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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 Torikom Mancoogian, Diocesan Primate, made a pastoral visitation to our parish on the weekend of October 9, 1977 on the occasion of the celebration of our new church's Twenty Fifth Anniversary. During the same weekend, he ordained ten young boys to the four minor ranks of the Armenian Church. While here, he visited our Armenian Language School and made pastoral visitations to the sick. We are always thankful to our beloved Primate for the fatherly love and concern he continually shows us. We pray always for the Holy Spirit to grant him health and peace so that he may continue to guide us, his faithful children.

CLERICAL VISITATIONS During the past year, we have had the good fortune of having the following clergy celebrate the Divine Liturgy in our Holy Sanctuary:

- Rev. Fr. Haik Donikian - St. Vartanantz - February 17
- Very Rev. Khajag Barsamian - New Sunday - April 17
- Rev. Fr. Hagop Geokjian of Calcutta, India - Ascension - May 19
- Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian - September 4 & November 13

Also visiting our parish was the Very Rev. Diran Gureghian on July 15. Father Gureghian is the Archpriest of the Armenian Diocese of Rostoff and all of Russia.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICES We take this opportunity to extend our sincerest thanks to the Ekmalian Choir, the sub-deacons and altar servers for their dedication and service to our parish. It is our hope that the spiritual sounds of these lovely voices echo within the hearts of our people and encourages them to join and sing the angelic hymns of our worship services. Special commendation we give to Mrs. Margaret Hagopian, Choir Director, George Sogigian, Miss Marie Shamgochian and Mrs. Irene Shooshan, Organists, whose leadership and talents increase the joy of our musical praises to God.

A note of thanks also to Mr. Manase Jardarian and Mr. Carnig Alexandrian who on behalf of the Parish Council tend the doors of our Church and handle all necessary arrangements during funerals throughout the year.

WORSHIP The celebration of the Divine Liturgy (Scorp Badarak) is central to all worship in our Church. The Holy Eucharist is offered every Sunday as well as on special feast days and commemorative liturgies.

We are most overjoyed at the participation of the faithful in receiving Holy Communion. This is indeed indicative of Christianity in action whereby the body and blood of Christ nourishes our souls and hearts. The Worcester parish is unique among many Armenian Churches in that Holy Communion is frequently received. Without the spirit of continually sharing the Lord's Holy Supper, there is no gain nor meaning to the material things which are offered to Him. God has blessed our faithful with this spiritual wisdom which has very obviously come alive in material giving.

Our sermons have been delivered in both Armenian and English in order to communicate to our bilingual community.

The following special Liturgies and services were celebrated:

Jan. 5 Theophany Eve Liturgy	Apr. 8 Good Friday Burial Service
Jan. 6 Theophany Day Liturgy	Apr. 9 Easter Eve Liturgy
Feb. 17 St. Vartan Divine Liturgy	Apr. 10 Easter Sunday Liturgy
During Lent every Friday -	May 19 Ascension Thursday Liturgy
Lenten Vigil Services	Oct. 8 Great Vespers & Ordination of Acolytes
Apr. 2 Lazarus Saturday - Jashou Liturgy for Children	Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Eve Service of Orthodox-Roman Catholic Clergy
Apr. 5 Holy Week service of Ten Virgins	Dec. 24 Western Christmas Eve Service
Apr. 7 Vodunluva (foot washing) and Khavaroom (Passion)	

SACRAMENTS and RITES During 1977, the following sacraments and rites were performed:

Baptisms & Confirmations: 7	Weddings - 10
Confirmations: 2	Funerals: 27

VISITATIONS Visitations are indeed a vital part of our ministry. Contact with our faithful is an important means of keeping our parishioners close to their church. This is particularly true with those who are convalescing in hospitals and at home. Those who are bereaved and those who are shut-in. We have shared their grief and extended our consolation through prayer, God's message and Holy Communion. We trust, as we continue our pastoral calls that they shall be openly and warmly received.

PUBLICATIONS The church monthly publication, "The Messenger" is mailed to all church members and Diocesan parishes in order to keep them aware of our church and community life. Our staff continues to work with us to meet the needs of our communiqué. We must stress that without adequate news, our publication cannot convey the fullness of activities in our parish. We urge all church organizations to submit all news to our office so that we in turn may convey it to the community.

Sunday Bulletins are prepared and distributed each Sunday to the congregation. These beautiful bulletins with inspirational cover designs and messages were donated to our Church by a very sincere young couple. We hope that their example will be followed by others.

Special announcements and pamphlets for various occasions have been mailed to inform our people of important parish 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 Eastern Oriental Orthodox-Catholic Dialogue meetings continually enrich-

ing our awareness of our tow Apostolic traditions. We are happy to see many from our parish take interest in this ecumenical encounter. We participated at Blessed Sacrament in the Tenebre Service on April 6 during Holy Week.

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. During this past year our parish participated in a special "Communications Workshop" sponsored by the CRE of our Diocese. The response was overwhelmingly successful-- the largest participation of all parishes in our Diocese. This fall, a "Bible Circle" was initiated to bring the Holy Scriptures to those who thirst to understand God's truths. These sessions meet weekly at the homes of the participants. We hope more who are anxious for the understanding of Holy Scripture will join the circle.

In July, fourteen of our youngsters attended the St. Nersess Summer Religious Study Conference which was held in Boylston, Massachusetts at the Barlin Acres, a retreat center owned by the Catholic Diocese of Worcester. This years conference was conducted by all former conference attendees. Father Garabed, Assistant Pastor of our Church was the conference director. The time spent there by our youngsters proved to be most beneficial and stimulating and they returned with a renewed spirit and zeal for their church. We were most grateful for the help given by our Young Women's Guild, who helped Yeretzgin Roberta in preparing the meals and also to the Parish Council for the farewell dinner.

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

FELLOWSHIP GATHERINGS 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 Church School and the Armenian Language School began their 1976-77 academic year with full programs and renewed enthusiasm. We are gratified with the dedication of the superintendents and especially the volunteer teachers of the Church School who give so willingly of their time for the Christian education of the young.

APPRECIATION It is very much in order to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the Parish Council, Diocesan Delegates, Auditing Committee, Nominating Committee and all church organizations and faithful parishioners for their dedicated efforts on behalf of our beloved church.

