Kochakian
Portable record player by Chris Manoogian of Milford
Two sets of priest's vestments for the Church by the Derderian Family in memory of Setrag Derderian
Two wedding chairs (one each) from Mrs. Ashken Mesrobian and Marie Mesrobian in memory of John Mesrobian
from Mrs. Marjorie Mesrobian and sons, John & Steven in memory of Haig Mesrobian

Monetary donation from Mr. & Mrs. Torcom Hooloian on the occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary.

Many thanks to all the individuals who donated their services for the repair and maintenance of the church complex. Also to all the church organizations and to all parishioners who contributed in any way toward the good fellowship of one another.

N. John Kabian, Chairman Charles Garabedian, Secretary

1976 STATEMENT OF INCOME

Cash Balances from Dec. 31, 1975

Guaranty Bank		\$ 3,354.12
Peoples Savings		21,113.55
Freedom Federal		15,578.62
Freedom Federal		<u>170.27</u>
Total Cash January 1, 1976		40,216.56

1976 INCOME:

Membership Dues wkly. & ann.		28,432.64
Plate Receipts		2,714.70
Church School:		
Registration	333.00	
Offering	<u>460.52</u>	793.52
Hokehankisd		6,201.50
Momakin & Special Prayers		710.10
Youghakin:		
Christmas	2,406.00	
Easter	<u>2,789.50</u>	5,195.50
Weddings		390.00
Baptisms		110.00
Funerals		960.00
Altar Flower Donations		457.00
Gifts		18,413.00
Memorial Pictures		1,200.00
In Lieu of Flowers		1,471.34
Net Receipts from Church Functions		
Annual Picnic	849.94	
Annual Bazaar	<u>4,205.21</u>	6,991.00
Church Hall Donations		635.00
Cultural Center Rentals		8,675.00
Bank Interest Received		2,431.33
Itinerant Clergy Service		<u>175.00</u>
Total Income		85,956.63
Total Income & Cash Carried Forward		<u>\$126,173.19</u>

Verification of Cash Balance - Dec. 31, 1976

Guaranty Bank	\$ 225.81
Peoples Savings	32,400.77
Freedom Federal	7,345.73
Freedom Federal	<u>170.27</u>
Total Cash	40,142.58
Security Deposits:	
Sutton Apartments	235.00
S.A.C. Park	<u>50.00</u>
	285.00
	<u>\$40,427.58</u>

*Audited 1/19/77
B. Boylesman
Henry G. Szigjan*

1976 STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Total Income & Cash Brought Forward		\$126,173.19
Less Disbursements:		
Clergy Stipends-		
Pastor	\$5,224.70	
Asst. Pastor	3,889.27	
Deacon	4,640.00	
Visiting Clergy	<u>1,186.83</u>	\$14,940.80
Secretary & Aides		3,911.76
Youth Director		2,550.00
Choir Director		1,115.00
Organists & Soloists		790.00
Custodians		9,040.01
General Maintenance & Supplies		1,455.51
Altar Flowers		848.75
Sunday Church School		1,152.15
Language School		789.00
Choir Expense		200.00
Postage		656.66
Office Supplies		342.61
Printing- Outside Costs		136.10
Printing & Pledge Supplies		1,077.05
Auto Expense		1,201.29
Utilities:		
Water	96.65	
Electricity	3,146.77	
Fuel Oil	6,778.80	
Gas	1,131.52	
Office Phone	1,092.65	
Pay Phone	<u>230.83</u>	12,477.22
Additions & Repairs to Building		1,556.57
Side Altars, Adornments & Supplies		3,464.92
Insurance:		
Workmens Comp.	.152.00	
Clergy-Ins.	576.67	
Boiler & General	<u>1,705.00</u>	2,433.67
Diocesan Dues- less		
St. Vartan Stewardship	200.00	14,104.79
Worcester County Ecumenical Council	1976 150.00	
1977	<u>100.00</u>	250.00
St. John Armenian Church		50.00
Diocesan Assembly		501.75
Parsonage Rent		700.00
Cultural Center Pledge Fund		<u>10,000.00</u>
Total Disbursements		<u>85,745.61</u>
Balance - December 31, 1976		\$ 40,427.58

CULTURAL CENTER BUILDING FUND
Statement of Receipts & Disbursements
Calendar Year Ending December 31, 1976

