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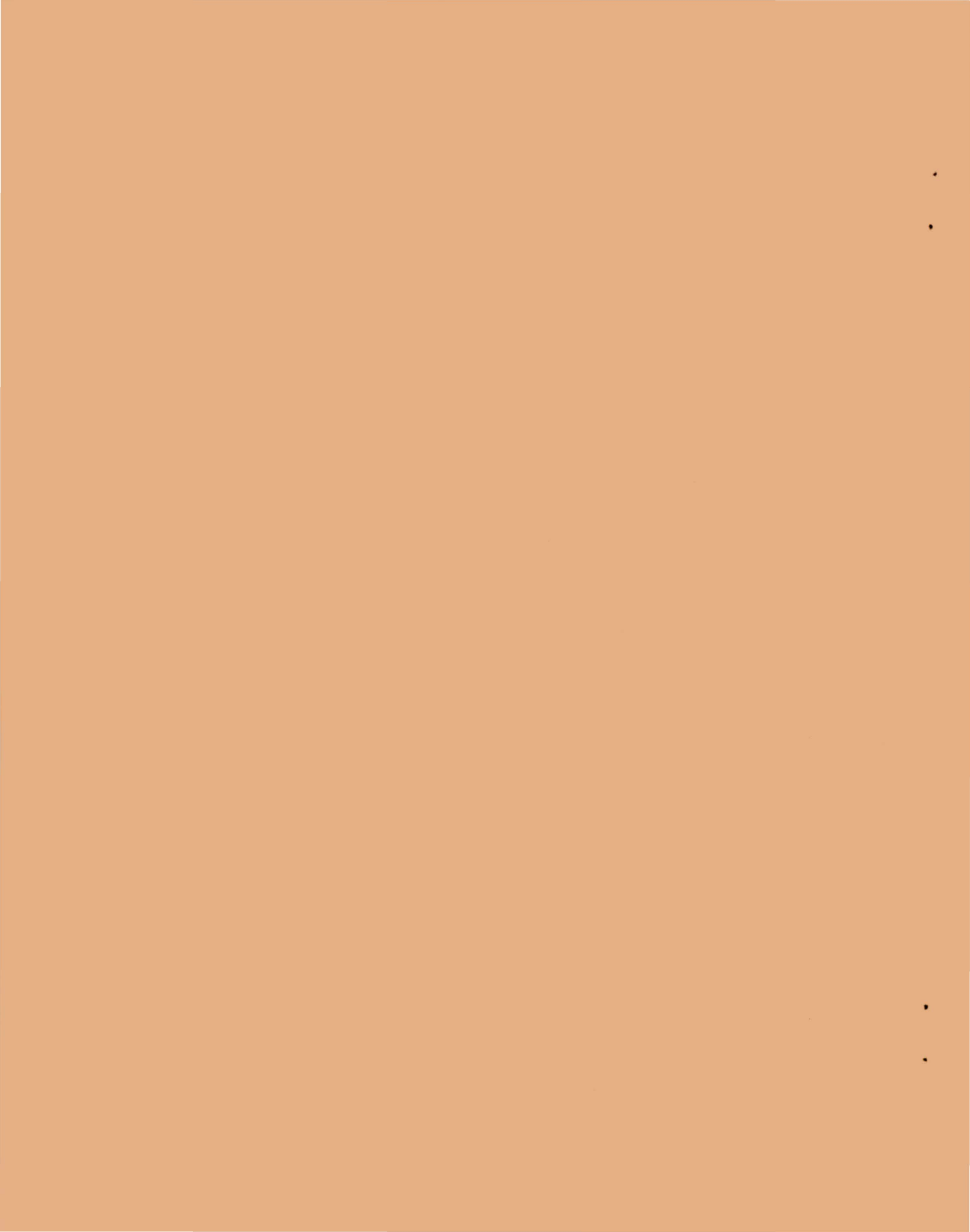
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The Annual Parish Assembly of the Armenian Church of Our Saviour was held on Sunday, January 28, 1979 in the Church Hall and commenced at 12:45 p.m. with the election of the Assembly Chairman and Secretary, namely, Zarvin Kasparian and Rose Paloian, respectively. Approximately 154 members attended. After a brief greeting from the newly elected Assembly Chairman, the meeting was recessed until 1:30 p.m. for the purpose of the balloting and election.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m. in the lower hall of the Cultural Center with Very Rev. Yeghishe Gizirian presiding, along with the Rev. Garabed Kochakian and Parish Council Chairman Nerses John Kabian in attendance. The Chairman announced that the balloting would continue until 2:30 p.m. and that the meeting would proceed with the items on the Agenda, commencing with the matter of New Business.

It was suggested by Harry Sogigian that in anticipation of the 100th. Anniversary of the Armenian Church in America, which will take place in about ten years, sufficient funds approximating \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 be set aside for the purpose of publishing a historical documentary about our church. It was recommended that a committee be elected or appointed to do basic research as to the magnitude of such a project and what it will entail and to have a completely documented report in time for next year's Assembly. Motion made, seconded and carried to so do.

There being no further items under New Business, the Chairman proceeded with the review of the minutes of the previous assembly. The question was raised by George Mgridichian as to the advisability of listing the number of votes cast for the respective candidates as it appeared in the 1978 Annual Report, and made a recommendation that said practice be dispensed with, recommendation accepted by the assembly.

It was also noted that the wording in the last sentence of paragraph 3 of page 1 of the minutes should be changed to delete the words "of the Assembly".

With regard to the Report of the Parish Council, Bart Bagdasarian raised the question as to why the Special Parish Meeting pertaining to the Diocesan Assembly had not been included in the report. Apologies were extended by the Parish Council Chairman for omitting same.

Regarding the Report of the Pastor, a motion was made, seconded and passed that it be accepted with appreciation and commendation.

John Toromanian noted that in the Parish Council Report, page 16, 3rd. paragraph, the number of parishioners in St. Vartan Stewardship Program was given as 18, whereas it should have been 19. It was also stated that said program is continually available at any time.

Clarification was requested regarding the organization of the Young Married Couples Club referred to in page 16 of the Parish Council Report. Rev. Kochakian explained that the formation of said group was for the purpose of bringing together young couples married within the past 15 years to get them more involved in the church in hopes that said involvement will result in active participation in all phases of church work.