A special not of thanks to Mrs. Rose Toromanian, our Church Secretary, whose extended work and labor has added to the smooth functioning of our administration.

We also thank God in joy for sharing our ministry with each other. We have mutually learned from each other in our service to the Lord and you, his faithful flock.

The Church needs you and you need the Church. With the complete co-operation 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.

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Սիրելի Ծխականներ,

Աստուծոյ առաջնորդութեամբ եւ ձեր ազնիւ ջանքերուն շնորհիւ, Ս. Փրկիչ Եկեղեցին բոլորեց արդիւնաւոր տարի մը գեղեցիկ իրագործումներով:

Այս տարի մխիթարական երեւոյթ էր վայելել մեծ թիւով հաւատացեալներու ներկայութիւնը եկեղեցին մէջ: Կակնկալենք որ այս փառաւոր եկեղեցին ամէն կիրակի իր տարողութեան չափով լեցուի: Եկեղեցին միշտ բարգաւաճ ու կենսունակ է իր բարեպաշտ ու հաւատաւոր անդամներով:

Հայաստանեայց եկեղեցին գերազանց նշանակութիւն ունեցող հաստատութիւն մը եղած է դարերէ ի վեր հայ ժողովուրդին համար: Որովհետեւ Աւետարանի լուսաւորութեամբ կերտուած է հայուն անհատական ու ազգային նկարագիրը: Ներկայիս հրամայական պահանջ կայ որ եկեղեցին պահէ իր հին ու հիմնական կենսունակութիւնը ընդառաջ երթալու համար այն բոլոր վտանգներուն որոնք կը սպառնան իր բարոյական ու հոգեւոր գոյութեան:

1978 տարւոյ սեմին մեր բոլորին պարտականութիւնը պէտք է ըլլայ կրկնապատկել մեր ոյժերն ու ճիգերը Աստուծոյ գործին յաջողութեան եւ մեր եկեղեցւոյ կենսքին զօրացման համար:

Մեր հովուական գործունէութեան մաս կազմած են հետեւեալ ծառայութիւնները:

1. ԿՐՈՆԱԿԱՆ ՊԱՇՏԱՄՈՒՆՔ.- Ամէն կիրակի Սուրբ Պատարագի մատուցում ու քարոզխօսութիւն: Մասնաւոր եկեղեցական արարողութիւններ համաձայն մեր եկեղեցւոյ ականությունաց եւ տօնացոյցի կարգադրութեանց: Եկեղեցւոյ բոլոր արարողութիւնները կատարուած են պատշաճ վայելչութեամբ եւ հանդիսաւորութեամբ: Մասնաւոր գնահատանքի արժանի են եկեղեցւոյս դպրապետ Տիկին Մարգրիտ Յակոբեան, Երգեհոնահարներ Զօրն Սողիկեան, Մըրի Ժամկոչեան եւ Տիկին Այրին Շուշան: Զերմապէս կը գնահատենք նուիրեալ ծառայութիւնը եկեղեցւոյս կիսասարկաւազներուն, խորանի սպասարկուներուն, մոմակալներուն ու դպրաց դասի անդամներուն:

2. ԽՈՐՀՐԴԱԿԱՏԱՐՈՒԹԻՒՆՔ.- 1977 տարեշրջանին կատարուած են 7 մկրտութիւն, 2 չափահասներու դրօշմ, 10 պսակ եւ 27 թաղում:

3. ԱՅՑԵԼՈՒԹԻՒՆ.- Անցնող տարեշրջանին կարելի եղած կանոնաւորութեամբ այցելած ենք մեր ծխականներուն տուները իրենց ուրախ կամ տխուր առիթներով: Ցաճախակի այցելութիւններ տուած ենք հիւանդանոցներն ու ծերանոցները: Մեր ջերմագին փափաքն ու ցանկութիւնն է որ յառաջիկայ տարեշրջանին կրկնապատկենք մեր ճիգերը այցելութեան առաքելութեան մէջ:

4. ԺՈՂՈՎՆԵՐ.- Եկեղեցւոյս Ծխական Խորհուրդին եւ բոլոր կազմակերպութեանց ժողովներուն ներկայ եղած ենք ու բերած մեր գործօն մասնակցութիւնը օրուան հարցերուն:

5. ՀՐԱՏԱՐԱԿՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐ. — Եկեղեցւոյ Սուրհանդակ թերթիկը ամէն ամիս կանոնաւոր հրատարակուեցաւ եւ ղրկուեցաւ համայնքիս բոլոր անդամներուն ու թեմիս ու Գալիֆորնիոյ ծուխերուն: Մասնաւոր ճիգ թափեցինք որ թերթիկը պարունակէ եկեղեցական, ազգային ու մշակութային օգտակար տեղեկութիւններ:

Ամէն Կիրակի կանոնաւոր հրատարակուեցաւ եկեղեցւոյս Կիրակօրեայ թերթիկը: Զանազան հանդիսութեանց ու ձեռնարկներու առիթով ղրկուեցան մասնաւոր յայտարարութիւններ մեր ծխականներուն:

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

Եկեղեցւոյս հոգեւոր հովիւները ներկայ եղան եւ բերին իրենց գործօն բաժինը քաղաքիս Արեւելեան, Ուղղափառ եւ Կաթոլիկ եկեղեցականներու ժողովներուն:

ԱՌԱՋՈՐԴ ՍՐԱՍՁԱՆ ՀՕՐ ԱՅՑԵԼՈՒԹԻՒՆԸ. — Թեմիս Բարեխնամ Առաջնորդ Գերաշնորհ Տ. Թորգոմ Արքեպիսկոպոս Մանուկեան այցելեց մեր համայնքը Հոկտեմբեր 7-9 շաբաթավերջին եկեղեցւոյս օժման 25րդ տարեդարձի բարեբաստիկ առիթով: Այս երջանիկ առիթով Սրբազան Հայրը տասը դպիրներ ձեռնադրեց եւ Կիրակի, Հոկտեմբեր 9ին, պատարագեց ու քարոզեց եւ ապա նախագահեց տարեդարձի հանդիսաւոր ճաշկերոյթին: Սրբազան Հօր այցելութիւնը ուրախութեան ու գոհունակութեան առիթ մը եղաւ մեր հաւատացեալ ժողովուրդին համար:

Մեր համայնքը հաճոյքն ու ուրախութիւնը ունեցաւ վայելելու այցելութիւնը հետեւեալ հոգեւորականներուն որոնք պատարագներով ու քարոզներով մխիթարեցին մեր ժողովուրդը:

Արժանապատիւ Տ. Հայկ ԲՀՆՅ. Տօնիկեան, Բրավիտէնսէն, Հոգշ. Տ. Խաժակ Վրդ. Պարսամեան, Նիւ Եորքէն, Արժ. Տ. Յակոբ ԲՀՆՅ. Կէօքճեան, Հնդկաստանէն եւ Արժ. Տ. Տաճատ ԲՀՆՅ. Դաւիթեան, Ութըրթաունէն:

ԳՆԱՀԱՏԱՆՔ. — Սոյն պատեհ առիթով պարտ կը զգանք ու հաճոյքով կը գնահատենք եկեղեցւոյս Միակն Խորհուրդը, Թեմական պատգամաւորները, Հաշուեքներէջ Յանձնախումբը, Ընտրողական Յանձնախումբը, եկեղեցւոյս կազմակերպութիւններէն երէց ու կրտսեր Տիկնանց Միութիւնները, Արանց Միութիւնը, Դպրաց Դասը, Հայ Եկեղեցւոյ երիտասարդաց Կազմակերպութեան երէց ու կրտսեր մասնաճիւղերը, Հայ Մշակութային Կազմակերպութիւնը, Հայ եւ Կիրակօրեայ Կարժարաններու աշակերտութիւնը, ուսուցչական կազմը եւ խնամակալութիւնները, Գրադարանի Յանձնախումբը, Ուէյթ Էնտ Մինգ Յանձնախումբը եւ մեր սիրելի ու բարեպաշտ ժողովուրդը որոնք իրենց ազնիւ գործակցութեամբ շնացին առաւելագոյն չափով արդիւնաւորել մեր աշխատանքներն ու ձգտումները յօգուտ մեր Սուրբ Եկեղեցւոյ:

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

Մաղթելով Ձեր բարի գործերուն կատարեալ յաջողութիւն ի Տեառնէ,

Եղիշէ Ս. Վրդ. Կիզիրեան, Հովիւ
Կարապետ ԲՀՆՅ. Քօչաճեան, Օգնական Հովիւ

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Members of the Parish Council, after receiving confirmation from our Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, elected the following persons to their executive committee:

N. John Kabian, Chairman Charles Garabedian, Secretary
John Merzigian, Vice Chairman Francis Najarian, Treasurer

The Council took care of the necessary repairs and maintenance of our Church Complex with the able work of our Custodian, Kachadoor Toromanian. A few of the major repairs and additions was a new panel box in the Church to give us more amperage; painting the church kitchen and rear stairwell; aluminum railings for the front and side entrance of the church; refurbishing the living quarters of our Assistant Pastor in the Parish House. A Committee was chosen to celebrate the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of our new church. The Committee was made up of as many of the original Building Committee members as possible and also all Church organization chairmen. The members of the Committee did a fine job for this gala celebration.

The Organ Committee, which was formed a year ago, was given a twofold assignment to carry out: first to raise funds, select, buy and install a new organ in our Church; secondly, to repair our Baldwin organ and install it in the Cultural Center to be used there.

So far, the first phase has been completed. An Allen digital computer organ, model 301, has been bought installed and paid for. The Committee is now engaged in carrying out the second and final aspect of its assignment. The Baldwin instrument is being repaired and a study is being made on an appropriate sound speaker system for the organ to be placed in the Cultural Center. Hopefully this project will be completed in the near future.

The fund raising efforts of the Committee has resulted in an amount totaling \$16,307.80. The expenses being \$14,051.71 thus leaving a balance of \$2,256.09 in the Consumer Saving Bank. There are some outstanding payable bills which have not been received as yet.

The Parish Council and the Organ Committee expresses its gratitude to our people who have responded so generously to the appeal of the Committee.

Combined church services were held by the New England area churches at the Cathedral in the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire on Sunday, July 31. Worcester was fortunate to have our Pastor, Father Yeghishe Gizirian as the celebrant.

The Annual Church Picnic was again held at the SAC Park in Shrewsbury and was once again very successful.

In October, the 25th Anniversary Celebration was held and included a full weekend of activities with our Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian presiding.

Scheduled events were:

Friday evening - A Family Dinner

Saturday evening - Ordination of Acolytes & Reception

Sunday - Divine Liturgy and Banquet

Highlights of the Banquet were at the request of the Parish Council, an encyclical presented to Harry Sogigian from His Holiness Vasken I honoring him for his years of devoted service to our Church and the presentation of a color TV to our Pastor, Very Rev. Yeghishe Gizirian on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Priesthood by the Worcester parish.

The Annual Bazaar was once again held in November and due to the untiring efforts of our members and church organizations, it was a complete success. Also, once again, we held the "400 Club" raffle. Through the zealous efforts of Leon Kachadorian, assisted by Kazar Kazarian, the raffle was a complete sellout.

The Parish Council at this time wishes to thank all of the church organizations and committees for their complete cooperation and willingness to give of themselves in order to fulfill our mission.

Respectfully submitted,

N. John Kabian
Chairman

Charles H. Garabedian
Secretary

1977 STATEMENT OF INCOME

	<u>Anticipated</u>		<u>Actual</u>	
	<u>Income</u>		<u>Income</u>	
Pledges (weekly)	\$13,000.00	} 32,000	} \$30,408.16	
Pledges (annual)	1,900.00			
Plate	3,500.00		2,519.32	
Sunday Church School	500.00		469.48	
Youghakin	6,000.00		6,242.00	
Hokehankisd	6,000.00		7,373.00	
Momakin	800.00		1,030.30	
Baptisms	50.00		125.00	
Weddings	450.00		740.00	
Funerals	1,000.00		1,275.00	
Altar Flowers (don.)	500.00		461.15	(Net Loss-See No
Gifts & Amnonyous Don.	9,000.00		3,043.90	Note #1)
Memorial Pictures	500.00		800.00	
In Lieu of Flowers	500.00		2,018.00	
Church Functions	10,000.00		11,468.56	(See Note #2)
Rental Income	11,000.00		2,290.00	
Itinerant Clergy			225.00	
Interest	2,000.00		2,821.87	
Sub-total	83,800.00		72,849.59	
Rental other			12,800.00	
Transfer Account			27,000.00	
			<u>\$112,649.59</u>	