CASH BALANCE: January 1, 1976		\$17,849.73
Income:		
Pledges Received	\$ 5,609.14	
In Lieu of Flowers	16,329.75	
Interest Received	910.75	
Parish Council	10,000.00	
Church Auxiliaries	<u>3,551.00</u>	
Total Income for the period		<u>36,400.64</u>
Cash Total		54,250.37
Disbursements:		
Payment on Mortgage	30,779.22	
Interest Paid	<u>6,763.58</u>	
Total Disbursements for the period		<u>37,542.80</u>
Cash Balance: Dec. 31, 1976		<u><u>16,707.57</u></u>
Verification of Cash Balances:		
December 31, 1976		
Mechanics National Bank		
Checking Acct. #205-230-6	3,689.94	
Savings Account #602-325-3	<u>13,017.63</u>	
Total Cash		<u><u>16,707.57</u></u>

The pattern of our Cultural Center Fund remains essentially similar to the past several years. The utterly candid figures expressed above reflects income and expenditures recapped from our records.

Pledges Received includes a sum of \$784.00 paid on Pledges, effectively reducing the balance of Receivables to \$8000. Also, \$250.00 was received in new pledges and \$4575.00 from assessments.

Senior Ladies Auxiliary submitted \$2000.00 and Young Women's Guild \$1551.00. The other accounts under Income category are self-explanatory.

Mortgage payments of \$1469.00 are made regularly each month. Balance as of 12/31/76 is \$82,322.78 which does not include interest running about \$500.00 per month. For the record, note that with a little more than one half the life of our loan is behind us, nearly two thirds has been defrayed.

Accounting records, bank statements and mortgage transactions have been submitted for review by the Auditors.

Respectfully submitted,
Bartev Bagdasarian

**1977 ANTICIPATED INCOME & EXPENSE
(Church Operations Budget)**

INCOME

Pledges (weekly)	\$13,000.00	
Pledges (annual)	19,000.00	\$32,000.00
Plate	3,500.00	
Sunday Church School	500.00	
Youghakin	6,000.00	
Hokehankisd	6,000.00	
Momakin	800.00	
Baptisms	50.00	
Weddings	450.00	
Funerals	1,000.00	
Altar Flowers (donations)	500.00	
Gifts	9,000.00	
Memorial Pictures	500.00	
In Lieu of Flowers	500.00	
Church Functions	10,000.00	
Rentals	11,000.00	
Interest	<u>2,000.00</u>	\$83,800.00

EXPENSE

Pastor's Stipend	\$12,880.00	
Asst. Pastor's Stipend	9,240.00	
Rental Allowance	2,400.00	
Secretary	3,600.00	
Secretarial Aide	750.00	
Custodian & Assistants	6,500.00	
Choir Director	1,300.00	
Organist	520.00	
Soloist	400.00	
Deacons	400.00	
Sunday Church School	1,400.00	
Armenian School	1,000.00	
Postage	1,000.00	
Automobiles	2,000.00	
General Insurance	2,600.00	
Clergy Insurance	1,800.00	
Building Repairs	4,000.00	
Diocesan Assessment	14,322.00	
Etchmiadzin Assessment	250.00	
Ecumenical Council (dues)	150.00	
Pledge Supplies	250.00	
Office Supplies	500.00	
Printing Supplies	1,500.00	
Candles & Altar Flowers	800.00	
Maintenance	1,300.00	
Office Telephone	1,500.00	
Public Telephone	200.00	
Water	100.00	
Electric	4,000.00	
Fuel	12,000.00	
Diocesan Assembly	<u>200.00</u>	\$88,862.00

SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

This reporter is deeply concerned about the apathy and general indifference of Parish Members to the importance of our Diocese. In June of this year, within one month of the Assembly which was held in early May and in accordance with our By-Laws, the Delegates prepared and delivered, at a Special Parish Meeting, the complete proceedings of the Diocesan Assembly. There were less than twenty members, including the Delegates, present at the meeting. Detailed written reports have been prepared and published in our Annual Report about every Diocesan Assembly. We wonder how many people ever read them. In twelve years as a Delegate not one person has asked this writer what goes on at the Diocesan Assembly. Such response casts grave doubt in our mind about the attitude our people display toward the prominent position of the Diocese.

We are now asked to report- on one page - the historic and momentous happenings at the most recent Assembly held at St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church at Wynnewood, Pa. on April 30, May 1 and 2, 1976. Needless to say it can only be a token account for publishing in the Parish Annual Report. It would be clearly understood that your delegates are briefed by the Parish Council on the needs and wishes of this Parish and that the group votes in unified manner on the issues concerning proposals which have been sent to us in advance of the Assembly. In addition, of course, each Delegate exercise his own intelligent and considered opinion on other matters brought before the Assembly.