Elizabeth Kazarian and her committee were gratefully acknowledged for having prepared the Assembly Luncheon and special thanks were extended to Bart Bagdasarian for a job well done and to the numerous others who lent their talents and help to the Church. Among other cited for special recognition were Mary Sogigian as Assistant Secretary and to John Kabian for his untiring efforts.

After reviewing the Cultural Center Building Fund Report, motion was made, seconded and carried that the report be accepted. Thanks and appreciation were extended to Bart Bagdasarian for a job well done.

With regard to page 24, "1979 Anticipated Income" questions were raised concerning the General Insurance and Clergy Insurance figures. John Kabian explained that general insurance covered the building and that clergy insurance covered for health and life and that the retirement fund is obtained through a contract with the Diocese.

A further question was raised as to the meaning of "Looma" which should be changed to read Etchimizadin Looma.

Another question followed regarding the figure set for Custodian and Aides. Again, Parish Council Chairman, John Kabian explained that such funds were in anticipation of hiring a full-time custodian for which position interviews are presently in progress. A lengthy discussion concerning this matter followed with many views and suggestions.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Budget, which motion was carried unanimously.

With regard to the Choir report, George Herosian commended the Choir Director and choir for their dedication and service to the Church.

Regarding the Armenian School report, it was noted by the Chairman that in comparison with other parishes, the size of our enrollment is relatively small then he questioned the fact that perhaps not enough interest is being fostered to increase the enrollment.

Sunday School Report - The following corrections and omissions were noted: The name of Ann Kabian should be changed to read "Ann Kheboian" and the name of Jean Merzigian should be added to the list of substitutes.

Library Committee Report - Accepted as given.

Men's Club Report - Wording of the last sentence of the first paragraph should be changed to read, "Balance of \$543.78" instead of "Budget".

Women's Guild Report: The name of Margaret Belles should be added to the list of Advisors.

Special note was made by Harry Sogigian relating to the Membership Crusade Committees efforts in organizing a file and campaign system for contacting prospective parishioners. He suggested that this committee be rotated so as to involve more people with the hope of getting our youth to pledge as well.

George Herosian raised the question as to why the number of parish members is not shown in the Annual Report whereupon the Chairman explained that the Parish Council does report membership to the Diocese and the count is always available.

In regard to the old organ, question was raised by Francis Najarian as to expense of renovation and subsequent disposition. Harry Sogigian explained that after the purchase of the new organ, estimates were obtained for the repair of the old organ and that the same was repaired at a cost of \$1,000.00 after which it was installed in the Cultural Center. It was noted by the Chairman that the disposition of the old organ was mentioned in the November 1977 issue of the Messenger. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to include this information in the Annual Report.

Next to page 16, reference was made to the approval of a disaster loan in the amount of \$39,100.00 for repairs to the church and cultural center buildings and the question was raised by George Mgridichian as to the present status of the Cultural Center roof. A lengthy discussion ensued with many points of view, both pro and con, concerning the repairs, the advisability of bringing in another consultant, redesign of the roof, materials, appropriation of additional funds, durability of the repairs and guarantee of same, etc., all of which resulted in the following:

The motion was made by Gilbert Markarian that the Parish Council take all necessary action to properly and adequately repair the Cultural Center roof and make such other repairs to the Cultural Center and Church buildings as are necessary without being limited to costs specified at the Special Parish Assembly where disaster loan was approved.

With regard to the financial statement, the Treasurer referred to the Supplement which was inserted in the Annual Report for the purpose of indicating the correction of figures reported on pages 18, 19 and 20.

John Toromanian noted the fact that the favorable response by our members for increased pledges is reflected in the figure shown under the actual income column for Pledges.

Referring to the Recapitulation, it was noted that the figure of \$203,200.55 should have been entitled Total Funds rather than Total Income, as it includes bank balances. Cash Balance should simply be Balance.

The motion was made seconded and carried that both the Parish Council Report and Financial Statement be accepted.

With regard to Women's Guild activities, Julie Najarian made a motion that the Guild be allowed to send its annual donation to Tackmanchatz School, which practice was interrupted in 1978 when said donation was made through the Church in general. A long discussion ensued wherein it was explained by the Treasurer, Jerry Stepanian that the Parish Council has no objection to any one organizations, desiring to send money to Tackmanchatz, our Patriarchate of Jerusalem, that it only seeks approval of any allocation over \$25.00 and that where more than one church organization wishes to donate to the same charity, it is more effective to make a collective donation. It was recommended by the Chairman that in the future if the Women's Guild wishes to make its own donation, it should submit its request to the Parish Council, merely for approval.

The reports of both the ACYOA Seniors and ACYOA Juniors were accepted as written. Francis Najarian wished to note that the ACYOA Juniors failed to report on their various funds raising projects and wished to apprise the assembly of the fact that the Juniors turned over \$1,000.00 to the Church Treasury.

On behalf of the AVAK group, of whom it was noted by their Chairman, Lucy Kasparian, that a report had not been requested from the organization. However, she did wish to advise the Assembly of the tremendous success of the group since its inception in April of 1978, and proceeded to make two minor requests on behalf of the organization, namely, that the sidewalks be shovelled and sanded and that adequate heat be provided on the meeting days.

Upon completion of the review of the various reports, a motion was made and seconded to accept same.

Gilbert Markarian commented on the probably misunderstandings between Church organizations and the Parish Council. He urged that these matters be looked into, discussed and resolved. He also suggested that organizations submit a list of their yearly projects to be undertaken for approval by the Parish Council.

The Chairman followed up with a suggestion that meetings be set up between all executive boards and Parish Council with regard to relationship and activities of the respective organizations and to outline their programs for the year for a better understanding between them. Parish Council Chairman, John Kabian added that each organization has a liaison to the Council and that it should use this channel.

A recommendation was made by Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakin that the minimum expenditure of each organization be raised from \$25.00 to \$100.00. The Chairman recommended that the Parish Council take the matter under advisement at the request of the Women's Guild.

Results of elections as follows:

Elected to Parish Council:

Herbert Alexander
 Torkom Boyajian
 Paul Davis
 Kazar Kazarian
 Kenneth Krikorian

Elected to Nominating Committee:

Seth Bilazarian
 Kay Garabedian
 George Megrđichian
 Alice Papazian
 Ludwig Stepanian

Elected to Auditing Committee:

Tina Bilazarian
 George Migridichian
 Robert Shooshan

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee for 1978, Asbed Zakarian, congratulated the newly elected members, and proceeded to thank his committee and all those who helped in various capacities.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Assembly, commended and thanked Asbed and his committee for a splendid job and for undertaking this task.