Note #1 - Altar Flowers

Expense	\$969.50
Donations	508.35
	<u> </u>
Loss	\$461.15

Note #2 - Functions

Picnic	\$2,089.71
Bazaar	9,990.73
Others	611.88
	<u> </u>
	\$11,468.56

1977 STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

	<u>Anticipated Expense</u>		<u>Actual Expense</u>	
Pastor	\$12,880.00		\$13,128.20	
Assistant Pastor	9,240.00	22,120.	9,163.25	22,626.45
Visiting Clergy			335.00	
Rental Allowance	2,400.00		2,400.00	
Secretary	3,600.00		3,934.75	
Secretarial Aide	750.00		316.00	4,250.75
Custodian			3,141.50	
Custodial Aides	6,500.00		874.40	4,015.90
Choir Director	1,300.00		1,325.00	
Organists	520.00		480.00	
Soloists	400.00		520.00	
Deacons	400.00		170.00	
Sunday Church School	1,400.00		1,427.51	
Armenian School	1,000.00		200.00	
Postage	1,000.00		477.05	
Automobiles	2,000.00		1,896.57	
General Insurance	2,600.00		2,817.00	
Clergy Insurance	1,800.00		3,446.37	
Building Repairs	4,000.00		296.00	(See Note #1)
Diocesan Assessment	14,322.00		16,500.00	
Etchmiadzin Assessment	250.00		250.00	
Ecumenical Council (dues)	150.00		-----	
SUPPLIES:				
Pledge	250.00		225.00	
Office	500.00		763.43	
Printing	1,500.00		2,408.15	
Candles	800.00		807.60	
Maintenance	1,300.00		1,625.07	
TELEPHONES:				
Office	1,500.00		1,332.42	
Public	200.00		257.28	
UTILITIES:				
Water	100.00		66.15	
Electric	4,000.00		3,611.82	
Fuel (heating)	12,000.00		7,889.02	
Diocesan Assembly	200.00		98.16	
Sub-total	88,862.00		82,820.15	
Cultural Center Mortgage Payment			<u>15,000.00</u>	
			\$97,820.15	

Note #1

Majority of repairs paid from Transfer Account

1977 RECAPITULATION

BALANCES JANUARY 1, 1977

Guaranty Bank (checking account)	\$25.81	
Peoples Bank	32,400.77	
Freedom Federal	7,345.73	
Freedom Federal	<u>170.27</u>	
BALANCE		\$ 40,142.58
Total Income 1977	112,649.59	
Total Disbursements 1977	<u>97,820.15</u>	
		<u>14,829.44</u>
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1977		54,972.02

BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 1977

Guaranty Bank	11,129.38	
Peoples Bank	34,695.68	
Freedom Bank	8,957.54	
Freedom Bank	<u>189.42</u>	
		54,972.02

NOTE: During the past year, your Church Council, with the assistance and cooperation of the Church's clerical and lay staff along with the cooperation and understanding of our family of organizations within the church, was able to effectively reduce waste in certain areas. Namely, reducing annual expense approximately \$6,000.00 below the 1977 projected figure. Further, the expense proved to be approximately \$3,000.00 less than our expenses in 1976.

During calendar year 1978, we can anticipate further increases in costs due to normal cost of living expense increases. Also indications are that an increased financial burden may be placed on us from our Diocese, all of which means that the entire family within the Church must work together with full cooperation and understanding.

Respectfully submitted,
Francis Najarian, 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 1977 Auditors:
Edward Bilzerian
Robert Shooshan
Harry Sogigian

CULTURAL CENTER BUILDING FUND

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Year Ended December 31, 1977

CASH BALANCE - From December 31, 1976 \$16,707.57

RECEIPTS:

Pledges and Assessments	\$ 3,843.25
In Lieu of Flowers	10,061.00
Interest Received	895.78
Parish Council	21,000.00
Senior Ladies Auxiliary	1,500.00
Transfer Account	<u>1,450.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE PERIOD 38,750.03

TOTAL CASH \$55,457.60

DISBURSEMENTS:

Payment on Mortgage Principal	\$37,759.02
Interest Paid on Mortgage	<u>4,783.78</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 42,542.80

CASH BALANCE: DECEMBER 31, 1977 \$12,914.80

VERIFICATION OF CASH BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1977

Mechanics Bank:

Checking Account #205 230 6	\$ 5,252.43
Savings Account #602 325 3	<u>7,662.37</u>

TOTAL CASH \$12,914.80

Balance of Mortgage as of December 31, 1977 \$44,563.76

Respectfully submitted,

Bart Bagdasarian

1978 ANTICIPATED INCOME & EXPENSE
(Church Operations Budget)

INCOME

Pledges (weekly) & annual	\$33,000.00	
Plate	2,500.00	
Sunday Church School	500.00	
Youghakin	6,500.00	
Hokehankisd	7,000.00	
Momakin	1,000.00	
Baptisms	50.00	
Weddings	700.00	
Funerals	1,500.00	
Altar Flowers	500.00	
Gifts	3,000.00	
Memorial Pictures	1,000.00	
In Lieu of Flowers	2,000.00	
Church Functions	10,000.00	
Rentals	14,000.00	
Interest	2,500.00	\$85,750.00

EXPENSE

Pastor's Stipend	\$12,880.00	
Asst. Pastor's Stipend	9,520.00	
Parsonage rent	2,400.00	
Secretary	4,000.00	
Secretarial Aides	750.00	
Custodian & Assistants	7,000.00	
Choir Director	1,300.00	
Organist	800.00	
Soloist	400.00	
Deacons	400.00	
Sunday Church School	1,400.00	
Armenian School	1,000.00	
Postage	500.00	
Automobiles	2,000.00	
General Insurance	2,800.00	
Clergy Insurance	1,950.00	
Clergy Retirement	1,500.00	
Building Repairs	4,000.00	
Diocesan Assessment	16,500.00	
Etchmiadzin Assessment	250.00	
Ecumenical Council	150.00	
Pledge Supplies	300.00	
Office Supplies	825.00	
Printing Supplies	2,100.00	
Altar Supplies	1,000.00	
Maintenance Supplies	1,600.00	
Telephones	1,500.00	
Water	100.00	
Electric	3,500.00	
Fuel	10,000.00	
Diocesan Assembly	1,000.00	\$93,425.00