Briefly, then, the First Session took place April 30 and following registration, 107 delegates were counted in attendance. This number was a fair average throughout the four regular sessions. A fifth session had to be held after the Banquet on May 2 in order to conclude unfinished business. Confirmation of Delegates, Nominations and Election of Officers and Standing Committees were carried out in the usual manner, though not in quite that order. Of interest to us was the election of Gil Markarian as Vice Chairman of the Assembly.

A message from His Holiness, Catholicos of All Armenians, Vasken I was read to the Assembly in Armenian. An English version is published in the Minutes and available to any one interested. This is also true of the entire proceedings, in both languages, and may be seen at the Church Office or by contacting a Delegate.

His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian delivered his message in person.

Diocesan Assembly Report continued

Following separate panel meetings covering subjects in Finance, Proposals, Unity, Clergy and Religious Programs and Education and Cultural Programs, the Assembly met again in formal session to discuss the individual reports from the Panel Chairmen. Appropriate votes were taken on each issue or program. The Assembly concluded its deliberations at 1:20 am May 2, 1976.

Specific questions may be directed to these Delegates: Zarvin Kasparian, Gilbert Markarian, Charles Garabedian, Asbed Zakarian, John Toromanian and yours truly Bart Bagdasarian.

Respectfully submitted,

Bart Bagdasarian

EKMALIAN CHOIR

The Ekmalian Choir has participated on all church services during the year. We also participated in the Ordination Services of Der Garabed in July.

During the year, we held many rehearsals, meetings and social gatherings.

In February, during our Primate's visit, nine young boys were ordained to the four minor ranks of our Church.

Those ordained were:

John Abdella	Gregg Migridichian
Raffi Aroian	Louis Mikitarian
Seth Bilazarian	Mark Mikitarian
Steven Migridichian	Scott Najarian
	David Tateosian

These young acolytes have been very active in their services in helping to keep the altar and sanctuary area clean and have served on the altar and in the choir alternately.

The Choir has a membership of thirty-six and four sub-deacons. The organists are Marie Shamgochian, George Sogigian, Irene Shooshan and Grace Kheboian.

At the present time, our choir is actively engaged in promoting a fund raising campaign for a new organ. The organ committee Chairman is Harry Sogigian.

The Annual Choir Assembly which was held in Detroit in November was attended by Der Garabed, Yeretzgin Roberta, Margaret Hagopian and Ann Mosessian.

An election of officers was held at our December meeting with the following results:

Norman Noorjanian, Chairman	Hazel Eljanian, Treasurer
Janet Sahagian, Vice-Chairman	Melanie Mercurio, Publicity
Karen McBride, Corres. Secretary	Ann Mosessian, Rec. Sec.
Father Yeghishe, Father Garabed and Margaret Hagopian, Advisors.	

Special appreciation and gratitude to Father Yeghishe and Father Garabed for their untiring efforts and inspirational and spiritual guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Hagopian
Choirmaster
for George Avakian

There are forty-four pupils attending Armenian School Classes, an increase of six over last year. School calendar is from September 25, 1976 to June 18, 1977, a total of 31 sessions, held on Saturdays, 10:00 am to 12 noon. Mr. Vahan Pogharian is Principal and the teachers are Mrs. Macrouhi Adjeleian, Mrs. Mary Malkassian, Miss Sona Garabedian and Dr. Anahid Kouyoumdjian. Committee meetings are held the first Thursday of each month during the year, with Principal Pogharian attending. School Committee consists of the following members:

Hayr Yeghishe, President	Advisors: Zarvin Kasparian
Armenouhi Jardarian, Chairman	Diran Deranian
Van Aroian, Vice-Chairman	Grace Kheboian
Torkom Boyajian, Treasurer	Charlotte Calfaian
Arshalouis Andonian, Cor. Sec.	Zabelle Jorjorian
Anne Hovenesian, Rec. Sec.	Vahan Pogharian

Special Activities included: Trip to Holy Cross Church in Lawrence on March 6 by Mr. Pogharian and the four teachers to a workshop conducted by Miss Sylva Der Stepanian and Mr. Nubar Kupelian of the Diocese in New York.

Closing Exercises on Saturday, June 19 with diplomas presented to Jean Tateosian and Anne Dostourian and special prizes were awarded for faithful attendance.

Sona Garabedian attended a Special Study Program at the Diocese in New York from August 2-7 held for Armenian School teachers. Columbia University allowed three (3) credit hours for successful completion of this course.