The Chairman then asked for comments and responses to the format of the Assembly. It was suggested that polling could start at 10:00 a.m. to allow more to vote and that election of the Assembly Chairman and Secretary take place prior to the Assembly Meeting. Father Yeghishe offered the suggestion that election of same might take place in Church immediately after the Badarak and prior to the meeting, since it is proper and acceptable, and that perhaps this procedure might be used at next year's assembly.

It was also suggested that balloting take place another day prior to the assembly meeting in order to dispense with this step, but Hayr Yeghishe explained that it was common practice to conduct all business in one day.

Margaret Hagopian entertained the idea of changing the date of the Annual Assembly to sometime in October, but the Chairman stated that the January meeting is in accord with the laws of the Diocese.

Peter Nalbandian made a motion that the Cultural Center mortgage in the amount of \$24,000.00 be paid this year. However, the Chairman explained that due to the low interest rate, it would be more advantageous to hold off for another year.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

There being no further business before the assembly it was moved that we adjourn the meeting. With regard to the format of the day, it was recommended the minutes of the meeting be waived due to the length of same and to afford the secretary time to edit it in good form. Motion was made, seconded and passed to so do. The motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m. was seconded, and passed. Closing prayer was given by Der Garabed.

Respectfully submitted,

Very Reverend Yeghishe Gizirian
President

Zarvin Kasparian
Chairman

Rose Paloian
Secretary

REPORT OF 77th. ANNUAL DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

Our report on the activities of this Assembly will try to relate the operation of our Diocese during the past year. The Assembly was held in early May, 1979 at Chelmsford, Massachusetts. Hosts this year were the three Churches of that area, Sts. Vatanantz, St. Gregory the Illuminator and Holy Cross Armenian Churches.

The Diocesan Assembly was preceded by a conference of the Diocesan Clergy and on the last day of the Assembly, meetings and seminars of Womens' Auxiliaries, ACYOA, the CRE and Armenian studies programs also met in separate sessions at the same location, Little Ani in Chelmsford.

The support, as always, of our Holy Father in Etchmiadzin who never forgets us and this year again sent two emissaries to the conclave with his message and blessing to all in the Diocese.

Our Diocese is composed of 43 Parishes geographically covering the United States but excluding California and including Canada. The Reverend Clergy serving the Diocese now number 62 in number. We have a Diocesan Legate as official representative in the person of Bishop Varjabedian at Washington and presently serving as Primate's Vicar in Canada is Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Dz. Vartabed Keshishian. Vicar General serving the Diocese is Very Rev. Fr. Houssig Bagdasian.

Chairman of the Assembly, Harry Terzian invited His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian to address the Delegates, Prepared and distributed in both languages, our Primate delivered his comprehensive and factual remarks.

Following appointment of a Courtesies Committee on which John Toromanian of this Parish also served, reports of standing committees were heard. These included Nominating, Auditing, Budget and Proposals and Amendments Committees.

Elections were held for members of all the Committees mentioned above for the coming year as well as for a new member to the Diocesan Board of Trustees. Zarvin Kasparian of our Church was elected a member of the Budget Committee.

The Diocesan Council Report was presented by the Very Rev. Fr. Arshen Alivazian and accepted by the Delegates.

Judge John Najarian reported that there had been no further contact of the two committees serving to set-up By-Laws with the interest of both the Diocese and the Prelacy involved. There is hope of further meetings shortly.

An amendment for article 89 of the By-Laws was accepted for the second time and upon approval of His Holiness Catholicos Vazken I will become published.

A resolution of the Diocesan Council to change the name of Diocesan Endowment Fund to Armenian Church Endowment Fund was accepted by the Assembly.

A final budget figure of \$844,000.00 was accepted by the Delegates of this Assembly for operation of the Diocese during the year 1979. Additionally, a proposed preliminary budget of \$916,000.00 was voted affirmatively for the year 1980.

In view of the possible visit of His Holiness Vazken I to the Diocese in America it was proposed that the 78th. Annual Assembly be held at Diocesan Headquarters in New York City.

An invitation was extended on behalf of St. John the Baptist Armenian Church that the 1981-79th. Assembly be held in Miami, Florida. Acceptance was made by a vote of the Delegates.

Mr. Harry Terzian, Chairman of the Assembly thanked the officers of the Assembly, Caspar Kasparian, Vice Chairman, Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian, Armenian Secretary and Bart Bagdasarian, English Secretary for their duties well done and the Delegates for their patience and response.

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, President of the Assembly and Primate of the Diocese offered benediction with the Delegates singing "Hayr Mer" in unison. The Chair then declared the Assembly adjourned.

Diocesan Delegates from Church of Our Saviour included John Kaban, Parish Council Chairman, Zarvin Kasparian, Gilbert Markarian, John Toromanian, Seth Bilazarian, and yours truly Bart Bagdasarian. Delegate George Herosian was unable to attend due to extenuating circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

Bart Bagdasarian

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.

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, Mrs. Hazel Eljanian, Assistant 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 (Soorp 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:

- January 5 Theophany Eve
- January 6 Theophany and Epiphany Day
and Blessing of Water
- February 22 Vartanantz Eve
- During Lent every Wednesday Evening and Monday Mornings
Services were conducted
- April 7 St. Lazarus-Jashou Liturgy
- April 8 Palm Sunday
- April 10 The Wise and Foolish Virgins Service
- April 12 Holy Thursday Liturgy-Vodnlva (Washing Feet)
- April 13 Holy Friday-Burial of Christ
- April 14 Easter Eve
- April 15 Easter Sunday
- April 24 Commemorative Liturgy of the Armenian Martyrs
- 24 Ascension Thursday

SACRAMENTS AND RITES

During 1979 the following sacraments and rites were performed:

- Baptisms and Confirmations 16
- Confirmations 6
- Weddings 9
- Funerals 22

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 publishes, "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 community. 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.

PASTORAL SERVICES TO OTHER CHURCHES

Pastoral services during the year to other communities included, Lawrence, Mass., Hartford, Connecticut and Toronto, Canada.

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 and Oriental Orthodox-Catholic Dialogue meetings continually enriching our awareness of our two 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 6th. during Holy Week.

During the month of November on the occasion of Thanksgiving, we joined other clergymen and women in a special worship service at Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church.