SEVENTY FIFTH ANNUAL DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church, Providence, R.I. May 5, 6 & 7, 1977
Presiding: His Grace Archbishop Toros Manougian, Diocesan Primate

1st Session of the Assembly Convened Thursday, May 5

1. Confirmation of Delegates
2. Welcoming Address, host pastor Fr. Haik Donikian
3. Reading of message from His Holiness Catholicos of All Armenians, Vazken I of the Holy See of Etchmiadzin
4. Approval of the 74th Assembly minutes
5. Nomination of Assembly Officers and presentation of slates for Standing Committees. Assembly officers were elected in this session and undertook their duties.
6. Appointment of Courtesies Committee
7. Message - visiting clergy - personal representative of His Holiness Vazken I, the Rev. Fr. Hagop Goekjian, Pastor of Armenian congregation in Calcutta.
8. Appointment of Parliamentarians
9. Adoption of Agenda
10. Report of Clergy Conference, held prior to the Assembly
11. Memorial Prayer for deceased Diocesan Delegates
12. Primate's Address
13. Amendments & Proposals

2nd Session of Assembly Convened PM, May 5

14. Nominating Committee reported that elections for Standing Committees would take place, Friday 9 AM to 12 Noon.

Adjourned, 10:35 PM -- completing first full day

3rd Session Convened Friday, May 6

15. Report of Diocesan Council

4th Session, PM May 6 at Marriott Hotel, Providence

16. Meetings of Panel Conferences in four separate groups
Their reports to be received by the Full Assembly

5th Session, Evening, May 6

Continuation of Item 13

17. Church Unity
18. Elberon Issue
19. Report of Auditing Committee
20. Financial Report of Diocese
21. Report of Courtesies Committees
22. Determination of site for 76th Assembly
23. Endowment Fund Report

Adjourned, 10:00 PM -- Second day of Assembly

6th Session, Convened Saturday, May 7

Discussion of Item 23 continued

24. Reports of Panel Conferences:
 - I Archdiocesan Plan
 - II Religious aspect of Church Life
 - III Diocesan/Parish Relationship
 - IV Budget & Finance

7th Session, PM - May 7

Continuation of hearings on Panel Conferences

25. Report of Clergy Stipend Committee
26. Additional Resolutions
27. New Business
28. Report of Nominating Committee on elections of Standing Committees

75th Annual Diocesan Assembly

Conclusion of 75th Annual Diocesan Assembly, Saturday - 6:15 PM
3rd and Final Day

Detailed minutes of the Assembly are available by reference to any of the attending delegates:

- Very Rev. Yeghishe Gizirian
- Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian
- John Kabian, Chairman of Parish Council
- Zarvin Kasparian
- Gilbert Markarian
- John Toromanian
- Seth Bilazarian
- Bart Pagdasarian

Due to unavoidable commitment, Delegate George Herosian could not attend. Name of Ramon Hovsepian, alternate delegate was submitted to the Assembly for confirmation. Mr. Hovsepian also was unable to join the Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

Bart Pagdasarian

THE ERMALIAN CHOIR

The Ekmalian Choir, consisting of a membership of 36, including altar servers, has been singing at the Divine Liturgy each Sunday and at all special Liturgical services throughout the year.

Officers are:

- Norman Noorjanian, Chairman
- Janet Sahagian, Vice-Chairman
- Karen McBride, Corresponding Secretary
- Nancy Hovhanesian, Recording Secretary
- Hazel Eljanian, Treasurer
- Margaret Hagopian, Advisor

Serving on the altar are: Deacon Simon Zakarian, Sub-deacons: Charles Hoogasian, Haroutine Kasparian, Suney Kachadoorian and Ara Eresian. Organists are George Sogigian, Marie Shamgochian and Irene Shooshan. The Choir sings under the direction of Margaret Hagopian, assisted by Hazel Eljanian.

During the month of July, our Choir participated with the Choirs of the Northeast in a Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, N.H.

In September, the Choir hosted the "Coffee Fellowship Hour" after church services.

In October, the Sayat Nova Singers, comprised of choir members, sang patriotic and folk songs at the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Banquet of our Church.

The Choir has been an integral part of the worship services and its members feel it a privilege to serve our Church. New members, young and old are always welcome to join us-- there are no generation gaps in singing the Lord's praises.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Father Yeghishe and to Father Garabed for their constant dedicated spiritual leadership and guidance.

Financial Report

Total 1977 Income	\$599.33
Total 1977 Expense	<u>339.75</u>
Balance	\$269.58

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Noorjanian
Chairman

ARMENIAN SCHOOL

There are thirty-five pupils enrolled in the Armenian School, which are held on Saturday mornings from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon. It was with great regret that Mr. Vahan Pogharian's resignation as Principal was accepted, but we were indeed fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Levon Karagusian, who is now serving as Principal. The teachers are Mrs. Macrouhi Adjeleian, Mrs. Mary Aroian and Miss Sona Garabedian. The school calendar is from September 17, 1977 to June 18, 1978-- a total of 32 sessions. An adult class which is in its first semester, is held on Wednesday evenings, with an enrollment of 10 students and is conducted by Mr. Karagusian. Committee meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month. School Committee members are as follows:

Very Rev. Yeghishe Gizirian, President	Advisors:
Armenouhi Jardarian, Chairman	Zarvin Kasparian
Van Aroian, Vice-Chairman	Deran-Deranian
Torkom Boyajian, Treasurer	Grace Kheboian
Arshalouis Andonian, Cor. Secretary	Charlotte Calfaian
Anne Hovenesian, Recording Secretary	Zabelle Jorjorian
Charlotte Calfaian, Publicity Director	

Special Activities were as follows:

Communication Wksp. was held at our Church on March 19, 1977. Attending were Charlotte Calfaian and Grace Kheboian, who reported it to be well-conducted and educational.