CULTURAL MONTH was celebrated on October 30 & 31. Miss Sylva Der Stepanian of the Armenian Laboratory and Resource Center of the Diocese, visited with the Armenian School classes on the 30th and a luncheon was served in her honor with the School Staff and Committee Members attending. On October 31, a dinner was given with Miss Der Stepanian as Guest Speaker. A violin ensemble, under Mrs. Mary Tateosian's direction and a chorus, singing Armenian songs under Mrs. Alyce Yarumian's direction with Mrs. Parouhi Boyajian as Accompanist, performed.

CHRISTMAS PARTY was held on Saturday, December 18 for pupils and parents, sponsored by the School Committee.

<u>FINANCIAL REPORT:</u>	Balance 1/1/76	\$ 140.91
	Income during 1976	<u>1,898.33</u>
	Total Income 1976	\$2,039.24
	Total Expense for 1976	<u>1,590.59</u>
	Balance on hand 12/31/76	\$ 448.65

It is apparent that there is much interest in the Armenian School and we are grateful to the Parish Council and all of the Church Community for their financial and moral support in helping the Armenian School Committee to carry out this work which does so much to preserve our Armenian heritage.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Hovenesian, Recording Secretary

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Library Committee met on February 11, 1976 and elected the following members: Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian, President; Haroutune Kasparian, Chairman; Rose Gulanian, Treasurer; Diane Sahagian, Vice Chairman; Sara Hovsepian, Rec. Sec.; Rose Toromanian, Corresponding Secretary.

The Committee met on an average of once a month and discussed future activities. Plans were made to increase the existing books and their usage. The Library now possesses about 175 Armenian books written in English and over 250 Armenian books written in Armenian. A listing of the former books has been mailed to our parishioners in the past and a new listing of the latter is being planned to finalize and send to our church members.

The Library hours remain the same-- Wednesday evenings 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Sunday mornings, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

The lack of interest of our parishioners has become a major concern of this Committee. About two months ago, a letter was sent to all chairpersons of our church organizations, asking them to assign one or two of their members each month who will read a book from the Library and give a report to their respective organization at the next meeting. We felt that in this way, not only would the Library be used more effectively and systematically, but would also bring a variety and a new interest to the organizations.

In May, the Committee presented an Armenian Exhibit at the Worcester Public Library covering Armenian architecture, manuscripts, jewelry, embroidery, publications and periodicals, music and the Armenian Church of Our Saviour.

On May 15 and 16, the Committee took part on behalf of our Church in the Heritage Weekend Program which was sponsored by the Worcester Bicentennial Commission. Our Church was one of the ten participating churches with thirteen historic organizations which organized an information tour of our church complex and served Armenian pastries to many of the non-Armenians taking the tour.

On September 12, we sponsored a Musical Lecture Demonstration program given by a talented young musician, Mr. John Vartan of New Jersey.

The following donations were made to our Library during the past year: Young Women's Guild - \$200.00

Mr. & Mrs. Asbed Zakarian - magazine rack
Armenian books were donated by many parishioners

Once again we wish to express our sincere gratitude to all those who have made donations to the Library.

My sincere thanks to the Committee members who have helped during all the activities of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Haroutune Kasparian, Chairman

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent - Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian
Senior Dept. Coordinators - Mrs. Mary Arakelian
Mrs. Sara Hovsepan

Primary Department - Marilyn Markarian
Treasurer - Joanne Bezdegian
Special Projects - Arlena Manos
Audio-Visuals - Seth Bilazarian
Parish Council Liaison - L. Jerry Stepanian

TEACHING STAFF

Primary Department

Pamela DerKazarian
Thomasine Surabian
Marilyn Markarian
Florence Noroian
Lana McCoy
Carolyn Kheboian
* Ann Kassabian
Ann Najarian

Secondart Department

Joyce Melikian
Adianne Kabian
Maryann Dodakian
Lucine Haroian
* Harry Dostourian
Bryan Davis
Karen Chaparian
Paul Nigosian

Senior Department

Berjoohe Zakarian
Sara Hovsepan
Mary Arakelian
* Michael Zeytoonian
Fr. Garabed Kochakian

Substitue Teachers

Marty Mooshagian
Ruth Haddon
Kathy Arakelian
* Resigned

Number of Classrooms - 13 Enrollment - 138
School Hours - 10 am - 11:45 am
Pre-registration - Month of August
Beginning of Classes - September
Curriculum - Council of Religious Education
Orthodox Christian Education Commission
Roman Catholic - CCD
Basic Texts - Holy Scripture, Divine Liturgy and
Early Church & Armenian Church History

This year our program again consisted of the four aspects which are essential to a child's development and growth as a Christian, which were classroom instruction, worship assembly and participation in the Divine Liturgy. During the 1975-76 school year, our Sunday morning programs started at 10:00 am with even a greater diversity of activity. Children attend both the Divine Liturgy and Church School Assembly on an alternate basis month by month. This along with their classroom instruction and audio-visual aids, such as movies and records has added to their knowledge of the Church, her doctrine and tradition.