EDUCATIONAL

We have organized special gatherings for adults and adolescents to educate them about important religious and cultural topics. During the lenten period Bible studies were conducted following our weekly church services. On October 10th. a special lecture on Monastiasm was given by Father Basil Pennington of St. Joseph's Abbey. This was sponsored by the Orthodox-Catholic group. Those who attended found it to be most informative. We hope that more of our faithful will respond to these opportunities in Christian Education.

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 1978-1979 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.

FOR OUR YOUTH

During the months of June, July, and August sixteen (16) of our young people attended the St. Nersess Summer Religious Study Conferences which were held this year at the newly purchased seminary building "The Ouzounian House" in New Rochelle, New York. Each conference dealt with the Scripture, Tradition and History of the Armenian Church. The time spent there proved to be most beneficial and stimulating and our young people returned with a renewed spirit and zeal for the church.

We have continued our programs for training young boys to serve at the altar.

VISITING CLERGY

Our Pastors have hosted twice the New England Clergy Regional Conferences in our church.

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.

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 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:

Ուստի Սուրբ Փրկիչ Հայցօ եկեղեցին հաւատարիմ իր կոչման նուիրուած է Աստուծոյ հառքին ու իր ժողովուրդին բարօրութեան: Անոր հովանիին ներքեւ հոգիներ ու մտքեր կը մշակուին ու հոգեւոր սնունդ կը ստանան: Վստահ ենք 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 գործակցութիւնն ու օժանդակութիւնը:

1980 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 քարոզչութիւն: Մասնաւոր տօներու առիթով եկեղեցական արարողութիւններ համաձայն մեր եկեղեցւոյ անդուլթեանց ու տօնացոյցի կարգադրութեանց: Եկեղեցւոյ բոլոր արարողութիւնները կատարուած են պատշաճ վայելչութեամբ ու հանդիսաւորութեամբ: Մասնաւոր գնահատանքի արժանի են եկեղեցւոյս դպրապետը, երգեհոնահարները, կիսասարկաւագները, խորանի սպասարկուներն ու մոմակալները ինչպէս նաեւ դպրաց դասի բոլոր անդամները իրենց հաւատարիմ մասնակցութեան համար:

2. ԽՈՐՀՐԴԱԿԱՏԱՐՈՒԹԻՒՆ - 1979 տարեշրջանին կատարուած են 16 Մկրտութիւն, 6 չափահասի Դրօշմ, 9 Պսակ եւ 22 թաղում:

3. ԱՅՑԵԼՈՒԹԻՒՆ - Ջերմապէս կը հաւատանք որ հովուական այցելութիւնները բարերար դեր կը կատարեն եկեղեցւոյ ու ընտանեկան կեանքի զօրացման համար: Անցնող տարեշրջանին կարելի եղած կանոնաւորութեամբ այցելած ենք մեր ծխականներու տունները իրենց ուրախ կամ տխուր առիթներով: Յաճախակի այցելութիւններ տուած ենք հիւանդանոցներ գտնուող մեր անդամներուն, ինչպէս նաեւ ծերանոցները: Մեր հովուական այցելութեան մաս կազմած են նաեւ մեր շրջակայ քաղաքներէն մասնաւորաբար Ուայթընսփիլ, Միլֆըրտ եւ Ֆիչպըրկ:

4. Ժողովներ - Եկեղեցւոյ Սխական Խորհուրդին, կազմակերպութեանց եւ գանազան յանձնախումբերու ժողովներուն նախագահած ենք ու բերած մեր գործօն մասնակցութիւնը օրուան կարեւոր հարցերուն:

5. ՍՈՒՐՀԱՆՆԱԿ - Եկեղեցւոյ ամսաթերթը մեր մասնաւոր ուշադրութեան առարկայ ըրինք որպէսզի անոր պարունակութիւնը ըլլայ շինիչ, ու հետաքրքրական: Եկեղեցւոյ ամսաթերթէն զատ, կանոնաւոր հրատարակուեցաւ կիրակնօրեայ թերթիկը հոգեհանգիստի եւ այլ տեղեկութեանց համար: Զանազան հանդիսութեանց ու ձեռնարկներու առիթով դրկուեցան նաեւ մասնաւոր յայտարարութիւններ մեր ծխականներուն:

6. ԱՅԼ ԾԱՌԱՅՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐ - Մեր եկեղեցին անդամ ըլլալով Ուստրի եկեղեցեաց Խորհուրդի (Եփիմէնիքըլ Գառնսըլ ավ Զըրչըս) այս տարի եւս բերաւ իր կարեւոր մասնակցութիւնը Խորհուրդի աշխատանքներուն մէջ:

Եկեղեցւոյ հոգեւոր հովիւները ներկայ եղան ու բերին իրենց գործօն բաժինը քաղաքիս Արեւելեան, Ուղղափառ եւ Կաթողիկ եկեղեցականներու ժողովներուն:

7. Ս. ՊԱՏԱՐԱԳԻ ՄԱՏՈՒՅՈՒՄ ԱՅԼ ՀԱՄԱՅՆՔՆԵՐՈՒ ՄԷՋ - Անաշնորդարանի կարգադրութեամբ եկեղեցւոյ հոգեւոր հովիւները բազմաթիւ առիթներով Ս. Պատարագ մատուցին եւ խորհրդակատարութիւն կատարեցին Թօրանթոյի, Լօրէնսի եւ Հարթվըրտի համայնքներու մէջ: Թօրանթոն այժմ ունի իր մնայուն հովիւը:

9. ԱԻԱԳՆԵՐՈՒ ԿԱԶՄԱԿԵՐՊՈՒԹԻՒՆ - Ետ ուրախ ենք որ սոյն պատուական միութեան անդամները ամէն երկուշաբթի կը հաւաքուին եկեղեցւոյ սրահը եւ հաճելի ժամանակ կուենան: Մասնաւոր յանձնախումբ մը բաղկացած զհարբրոզ, գիտակից ու նուիրեալ անդամներէ ամէն շաբաթ ի գործ կը դնէ երջանիկ պահելու համար մեր համայնքին շատ սիրելի երէց անդամները:

ԳՆԱՀԱՏԱՆՔ - Սոյն պատեհ առիթով պարտ կը զգանք ու հաճոյքով կը գնահատենք եկեղեցւոյ բոլոր կազմակերպութիւններն ու յանձնախումբերը, որոնք իրենց ժամանակն ու ծառայութիւնը տրամադրեցին եւ շանցին առանելագոյն չափով արդիւնաւորել մեր հոգեւոր աշխատանքներն ու ձգտումները:

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

Մասնաւոր շնորհակալութեան խօսք ունինք նաեւ մեր սիրելի ու հաւատացելի ժողովուրդին որ ամէն կերպով աջակցեցաւ մեզի եւ գօրավիզ եղաւ մեր բարի նպատակներու իրագործման:

Ի բոլոր սրտէ կաղօթենք Ս. Թրկիչ եկեղեցւոյ յարատեւ բարեգարդութեան եւ պայծառութեան եւ մեր ժողովուրդի հոգեւոր ու ազգային կեանքի փողոհողման եւ շինութեան համար:

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

Տէրը պարգեւէ ձեզի հոգեկան ջանք երջանկութիւնը որ բարի գործ կատարողներու լաւագոյն վարձանքութիւնն է:

Մասնաբ Տիրաւանդ սիրոյ ողջունիւ Աղօթարար
Եղիշէ Ս. Վրդ. Կիզիրեան եւ Կարապետ Բհնյ. Բոչագէ

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The year 1979 began with the Parish elections. The newly elected members of the Parish Council were as follows:

Herbert Alexander
Torkom Boyajian
Paul Davis
Kazar Kazarian
Kenneth Krikorian

After the ratification of the new Parish Council members by our Primate, the Most Reverend Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, the Council elected the following as the executive body for 1979:

N. John Kabian - Chairman
John Merzigian - Vice Chairman
Herbert Alexander - Treasurer
Vahan Pogharian - Assistant Treasurer
Kenneth Krikorian - Secretary
Ervant Osganian - Assistant Secretary

In addition, the following members were assigned as liaison/advisors to the Parish Organizations:

Torkom Boyajian - Cultural Committee and Armenian School
Paul Davis - ACYOA, Jrs.
Charles Garabedian - Choir
Kazar Kazarian - Women's Guild
Kenneth Krikorian - Library Committee
Ervant Osganian - Men's Club
Leo Parnagian - Senior Ladies Auxiliary
John Merzigian - ACYOA, Srs.

The 1979 Parish Council addressed itself from the outset with administering several major repairs and refurbishing of the Parish complex. At this time, the Council is pleased to report that the repair and renewal program is nearly 100% complete. The following is a summary of the projects completed:

CULTURAL CENTER

Roof completely rebuilt
Hall ceiling painted
Walls repaired and painted where necessary
Hardwood floors of hall and stage refinished
Carpeting outside kitchen area replaced with vinyl asphalt tile
Vinyl wall covering applied to walls outside kitchen area
Refinished stone stairways and foyer of lower assembly
Refinished floor of lower assembly and rear corridors
All classroom walls and ceilings painted
Replaced carpeting in all upper connector areas including clergy vestry and Choir robing rooms

CHURCH EDIFICE

Slate roof repaired
Necessary interior walls repainted
Chandelier cleaned and all bulbs replaced
Extensive exterior masonry repairs of steps and entries
Concrete walkway to Parish House installed

The funding for the repairs and refurbishings was provided by a loan interest disaster relief loan from the Small Business Administration.

During the past year two new positions were filled, one on the Administrative staff and the other on the Custodial staff:

1. The full time Office position was filled by:
Mrs. Rosemarie (Penny) Kasper
2. The part-time custodial assistant was filled by:
Mr. Gharib Ghambari

On October 16, 1979 the Council on behalf of the Church of Our Saviour accepted title to a residential property at 4 Mary Ann Drive, Worcester, Mass. from Attorney George Yagjian who represented the donor of Mrs. Margaret Thomasian. The Council has overseen the property since the acceptance. Consideration of the eventual disposition of the property will be an agenda item of the 1980 Parish Assembly.

On the evening of April 24, 1979 a Martyr's Day Observance took place which included an outdoor candle-light procession along Dean and Salisbury Streets.

A special Parish Assembly was convened on Sunday, June 17, 1979. The purpose of the meeting was to receive the reports of our Diocesan Delegates to the 77th. Diocesan Assembly, held May 3rd, 4th, and 5th, at St. Vartanantz Armenian Church in Chelmsford, Mass.

This year the Council delegated administrative responsibility for the Annual Parish Picnic to the Men's Club and the "One Day Festival" to the Women's Guild. Both events were very successful. The Council extends it's appreciation and gratitude to all those who helped to make these activities possible.

The Council is pleased to report that the Avak Group which was initiated in April 1978 continues to be an outstanding success. This weekly activity for our parish senior citizens has been made possible by an able and devoted committee under the general chairmanship of Mrs. Zarvin Kasparian.

The ad hoc Parish Membership Committee organized in November 1978 has been active through the year. A report made to the Council in October by committee members, Harry Sogigian and John Toromanian indicated over 100 new pledges had been received. A recommendation to establish a permanent Parish Membership Committee is being considered.

The results of the 1979 membership drive are as follows:

- Harry Sogigian, Chairman
- Cathy Arakelian
- Rose Aslanian
- Sonia Dodakian
- Joan Handleman
- Jean Merzigian
- John Toromanian
- Rose Toromanian

In 1978 there were 545 active members and so far this year, we have 593. This is a 9% increase over 1978. The members are the backbone of our Church and it is their heartfelt giving that enables us to continue the cultural and spiritual work of our parish.

The Stained Glass Project is near completion. These beautiful windows truly inspire all of us as we seek spiritual renewal in our Blessed Church. The Council wishes to thank all those who so generously donated to this project and to the Committee members who brought it to fruition.

On September 18, the Council regretfully accepted a letter of resignation from a dedicated and hard working Council member, Kazar Kazarian because of personal commitments. According to the by-laws the vacancy was filled by the next available alternate, Mr. Harry Dostourian.

On Christmas Day our Church community was saddened by the news of the untimely passing of Council member, Charles Garabedian. The Parish has lost a truly faithful servant. The Council extends its heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Kay Garabedian and family.