Principal Pogharian, Mr. Boyajian, Mrs. Jardarian and all the teachers attended the Diocesan Assembly on Saturday, May 7 at the Marriotte Hotel in Providence. The educational conference was conducted by Sylva Der Stepanian, Director of Armenian Education for the Diocese. The main speaker was Katherine Darvon of Seton Hall, and her subject was "How To Teach a Second Language". Principal Pogharian reported that it was a most worth-while experience.

Bus Trip was made to St. Vartan's Cathedral in New York on June 4th. 41 persons, including students, parents, teachers and Committee members attended. His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manogian greeted the group in the Cathedral. A delicious dinner was served by the ladies Auxiliary and a tour of the Cathedral was made. A session was held in the language lab conducted by Mr. Nubar Kupelian and proved to be most educational and enjoyable. It made us realize the fine resources for learning which have been developed by Miss Der Stepanian and Mr. Kupelian and their Staff. The group next made a tour of the United Nations and arrived in Worcester at 9:00 PM.

Closing Exercises were held on Saturday, June 18 at 6:30 PM with a musical program and recitations by the pupils.

Armenian School "Kick-Off" Dinner was held on Sunday, September 11, immediately after Church Services. Mr. Zarvin Kasparian conducted the program and Mr. Levon Karagusian, our new Principal, was speaker of the day.

<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u>	Balance 1/1/77	\$ 448.65
	Income during 1977	1,084.08
	1977 Total Income	<u>1,532.73</u>
	1977 Total Expense	1,442.83
	Balance on hand 12/31/77	<u>\$ 89.90</u>

Attendance this year is down from last year and it is hoped that parents will exert their influence to make their children aware of the advantages of knowing a second language-- the beautiful Armenian language of their heritage. We appreciate the moral and financial support extended by the Parish Council and the various organizations and friends in the Parish.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Hovenesian, Recording Secretary

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent: Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian
Co-Ordinators: Mrs. Arlene Manos and Ms. Marilyn Markarian
Treasurer: Mrs. Joanne Bezdegian
Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Sarah Hovsepian
Advisors: Mr. Seth Bilazarian and Mrs. Mary Arakelian
Parish Council Liaison: Mr. Jerry Stepanian

TEACHING STAFF

Primary Department

Carol Kasparian
Jan Aslanian
Maryann Aslanian
Dorothy Arakelian
Kathy Arakelian
*Judith Adishian
Dianna Sahagian

Secondary Department

Lucine Haroian
Thomasine Surabian
Harry Dostourian
Seth Bilazarian
Seth Bilazarian, Jr.
MaryAnn Beaupre

Senior Department

Berjoohe Zakarian
Mary Arakelian
Sarah Hovsepian
Fr. Garabed Kochakian

Number of Classes 14 Enrollment 132

School Hours - Every Sunday 10:00 AM to 11:45 AM

Pre-registration - Through the mail

Classes began - September 18, 1977

Curriculum - Council for Religious Education Publication
Diocese of the Armenian Church

Orthodox Christian Education Commission

Basic Texts - Holy Scripture, Divine Liturgy, Sacraments,
General and Armenian Church History

1977 ACTIVITIES

- January - Reception of Holy Communion & Communion Breakfast on the occasion of Holy Theophany
- February - Baregentan Party
Senior Class visitation to St. Spyridon Greek Church for Divine Liturgy
- March - Special Collection of Lenten Offerings for the St. Nersess Seminary
- April - Resurrection of Lazarus - Jashou Liturgy and Holy Communion and Communion Breakfast - Movie on Passion of Christ
Palm Sunday Procession with palms
Holy Tuesday Service of Ten Virgins for girls
Holy Thursday Vodunlva (Washing of Feet) for boys
- June - Closing Exercises & Program
- September - Beginning of Classes
- October - Halloween Party
Ordination of Ten Acolytes
- November - Thanksgiving Basket Collection
- December - Church School Teachers Christmas Party at Bilazarians
Christmas Pageant and Family Party
Christmas Eve Service

Sunday Church School

This year, our program in Christian Education continued to follow all guidelines and recommendations of our Diocesan Christian Education Dept. The four areas of emphasis were the pupils classroom instruction, worship assembly, participation in the Divine Liturgy and field trips during the year and continuing throughout classes commencing at 10:00 AM and continuing to 12 noon. Children attend both the Divine Liturgy and Church School Assembly. There is frequent reception of the Holy Eucharist which is the center of our communal worship.

There are three worship assemblies held-- Primary (pre-school through grade 3), Secondary (grade 4-7) and Senior (grades 8-10). Also included in our curriculum are special training classes for altar servers. Upon completion of these classes, the young boys will be eligible for ordination to the four minor ranks in the Armenian Church.

It was with regret that we accepted the resignation of members of our 1975-76 teaching staff. During the summer months, much time was expended in searching for replacements. The task was not too easy, however, with the help of the Holy Spirit the staff was completed.

I would like to comment that parental participation is the key to the success of our endeavors. Without your help the Church School would not and could not function properly. We look for more commitment on your part and of course your continued spiritual and material support.

At this time, the Executive Religious Education Council would like to thank all 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

CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

In 1977, the Cultural Committee officially became known as the Cultural Organization.

Our first program in February was a dramatic presentation for Vartanantz Day depicting the "Battle of Avarair" with a cast of 18 in colorful costumes. Actual photographs from Armenia on slides (courtesy of Mr. Leon Hovsepian) were super-imposed on the back wall of the stage to heighten the effect of the drama. The evening was so successful that members from the the Knights of Vartan requested that we repeat the production for their annual meeting a few weeks later. We complied with their request and they were generous with a nice check for our organization.

For the Mid-Lenten Dinner sponsored by the Senior Ladies Auxiliary in March, we presented a comedy-drama "Karekin, The Clown", a Lenten story with a cast of 12. This production was done in an old radio studio format complete with music and sound effects.

On May 1, before a packed audience, we sponsored the Erevan Choral Society with chorus and orchestra. Father Oshagan Minassian conducting. In an exciting program, they presented songs from all sections of Armenia. Following a most successful and well-received concert, our organization put on a delicious dinner for members and friends of the chorus and orchestra. A lovely evening of fellowship prevailed with our visitors.

Our Organization also participated in the "Coffee Fellowship Hour" during May.

During the year the photographs from Hye-Jinks '76 were mounted and framed and hung in the Church Hall. These photographs were generously donated by Mr. Andy Surabian.