Sunday Church School continued

There are two assemblies held-- the Primary (Pre-school to grade 3) and Junior (grades 4 - 7). Also included in our curriculum are special training classes for altar servers. Upon completion of these classes, the young boys will be eligible for the ordination to the four minor ranks (Tbir).

1976 ACTIVITIES

- January - Theophany & Epiphany - Jashou Liturgy - Holy Communion and Communion Breakfast
- February- Baregentan Party
Ordination of Senior Acolytes to minor ranks by Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
- March - Participation in Lenten Services
- April - Resurrection of Lazarus Jashou Liturgy & Holy Communion & Breakfast - Movie of Holy Week
Palm Sunday Procession
Service of Ten Virgins for girls
Vodnlva (Service of Foot Washing for boys)
- May - Closing Exercises
- September-Executive Board Meeting
Beginning of Classes
In-Service & Junior Parish Council
for Senior Class begins
- October - Executive Board Meeting
Halloween Party
Trip to St. Vladimir's (Senior Class)
- November- Executive Board Meeting
- December- Church School Teacher's Christmas Party at the Mt. Ararat Restaurant
Christmas Eve Service
Christmas Party and Movie

At this time, the executive board would like to thank many of the parents and friends of our Church School who have in one way or another supported and encouraged our youngsters. Also, we thank our dedicated staff for their faithful service and concern for the Christian nurture of our children.

May all who labor in the house of the Lord, be blessed a thousand fold.

Prayerfully,
Father Garabed Kochakian
Superintendent

Գոհունակութեամբ կը ներկայացնենք Ս. Փրկիչ Եկեղեցւոյ Եկեղեցասէր Տիկնանց Միութեան 1976 տարեշրջանի գործունէութեան տեղեկագիրը:

- Միութեան վարչական կազմը կը բաղկանայ ըստ հետեւեալի. —
- Տիկ. Եղիսաբէթ Ղազարեան — Ատենապետուհի
- Տիկ. Տիրուհի Իշլէմէճեան — Փոխատենապետուհի
- Տիկ. Արմենուհի Ճարտարեան — Ատենադպրուհի
- Տիկ. Ազնիւ Թաւաճեան — Գանձապահ
- Տիկ. Մէրի Պետրոսեան — Հաշուապահ
- Տիկ. Աննա Թարաբեան — Բարտուղար

Խորհրդակցական — Տիկնայք Աղաւնի Պաղտիկեան, Հեղինէ Մինասեան, Միածան Զօլաքեան, Աղաւնի Պիլէգէրեան եւ Գէթրին Գալուստեան:

Միութեանս տրատու անդամներու թիւն է 115

Ամէն ամիս 200 հրաւիրագիր կը ղրկուի անդամուհիներուն ու համակիրներուն:

Այս տարուան շրջանին մահացած են եօթը (7) հաւատաւոր անդամուհիներ:

ԺՈՂՈՎՆԵՐ ՈՒ ԶԵՆՈՆԱՐԿՆԵՐ

1976 տարեշրջանին ունեցած ենք եօթը (7) անդամական ծողովներ:

Յունուարին Վարչական ընտրութիւն ու հայկական Օսունդի տօնակատարութիւն:

Ֆետրուար — Տօնակատարութիւն Սրբոց Վարդանանց Տօնին առթիւ գեղարուեստական յայտագրով:

Մարտ — Միութեան տարեկան հրապարակային ձեռնարկ.