This report has attempted to highlight the matters which the Council has addressed itself to during the year 1979. As we close out the decade of the '70's our Parish enters the 1980's with a physically renewed Church Complex. With this renewal as a stimulus, the Council has looked ahead to that day at the end of the 1980's when the Church of Our Saviour will be nearing its 100th. year of existence. Preliminary discussion for the preparation of the observance of this unique centennial event has been initiated. May the realization of the approach of this day guide us all as we serve our Church in the years ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

N. John Kabian
Chairman

Kenneth Krikorian
Secretary

1979 STATEMENT OF INCOME

December 31, 1979

	Anticipated Income	Actual Income
Pledges (Weekly and Annual)	\$35,000.00	\$35,343.40
Plate Receipts	2,500.00	2,305.35
Church Sunday School	300.00	378.34
Hokehankisd	7,000.00	6,315.25
Momakin	1,000.00	1,348.60
Youghakin	6,500.00	8,093.50
Weddings	500.00	765.00
Baptisms	75.00	275.00
Funerals	1,500.00	770.00
Altar Flowers	500.00	302.70
Gifts	3,000.00	2,365.62
Memorials	500.00	100.00
In Lieu of Flowers	3,000.00	2,795.00
Church Functions (See Schedule A)	10,000.00	11,322.64
Rentals	14,000.00	8,825.00
Interest Received	3,000.00	9,858.28
Itinerant Clergy		1,100.00
Transfer Account (See Schedule B)	15,000.00	26,621.74
	<u>\$103,375.00</u>	<u>TOTAL \$118,280.02</u>

INCOME

1979 STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENT

	<u>Anticipated Expense</u>	<u>Actual Expense</u>
Pastor's Stipend	\$14,500.00	\$14,251.29
Ass't. Pastor's Stipend	10,500.00	10,453.43
Pastor's Rental Allowance	2,400.00	2,400.00
Secretary	5,000.00	7,021.82
Secretarial Aides	750.00	
Custodian and Assistants	13,000.00	6,428.06
Choir Director	1,300.00	1,650.00
Organist & Soloist	1,200.00	480.00
Deacons	400.00	130.00
Church Sunday School	1,400.00	1,226.12
Armenian School	1,000.00	312.00
Postage	800.00	802.07
Automobiles & Travel	3,000.00	2,392.27
General Insurance	3,000.00	3,256.00
Clergy Insurance	3,000.00	2,308.57
Clergy Retirement	1,500.00	1,500.00
Building Repairs-(Schedule C)	4,000.00	41,859.69
Diocesan Assessment	18,000.00	20,154.42
Etchmiadzin Assessment	250.00	250.00
Ecumenical Council	165.00	165.00
Office Supplies	1,125.00	1,465.37
Printing Supplies	2,500.00	1,898.49
Altar Supplies	1,300.00	2,493.78
Diocesan Assembly	1,000.00	30.00
Maintenance & Supplies	4,500.00	4,648.35
Utilities:		
Telephones	1,500.00	1,490.51
Water	200.00	154.35
Electricity	3,500.00	4,085.19
Fuel:		
Oil & Gas	12,000.00	8,724.95
Printings Services Outside		2,630.65
Choir Expense		50.40
Equipment Purchased		1,127.61
SBA Loan (Second Mortgage Loan)	1,660.00	1,100.00 (Inte:
Transfer to Cultural Center Bldg. Fund		2,000.00
	<u>\$114,450.00</u>	<u>\$148,940.39</u>

SCHEDULE "A" - Church Function Account

Bazaar Income - 1979	\$10,000.00
Bazaar Income - 1978	111.64
Picnic	2,359.52
Mother's Day Flowers	67.25
Senior Ladies	11.76
Madagh	6.20

Total \$12,556.37

Less:

Fellowship Expenses	81.46
Grapes	35.50
Cultural Committee	430.00
St. Nerses Seminar	200.00
Appreciation Dinners	486.75

Total \$1,233.73

Grand Total \$11,322.64

SCHEDULE "B" - Transfer Account

Receipts from:

Young Women's Guild	\$ 2,086.65
ACYOA-Srs.	1,534.52
Beano Committee	22,780.88
St. Tarkmantchatz	30.00
Cambodian Relief Donation	670.06
Less: Amount Forwarded to Diocese	480.37

Net Total \$26,621.74

SCHEDULE "C" - Building Repairs

Disbursements To:

Cultural Center Rehabilitation:

J & J Construction (Masonry)	\$ 2,800.00
Allstate Vinyl (Wallcovering)	710.00
A. Cole Painting (Painting)	9,739.00
D. Blanchette (Cleaning)	576.00
Kesseli & Morse (Floor covering)	1,063.00
Escola Roofing (Parish House)	458.16
Cutler Roofing (Center Roof)	23,485.00

\$38,831.16

Normal Building Repairs

\$3,028.53

Grand Total \$41,859.69

1979 RECAPITULATIONBalance as of 1 January 1979

Guaranty Bank Checking Account	\$19,468.05	
People's Bank Term Deposit	37,153.11	
Freedom Federal Working Fund	18,601.61	
Freedom Federal Choir Scholarship Fund	199.77	
Special Cultural Center Rehab. Account (SBA Loan Initial Advance)	5,000.00	
Deposits and Advances	935.00	
Certificate of Deposit (6 months period) (Purchased December 79)	30,000.00	
	3,672.42	
Guaranty Bank-Stained Glass Account		\$115,029.96
Less Note Payable		- 5,000.00
		<u>\$110,029.96</u>
	Total Balance	

Balance as of 31 December 1979

Guaranty Bank Checking Account	\$ 9,017.78	
Guaranty Bank Stained Glass Account	4,322.04	
Freedom Federal Working Fund	3,904.69	
Freedom Federal Choir Scholarship Fund	202.45	
Guaranty Bank Building Rehab. Account	1,450.57	
First Safety Fund Certificate	98,077.06	
Deposits & Advances	935.00	
		\$117,909.59
Less Note Payable-SBA Loan Balance Due		38,540.00
	Total Balance	<u>\$ 79,369.59</u>

Bank Accounts, Security Deposit & Advance as of January 1, 1980	\$110,029.96
Total Income for 1979	118,280.02
Total Expenditures for 1979	148,940.39
	<u>\$ 79,369.59</u>
	Total Balance

I wish to express my thanks to our Clergy, Parish Council members and Parishioners for the courtesy and understanding displayed during this past year.

I also wish to thank Vahan Pogharian, Assistant Treasurer and Bart Bagdasarian, Bookkeeper, for their untiring efforts in helping to maintain the Church accounting records.

Inflation is a big factor in our budget for 1980. Many expense items such as fuel and electricity will be increasing in the next year beyond our control. We must be constantly aware of all expenses and be keenly aware of budget restrictions in all areas and continue to work together for our Church.