A donation to the St. Nersess Summer Study Conference was made. Executive officers for 1977 were: Arsen Haroian, Chairman; Leon Hovsepian, Vice-Chairman/ Bizer Simonian, Recording Secretary; Rose Aslanian, Corresponding Secretary; Aaron Hovenesian, Treasurer.

Financial Report

Total 1977 Income - \$1,334.11 - Total 1977 Expense - \$147.25
Disbursement to Church Treasurer - \$1,000.00 - Net Balance - \$186.86.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Hovenesian
Treasurer

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Upon the wish of the Committee, the following members were re-elected:
Haroutune Kasparian, Chairman Rose Gulanian, Treasurer
Diane Sahagian, Vice Chairman Rose Toromanian, Corresponding Sec.
Helen Torigian, Recording Secretary

Presently, the Committee has ten active members.

The success of the library can adequately be explained by the active interest of its readers. We have in the past, tried the following in order to generate and maintain the interest of our community. We have set aside regular library hours. We have informed our parishioners of these hours countless times through the media of Sunday bulletins and The Messenger. We have undertaken some activities, educational and cultural in nature and have held open house many times. A final attempt was made by writing letters to the chairpersons of all organizations, asking them to encourage to read Church library books and share their knowledge with their members by brief oral reports.

It is surprising that with such a large parish as ours, only a handful of people made use of the library.

As a last resort, the Committee decided to transfer its headquarters from the Parish House to the connector of the Cultural Center, in the near future, hoping that the exposure would generate new interest.

I would like to express my appreciation to each and every member of my Committee for their time, interest and cooperation they shared this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Haroutune Kasparian
Chairman

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Հաճոյքով կը ներկայացնենք Ս. Փրկիչ Եկեղեցւոյ Տիկնանց Միութեան 1977 տարեշրջանի գործունէութեան տեղեկագիրը:

Միութեան վարչական կազմը կը բաղկանայ ըստ հետեւեալի. —
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 Տիրուհի Իշլէմէճեան Փոխ-ատենապետուհի
 Արմենուհի Ճարտարեան Ատենադպրուհի
 Ազնիւ Թաւաճեան Գանձապետուհի
 Մէրի Պետրոսեան Հաշուապահուհի
 Աննա Թարաբեան Զարտուղարուհի

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

Միութեան տրատու անդամներու թիւն է 116
 Ամէն ամիս 200 հրաւիրագիր կը ղրկուի անդամուհիներուն ու համակիրներուն:

Յաւով կը տեղեկացնենք որ այս տարուան շրջանին մեզմէ յաւետ րածնուած են ութը հաւատաւոր անդամուհիներ:

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1977 տարեշրջանին ունեցած ենք եօթը անդամական ժողովներ:
 Յունուար — Վարչական ընտրութիւն եւ Հայկական Մուսուլմանական տօնակատարութիւն:

Փետրուար — Տօնակատարութիւն Սրբոց Վարդանանց տօնին առթիւ:
 Մարտ — Միութեան տարեկան հրապարակային ձեռնարկ. Մեծ Պահոց Միջինքի ճաշկերոյթ եւ պատշաճ յայտագիր:

Ապրիլ — Աւանդական հաւկթախաղ:

Մայիս — Համբարձման տօնակատարութիւն եւ վիճակախաղ:

Յունիս — Դաշտահանդէս Եկեղեցւոյ շրջափակին մէջ:

Հոկտեմբեր — Հայ Մշակոյթի տօնակատարութիւն:

Նոյեմբեր — Աւանդական հոգեճաշի յարգանս միութեան սգաւոր անդամուհիներու:

Դեկտեմբեր — Ամանորի տօնակատարութիւն եւ Ընտրողական Յանձնախումբի ընտրութիւն:

Միութեան անդամուհիները խումբով այցելեցին Սրբինկաիտի Ս. Յովհաննէս Եկեղեցին Սուրբ Շուշանիկ Կոյսին յիշատակի տօնակատարութեան առթիւ: Սոյն խմբագնացութիւնը կատարուեցաւ Մարտ 2ին:

Եկեղեցասէր Տիկնանց Միութեան անդամուհիները իրենց սիրալոյսով մասնակցութիւնը բերած են միութեան անդամական ժողովներու ճաշկերու պատրաստութեան մէջ, ինչպէս նաեւ օգնած են Եկեղեցւոյ տարեկան դաշտահանդէսին, պագարին եւ այլ ձեռնարկներուն:

Մեր յարգանքի բաժինը բերած ենք մեզմէ յաւետ րածնուած անդամուհիներու փոխան ծաղկեպսակի նուիրատուութեամբ: Ուրախ եւ տխուր պարագաներուն քարոզերով մեր զգացումները յայտնած ենք եւ այցելութիւններ տուած ըստ կարելւոյն:

Միութեան ժողովներուն միշտ նախագահած է համայնքիս հոգեւոր հովիւ Հոգշ. Տ. Եղիշէ Մ. Վրդ. Կիզիրեան եւ տուած է շինիչ թելադրութիւններ: Միութիւնը իր խորին շնորհակալութիւնը կը յայտնէ Հայր Սուրբին, Արժ. Տ. Կարապետ ԲՅՆՅ. Գօշազեանին ինչպէս նաեւ բոլոր անոնց որոնք քաջալերած են միութեան տարած աշխատանքները:

Յարգանքներով

Եղիսաբէթ Ղազարեան Ատենապետուհի
 Արմենուհի Ճարտարեան Ատենադպրուհի

1977 Income - \$4,726.71 Expense - \$2,499.11 Balance - \$2,227.60

YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD

1977 Executive Board

Frances Elloian - Chairperson
Ann Sharigian - Vice-Chairperson
Ann Pogharian - Recording Secretary
Mary Manoogian - Corres. Secretary
Zevart Hougasian - Treasurer
Gladys Markarian - Asst. Treasurer

Appointed to Standing Committees

Advisors: Juliette Najarian and Ann Kabian
By-Laws: Charlotte Anusbigian and Ardem Andonian
Program: Pauline Agazarian and Lisa Hagopian
Liaison to Parish Council: Margaret Hagopian & Rose Aslanian
Membership: Ann Najarian and Pamela Der Kazarian
Auditing: Betty Naroian
Publicity: Harriet Krikorian
Hospitality: Betty Chakarian and Dorothy Asadoorian
Visitations: Ruth Shahinian and Kay Garabedian
Volunteer Social Services: Ann Hagopian, Kay Garabedian, Anita Sarian, Dorothy Yagjian, Rose Aslanian, Francis Elloian and Ann Kabian

A total of ten membership meetings and six executive board meetings were held with an average of thirty members present.