Մեծ Պահոց Միջինքի ճաշկերոյթ եւ պատշաճ յայտագիր:

Ապրիլ — Աւանդական հաւկթախաղ:

Մայիս — Համբարձման տօնակատարութիւն եւ աւանդական վիճակախաղ:

Յունիս — Բացօթեայ ճաշ Եկեղեցւոյ շրջակային մէջ:

Հոկտեմբեր — Հայ Մշակոյթի տօնակատարութիւն:

Նոյեմբեր — Աւանդական հոգեճաշի յարգանս միութեան սգաւոր անդամուհիներուն:

Դեկտեմբեր — Ընտրութիւն Ընտրողական եւ Հաշուեքննիչ յանձնախումբերու ինչպէս նաեւ նուէրներու փոխանակում Ամանորի եւ Ս. Օսունդի տօներուն առթիւ:

Տարեկան բացառիկ ձեռնարկներ. — Ուտեստեղէնի վաճառք եւ վիճակահանութիւն Եկեղեցւոյ տարեկան ձեռնարկներուն առթիւ:

Միութեանս անդամուհիները խումբով այցելեցին Բրաւիտէնսի Ս. Սահակ եւ Ս. Մեսրոպ Եկեղեցին Ս. Սանդուխտ Կոյսին

յիշատակի տօնակատարութեան առթիւ: Սոյն խմբագնացութիւնը կատարուեցաւ Մարտ 10ին:

Եկեղեցասէր Տիկնանց Միութեան անդամուհիները
 իրենց սիրալոճ ամասնակցութիւնը բերած են միութեան
 անդամական ժողովներու ճաշերու պատրաստութեան մէջ,
 ինչպէս նաեւ օգնած են եկեղեցւոյ տարեկան դաշտա-
 հանդէսին, պաղարին եւ այլ ձեռնարկներուն:

Մեր յարգանքի բաժինը բերած ենք մեզմէ յաւէտ
 բաժնուած անդամուհիներու փոխան ծաղկեպսակի նուիրա-
 տուութեամբ: Ուրախ ու տխուր պարագաներուն քարոզերով
 մեր զգացումները յայտնած ենք եւ այցելութիւններ
 տուած ըստ կարելւոյն:

Միութեան 1976 տարեշրջանի նիւթական մուտքն ու ելքը

Ընդհանուր մուտքը եղած է	1,713,56 տոլար
Յատկացումներ եղած են .-	
Ս. Փրկիչ եկեղեցւոյ մշակութային կեդրոնին	\$1,500,00
Ս. Ներսէս Դպրեվանքի աշակերտի թոշակին	25,00
Եկեղեցական գրքեր(նուէր)	18,45

Խորին շնորհակալութիւն կը յայտնենք ամէն անոնց որոնք
 քաջալերեցին միութեանս տարած աշխատանքները նիւթապէս ու
 բարոյապէս:

Յարգանքներով

Եղիսաբէթ Ղազարեան
 Ատենապետուհի

Արմենուհի Ճարտարեան
 Ատենադպրուհի

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

The Cultural Committee is very pleased to report that our membership has increased to 17, enabling us to bring more programs to the community.

For the program of the Mid-Lenten dinner in March, 1976, we presented an Armenian comedy "Tootoomeen Vajaranuh" and another comedy in English "If Men Played Cards As Women Do". Both plays were well received and most entertaining.

The annual Cultural event in October, 1976 was the production of "Hye Jinks 75", which was presented on October 9 and 10 with an attendance of 550 for both performances. Our youth outdid themselves under the very capable direction of Mr. Aaron Hovenesian. Delicious mezza plates and drinks were available before the show and also between acts. An approximate receipt of \$600.00 was realized from the two evenings. We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who participated in any phase of the show as well as all members of the refreshment committee.

The third event presented by the Committee was an Art & Lecture Program on Sunday, November 14. We had an attendance of approximately 200 people who thoroughly enjoyed the Exhibit of some of our famous artists from Armenia. Mr. Richard Tashjian presented movies and slides of the artists whose works were on display. Several of Mr. Tashjian's paintings were sold that day. A social "coffee hour" followed at which time the public was invited to partake of an array of delicious and colorful Armenian and American pastries which were donated by members and friends. Our thanks again to the many loyal friends and parishioners for their support.

We undertook the responsibility to permanently install tracks along the top of the two side walls of the Cultural Center Auditorium for hanging the paintings during the Art Exhibit but are now available for use in the future for all church activities.

As a token of our appreciation, all cast members of the Hye Jinks were invited to be our guests at the Art Show. Though the Exhibit was not a financial success, it was successful as a cultural event.

We wish to thank all our parishioners for their encouragement of our endeavors and hope to bring to the community interesting and varied programs in 1977.