Respectfully,

Herbert Alexander
Treasurer
Parish Council

The treasurer's 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) Armenian Church of Our Saviour and (b) The Cultural Center Building Fund, we find these records to be a fair and reasonable representation of the financial position of the Church.

Signed: By the 1979 Auditors:

Tina Bilazarian
George Migridichian
Robert Shooshan

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1980 Anticipated Cash Receipts and Cash Expenditures

(Church Operations Budget)

INCOME

Pledges (Weekly and Annual		\$35,000.00
Plate		2,500.00
Sunday School		300.00
Youghakin		8,000.00
Hokehankisd		7,000.00
Momakin		1,300.00
Baptisms		200.00
Weddings		750.00
Funerals		1,000.00
Altar Flowers		500.00
Gifts		3,000.00
Memorial Pictures		300.00
In Lieu of Flowers		5,000.00
Church Functions		12,000.00
Rentals		16,000.00
Interest		9,000.00

\$101,850.00

Transfer Account

\$15,000.00

TOTAL

\$116,850.00

EXPENSES

Pastor		\$17,500.00
Assistant Pastor		13,000.00
Rental Allowance		2,400.00
Secretary		9,000.00
Custodians and Aides		11,000.00
Choir Director		1,800.00
Organists		800.00
Soloists		400.00
Deacons		400.00
Sunday Church School		1,500.00
Armenian School		1,000.00
Postage		800.00
Automobiles-Church and Ass't. Pastor		3,000.00
General Insurance		4,000.00
Clergy Insurance		2,500.00
Building Repairs		4,000.00
Diocesan Assessment		18,000.00
Looma		250.00
Ecumenical Council Dues		200.00
Clergy Retirement		1,500.00
Pledge Supplies		300.00
Office Supplies		1,500.00
Printing Supplies, etc.		3,500.00
Altar Supplies		2,000.00
Maintenance Supplies		4,500.00
Telephones		1,500.00
Water		200.00
Electric Utility		3,500.00
Gas, Utility and Fuel Oil		15,000.00
Diocesan Assembly		2,000.00
SBA Loan (Second Mortgage Loan)		2,000.00

\$129,050.00

SENIOR LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

The Executive Board for 1979 was as follows:

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer
Correspondence

Mrs. Elizabeth Kazarian
Mrs. Dirouhi Ishlemejian
Mrs. Armenouhie Jardarian
Mrs. Agnes Tavajian
Mrs. Mary Bedrosian
Mrs. Anna Taraian

Advisors:

Mrs. Heghine Minasian
Mrs. Aghavni Baghdigian
Mrs. Aghavni Bilazarian
Mrs. Dziadsan Cholakian
Mrs. Mary Hougasian

The activities for 1979:

- January Election and Armenian Christmas party
- February Religious program commemorating St. Vartan
- March Annual Mid-Lenten Dinner and program
- April Easter Luncheon and Program
- May Dinner and Traditional (Vijag) program-Feast of Holy Ascension
- June Annual picnic
- October Dinner and program (Cultural month)
- November Memorial dinner for departed members and families
- December Luncheon and Christmas party

There are 101 dues paying members and a mailing list of 200. The Senior Ladies Auxiliary actively took part in preparation of the food for Annual Church Picnic and the Bazaar.

Financial Report:

Income	\$3,527.63
Expenditures	\$3,284.61
	<u>\$ 243.02</u>

Disbursements:

Cultural Center Fund	\$2000.00
Women's Guild 30th. Anniversary	50.00
St. Nerses Summer Studies	25.00
In Lieu of Flowers for Members	10.00

The Senior Ladies Auxiliary expresses its gratitude to all parishioners for their support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Kazarian
Chairman

Armenouhie Jardarian
Secretary

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- Խորհրդականք - Տիկնայք Հեղինէ Մինասեան, Աղաւնի Պաղտիկեան, Աղաւնի Պիլէգէրեան, Միածան Զօլագեան եւ Մարի Ղուկասեան:

Միութեան տրատու անդամուհիներու թիւն է 101: Ամէն ամիս 200 հրաւիրագիր կը ղրկուի անդամուհիներուն ու համակիրներուն: Ցաւով կը տեղեկացնենք որ այս տարուան շրջանին մեզմէ յաւէտ բաժնուած են երկու հաւատաւոր անդամուհիներ:

Տարուան շրջանին ունեցած ենք եօթը անդամական ու խորհրդակցական ժողովներ: Միութեան տարեկան գլխաւոր ձեռնարկն է Մեծ Պահոց Միջինքի աւանդական ճաշկերոյթը: Միութիւնը մասնուան եղանակին կազմակերպած է բացօթեայ ճաշկերոյթ մը եկեղեցւոյ յարակից պարտէզին մէջ: Իսկ Նոյեմբերին մեզմէ յաւէտ բաժնուած անդամուհիներու յիշատակին, միութիւնը հոգեճաշ տուած է սգաւոր անդամուհիներուն ու անոնց անմիջական պարագաներուն:

Տարուան շրջանին ղրկուած են ցաւակցական ու խնդակցութեան քարտեր:

Եկեղեցասէր Տիկնանց Միութիւնը իր գործօն բաժինը բերած է եկեղեցւոյ բոլոր ձեռնարկներուն, մասնաւորաբար տարեկան զաշտահանդէսին ու պագարին:

Միութեան վարչութիւնը իր կարելին ըրած է ժողովները հետաքրքրական ընելու: Ի մասնաւորի շանացած է անդամներուն մէջ վառ պահել տօնական օրերու հետ կապ ունեցող հայկական բարի սովորութիւնները: Հայր Սուրբ միշտ ներկայ եղած է ժողովներուն եւ տուած է շինիչ պատգամներ:

Եկեղեցասէր Տիկնանց Միութիւնը իր խորին շնորհակալութիւնը կը յայտնէ Հոգշ. Տ. Եղիշէ Մ. Կրդ. Կիզիրեանին, Արժ. Տ. Կարապետ Քհնյ. Գօշագեանին, Միական Խորհուրդին, Կրտսեր Տիկնանց Միութեան, ինչպէս նաեւ եկեղեցւոյ բոլոր կազմակերպութեանց, որոնք իրենց սիրայօժար մասնակցութիւնը բերած են միութեան բոլոր ձեռնարկներուն: Շնորհակալութիւն նաեւ համայնքիս բարեպաշտ ազգայիններուն, որոնք իրենց ներկայութեամբ ու նիւթական օժանդակութեամբ քաջալերած են միութեան շանքերը ի հառս Հայաստանեայց եկեղեցւոյ:

Ցարգանքներով

Եղիսաբէթ Ղազարեան
Ատենապետուհի

Արմենուհի Ճարտարեան
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AVAK-REPORT

The past year was an active one in that we continued our weekly meetings throughout the entire year. Average attendance was approximately 70.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

May First Anniversary Banquet

July All day outing at Thompson Lake in Spencer, hosted by Mrs. Hannah Kalajian

August Cruise of Boston Harbor and tour of Quincy Market

November Took Part in Church Bazaar. All items for Sale were hand crafted. Raised in excess of \$600.00 for the Church.