Activities for the year

January - Installation Dinner
February - Valentine Tea
March - Women Saints Lenten Luncheon
April - Easter Egg Party
May - Guest Night
September - Dance
October - Acolyte's Buffet
November - Thanksgiving Eve Buffet
December - New Years Eve Dance

The Guild actively participated in the following functions.

Senior Ladies Lenten Supper, Delegates attended the Annual Diocesan Assembly, Annual Church Picnic, Armenian School Dinner, Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Church, Annual Church Bazaar, Food Sale

We sponsored a young boy from our parish to the St. Nersess Summer Study Seminar and also helped in preparing the meals for the Seminar at the retreat house.

The Guild bought and hung the drapes in the Church Hall and also participates in making the Mas.

We had one guest speaker this year, Mary Kelley who spoke on the Civic Center issue.

Social activities for the year included a trip to the Chateau De Ville and our Annual Christmas Party in December.

The Guild expresses its gratitude to the Parish Council and other Church organizations, parishioners and friends for their support and cooperation.

Financial Report

Total 1977 Income - \$8,473.88
Total 1977 Expense 5,116.67
Net Balance 3,357.21
Disbursements to the Church: \$3,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Pogharian
Recording Secretary

MEN'S CLUB

On behalf of the Armenian Church of Our Saviour Men's Club, we wish to take this opportunity to publicly extend our sincere appreciation in having the opportunity to serve our church and to all those who generously contributed to the success of our organization during the 1977 year.

The executive committee has been extremely gratified with the manner in which the church community has responded to the spirit of the organization. It is with genuine pride, yet with humility, that the present membership has developed the promise and potential of the years that lie ahead for the organization.

The events that were scheduled were designed to indicate our continuing commitment to enrich and joining together the personal backgrounds of our membership. The untiring efforts of the executive committee was directed to emphasizing cultural experiences, utilizing local resources and inviting prominent local citizens and those with professional backgrounds to our monthly meetings.

Therefore, we would be remiss if the following highlights of the year were not noted: The Annual Sports Night and recognition of our young men on the basketball teams and their coaches; the summer evening of togetherness with our youth (ACYOA), it appeared that the cookout and volleyball contest attracted all of our young people and male parishioners; the Oxford Middle School band concert in our Cultural Center; Mr. Peter George, Director of Community Relations of the Commonwealth Gas Company, who spoke on "How To Save Heat and Money"; our own Edward Bilzerian, Controller at Bay State Abrasives and a member of the Worcester Airport Commission, who spoke on the "Worcester Airport - Past and Present"; concluded with the successful New Years Eve Dinner-Dance.

Finally, the quality and appropriateness of our activities for the past year instills in our membership a sense of justifiable pride and we hope and urge that all our male church parishioners to be a part of it.

Executive officers for 1977 were:

Garry Degermajian - Chairman
Peter Naroian - Vice-Chairman
Charles Der Kazarian - Treasurer

Yervant Osganian, Corres. Secretary
Mardeiros Mooshagian, Recording Sec.

Respectfully submitted,

Garry Degermajian
Chairman

ACYOA SENIORS

The ACYOA Seniors in an effort to become an active group within our community were re-organized under the new constitution. With the aid of the Central Council and encouragement of the Diocesan Youth Director, Mr. George Tashjian, new enthusiasm and interest was generated among our young adults.

To date, three meetings have been held with a record attendance of approximately 40 members at each meeting. The membership voted at its November meeting and elected the following to the new ACYOA Senior board:

- Richard Kazarian - Chairman
- Melanie Barsamian - Vice Chairman
- Adrienne Kabian - Recording Secretary
- John Elloian, Corresponding Secretary
- David Anusbigian - Treasurer

Already a successful Bake Sale was conducted in December. There have been plans made for an active 1978 and with the help of the Parish Council and clergy, success shall be realized.

Respectfully submitted,
Father Garabed Kochakian
For the ACYOA Seniors

ACYOA JUNIORS

The year started off with a Progressive Supper to several members' houses.

In February, the group went to a Boston Celtics game. Also a very successful Spaghetti Supper was held in the Church Hall on a Saturday night in February. Qui

In March, several members attended a "Retreat" held in Boylston, Ma.

In April, ACYOA Day was held on Palm Sunday and was a very successful event. It included a banquet followed by an interesting program during which slides of Armenia and Turkis occupied Armenia were shown by Mr. Richard Norsigian of Detroit.

On Mother's Day in May, our Annual Bake Sale was held in the Church Hall. Many members attended the "Hye Mrstoom" Sports Weekend in Watertown on Memorial Day Weekend. Also, during the months of April and May, several car washes were held.

In June, the ACYOA Juniors joined the Men's Club in a volleyball match. After the fun and games, came a hotdog and hamburg cookout sponsored by the Men's Club.

During the summer, a slide projector was donated to the Church and the walls of the connector were painted. Also, about fifteen members attended the St. Nersess Summer Study Conference held at the Barlin Acres in Boylston, Massachusetts.

In October, a bus trip was taken to St. Vladimir's Seminary in Crestwood, New York to attend Orthodox Education Day. A "Coffee Fellowship" was sponsored by the Juniors. We also helped at a reception during the weekend celebrating our Church's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.

In November, we had a booth, ice cream parlor and games for children at our Annual Bazaar.

Ten members attended an ACYOA District Weekend held in Springfield.

Elections were held at the end of December with the following results:

Seth Bilazarian - Chairman
Lana McCoy - Vice-Chairman
Steve Migridichian - Treasurer
(appointed)

Jan Aslanian - Recording Secretary
Anne Dostourian - Corres. Secretary
Ann Kheboian - Sports Director
Edward Agazarian - District Delegation

Financial Report

Balance January 1, 1977 - \$1,408.70
Balance December 31, 1977 - 913.71

Respectfully submitted,

Louis S. Mikitarian
Chairman

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