Executive officers of the Cultural Committee are: Arsen Haroian, Chairman; Leon Hovsepian, Vice Chairman; Bizer Simonian, Recording Secretary; Rose Aslanian, Corresponding Secretary and Aaron Hovenesian, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
Bizer Simonian, Recording Secretary

YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD

1976 Executive Board

Juliette Najarian, Chairman Zevart Hougasian, Treasurer
Ann Sharigian, Vice Chairman Gladys Markarian, Asst. Treas.
Anne Pahigian, Rec. Secretary Ann Martin, Corres. Secretary

Appointed to Standing Committees:

Advisors: Marion Nalbandian, Mary Sogigian & Ann Kabian
Publicity: Dorothy Yagjian Volunteer Social Service:
Hospitality: Arek Thompson & Ann Hagopian & Frances Elloian
 Nancy Megrdochian Parish Council Liaison:
By-Laws: Charlotte Anusbigian Margaret Hagopian & Rose
 & Ardem Andonian Aslanian
Ways & Means: Betty Markarian Cheerleader Liaison: Alice
 & Margaret Zakarian Papazian
Membership: Ann Najarian & Auditing: Ann Pogharian and
 Pamela DerKazarian Ann Sharigian
Visitation: Ruth Shahinian &
 Kay Garabedian

Activities for the Year:

Jan.	Installation Dinner	Club Dinner-Dance
Feb.	Valetine Tea	June Dinner Meeting at
Mar.	Women Saints Day, Prov.	Wayside Inn
Apr.	Lenten Supper and	Sept. Organ Fund Dinner-Dance
	Church Service	Oct. Cultural Month
May	Guest Nite, Military	Dec. Christmas Party
	Whist, Guild & Men's	

Guild Participated in Following Functions:

Jan. Coffee Fellowship
Feb. St. Vartanantz Banquet & Acolyte Ordination Buffet
Apr. Diocesan Assembly in Philadelphia
May Bi-Centennial Heritage Weekend Refreshments
June Coffee Fellowship
July Der Garabed's Ordination
Aug. Church Picnic
Nov. Diocesan Regional Conference, Church Bazaar, Rev.
Fr. Papken Maksoudian Appreciation Dinner and
Welcome Fellowship for Father Yeghishe Gizirian
Dec. Christmas Eve Buffet

We participated in financially sponsoring two of our young boys to the St. Nersess Summer Study Conference and also gave the proceeds of our September Dinner-Dance to the Organ Fund in the amount of \$654.82.

We had two guest speakers during the course of the year, namely, Marilyn Mazarka, Palmist and Der Garabed.

Financial Report:

Total Income - \$5,379.37; Total Expense - \$5,212.09
Net Balance - \$167.28

Disbursements to Church:

Armenian School	\$200.00	Cultural Bldg. Fund	\$551.00
Sunday School	200.00	St Tarkmanchatz-School	52.00
Library Fund	100.00		

Young Women's Guild - Volunteer Services Report

Our Committee consists of eight members of the Guild who participate in the program for the elderly and the needy. We visit nursing homes and private homes and assist people in their shopping needs and provide transportation when needed. At Christmastime, packages are distributed to various nursing homes and flowers are sent to those who had birthdays during the year and gifts are also distributed to shut-ins. One of the group, who is a professional hairdresser, tends to their hair needs.

Some personal counselling has been given to an Armenian family. Although this counselling is not professional, we have been able to be of help to a limited degree.

Husbands of volunteers have regularly participated in our program by assisting the elderly with their shopping.

During Lent, dinners were distributed to the senior citizens who were unable to attend our Church Lentern Dinner.

Two of our members have attended orientation classes at the Worcester County Center For The Blind and are eligible to visit the blind. They visit with an Armenian woman who is blind.

Since Worcester Center has set aside a room for the Senior Citizens to relax in while at the center, the Volunteer Services Committee deemed it fitting to make a monetary donation to them to help defray expenses.

All our members, whether they are on the Committee or not, lend their assistance at all times, without any hesitation or recognition, whenever the need arises.

The Guild expresses its gratitude to the Parish Council, all church organizations and friends for their support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Pahigian
Recording Secretary

MEN'S CLUB

Gerald Mosessian, Chairman George Avakian, Treasurer
Peter Naroian, Vice Chairman Madieros Mooshagian, Rec. Sec.
Ervant Osganian, Corres. Secretary

Monthly dinner meetings were held on the second Monday of each month excepting the summer months and November and December with approximately thirty-five members attending.

Election of officers was held in January and the installation was held at a Mr. & Mrs. dinner in February with Mayor Thomas Early as our guest speaker.

Activities:

April - Annual Sports Night June - Communion & Breakfast
May - Backgammon Tournament July - Served at Der Garabed's
Men's Club & Guild Ordination
Dinner-Dance Nov. - Tavlou Tournament

Arranged for sponsorship and implementing coaches for the basketball teams.

Speakers at our meeting during the year were: Mayor Early, Senator Gerard D'Amico, Father Garabed Kochakian and Charles Sharigian.

Funds from the treasury were allocated to the Senior and Junior Basketball teams at both the Main Street YMCA and the Greendale branch; a donation to sponsor ACYOA members to the St. Nersess Summer Conference and a gift for Der Garabed upon his ordination to the holy priesthood.

Our treasury stands at a net balance of \$170.45.

Respectfully submitted,
Madieros Mooshagian
Recording Secretary

ACYOA SENIORS

Two well attended meetings in November and December and a successful progressive dinner held in December, 1975, pointed out the strong interest in the re-establishment of a senior youth group. Under the guidance of Der Garabed, the ACYOA Seniors were reorganized during the past year. Elections were held on January 11, with the following results:

Martha Merzigian Layte, Chairman
Arthur Elloian, Vice Chairman Joyce Melikian, Rec. Sec.
Bryan Davis, Treasurer Lisa Kabian, Corres. Sec.
Marilyn Markarian, Publicity

Activities for February and March included a sliding party at Greenhill Park, a Junior-Senior volleyball game and a slide presentation, "Travelogue to Armenia," given by Deacon Daniel.

An ACYOA Day Dinner & Program, co-sponsored by the Juniors and Seniors was held on April 11. The program consisted of musical entertainment, skits and talks given by Deacon Daniel, Father Nersess Jebejian and Central Council member, Anna Garabedian.

A Wine and Cheese Tasting Party was given on May 9 in the Cultural Center lower level. Following a brief talk on the varieties of wine and cheeses, four short films were shown.

On July 4 a "Bicentennial Barbecue" was given at the home of Bryan Davis. The Seniors presented Der Garabed with a gift of a saghavart upon the occasion of his ordination to the priesthood.

After a break during the summer months, activities resumed in October with two membership meetings. The Seniors sold mezza plates at a private Veteran's Day Dance sponsored by Charles Markarian in October. The group also supervised the Sunday School Halloween Party and held its own party the evening of October 30. In November we operated a Penny Candy and Candy Apple Booth at the Church Bazaar.

The Seniors ended the year with two money-raising activities: a bake sale on December 5 and a Christmas tree sale conducted from November 29 through December 24 in the Parish House parking lot.

Financial Report:

Receipts from activities	\$1,567.42
Expenses	<u>1,151.46</u>
Net Balance	415.96

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce I. Melikian, Rec. Sec.

ACYOA JUNIORS

During the winter months of 1976, the ACYOA Juniors hosted two basketball games as part of an ACYOA New England league. Members also traveled to Watertown for other games. The Juniors also played volleyball against the Seniors and a team combined of the Men's Club and the Parish Council.

On the weekend of March 12-14, five members attended a Lenten Retreat in Sturbridge along with members of other ACYOA chapters. A lunch was provided in Worcester for all the visiting members after church services that Sunday.

ACYOA Day was a great success on Palm Sunday. After a dinner, four plays on Armenian history were presented by the Juniors and Seniors.

During the Spring, two car washes and a bake sale were held. On a school vacation day, a bus trip was taken to Boston to see the "Boston 200" exhibit on Armenians at the Prudential Center, a tour of the State House and City Hall. A splash party was held at the WPI pool in May. A progressive supper took place on May 22. Softball games were also held throughout the spring.

Ten members attended the St. Nersess Study Conference in Lowell during August. The week-long seminar included Bible study, religion, language and recreation. The students were sponsored by church organizations.

In September, two rooms in the Cultural Center were granted to the ACYOA for use as meeting rooms or for any other activities. Many members participated in the October production of HYE JINKS '76. On October 2, a bus trip was taken to St. Vladimir's Seminary in New York with other New England ACYOA members.

We participated in the Annual Church Bazaar by selling hot dogs, drinks, potatoe chips, candy, key chains, etc. Movies and games were put on for the children. A Christmas Party was held in the ACYOA room on December 19.

Dialogue sessions are being held each month during which time serious topics are discussed among the members. The sessions are conducted by Der Garabed.

Financial Report:

1976 Income	\$ 3,861.28
1976 Expense	<u>2,370.99</u>
Net Balance	\$1,490.29

Respectfully submitted,
Louis Mikitarian, Chairman