December Christmas Party, hosted by the Women's Guild. Gifts presented to everyone.

We invite interested individuals to become full-time volunteers and reap the rewards of service to our people.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Kasparian
Chairman

The Ekmalian Choir of the Armenian Church of Our Saviour has sung at each Badarak during the course of the year, both on Sunday mornings and on special week day Divine Liturgies, which totals about 65 services.

The Choir membership consists of approximately 30 members, some of which serve on the Altar.

In May, the Parish Council invited the Choir, deacons and acolytes to a dinner at the William Paul House in appreciation of the dedicated service which they have rendered all year. We thank the Council for their continued support and kindness.

In August, we hosted the Sunday coffee Fellowship.

In November, the Choir assembly which was hosted by st. George's Armenian Church of Hartford, was attended by our Choir Director, Margaret Hagopian, Choir Chairman, Norman Noorjanian and George Avakian. The 1980 Assembly will take place in Racine, Wisconsin.

In December, our Choir was invited to participate in one of the Christmas Programs held at the Worcester Art Museum. On December 20th. we performed there with a program of Armenian Christmas Sharagans and excerpts from the Divine Liturgy. We were most enthusiastically received.

We wish to express our thanks to Hayr Yeghishe and Der Garabed for their untiring and continued spiritual support of the Choir; to George Sogigian, Irene Shooshan, Mark Sivazlian and Marie Shamgochian organists who have helped to enhance the glorification of the Badarak and to Hazel Eljanian for her substitution during the Choir directors absence.

We also wish to thank our many generous parishioners who have so graciously donated sums of money to our Choir for books and other incidentals.

We welcome any new members to join us and any "old" members to re-join us. It is an ultimate privilege to be part of the "Worship Committee" of the Church.

Due to the fact that the Choir is not a fund raising organization all monies in our treasury are through donations.

Our treasury stands at:

(For Scholarships)	Organ Fund	\$1,408.48
(Donations)	Savings Fund	611.21
	TOTAL	\$2,019.69

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret E. Hagopian
Choir Director

There are 22 pupils enrolled in the Armenian School. Classes are held on Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Mr. Torkom Boyajian is Acting Principal and teachers are Mrs. Macrouhi Adjelian, Mrs. Mary Aroian and Mrs. Zarouhi Poghosian. The School calendar is from September 22, 1979 to June 28, 1980. Committee meetings are held the first Thursday of each month. School Committee members are as follows:

Very Rev. Yeghishe Gizirian, President
 Van Aroian, Vice-Chairman
 Torkom Boyajian, Treasurer
 Grace Kheboian, Corresponding Secretary
 Anne Hovenesian, Recording Secretary
 Charlotte Calfaian, Publicity Director

Advisors:

Charlotte Calfaian
 Deran Deranian
 Armenouhi Jardarian
 Zabelle Jorjorian
 Zarvin Kasparian
 Bizer Simonian

Special Activities were as follows:

April 28, 1979 - A visitation by the Armenian School pupils and faculty to the Armenian Heritage Exhibit displaying Armenian costumes over a period of many years, at the St. James Church in Watertown. This was an enriching cultural experience and a happy social occasion.

May 16, 1979 - Business Luncheon held during the noon hour in the Church hall.

June 23, 1979 - Closing exercises, with recitations, 2 small plays and a musical program under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Deranian.

July 30 - August 4, 1979 - Mrs. Mary Aroian attended the seminar in New York for Armenian School teachers throughout the United States and Canada. She gave a glowing report of its success.

December 1, 1979 - Visitation to us by the pupils, teachers and friends of the Language School of the Holy Trinity Church of Cambridge, which was a particularly joyful occasion. It gave pupils and teachers the opportunity to meet, and for the visitors to observe our facilities.

December 15, 1979 - Christmas party at 11:00 a.m.

Charlotte Calfaian donated a beautiful afghan to the school which was raffled off and netted a fine profit.

It was with regret that Principal Levon Karaguezian's resignation was accepted, due to his change of residence to Boston. No replacement has been named to date.

We also most regretfully accepted Mrs. Armenouhi Jardarian's resignation as Chairperson, after 7 years of service in that position.

Meetings are being chaired by Hayr Soorp Gizirian for the present.

It is a joy to have our youngsters learn the language of their heritage, and we appreciate the cooperation of the Parish Council, our Church organizations, and friends for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hovenesian
Recording Secretary

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SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOLADMINISTRATION:

Father Garabed Kochakian	Superintendent
Arlene Manos	Co-ordinator
Kathy Degermajian	Assistants to the Co-ordinator
Carolyn Gulbankian	
Sandy Martin	
Sarah Hovsepian	Corresponding Secretary
Seth Bilazarian	Advisors
Mary Arakelian	
Vahan Pogharian	Parish Council Liaison

TEACHING STAFFPrimary Department

Diane Messier
undertaken in November
from Carol Kasparian
Lolliann Hovsepian
Maryann Aslanian
Bethann Jardarian
undertaken in November
from Kathy Arakelian

Senior Department

Berjoochi Zakarian
Seth Bilazarian
Mary Arakelian
Fr. Garabed Kochakian

Kathy Degermajian,
Carolyn Gulbankian
Sandy Martin
Harry Dostourian
Pamela DerKazarian
Diane Krikorian
Joanne Yaylaian
Jean Tateosian

Secondary Department

Lucine Haroian
Lisa McCoy
Cheryl Surabian
Anne Dostourian
Sarah Hovsepian

Substitutes

Audio-visuals
Communion Snacks

Primary Assembly
Secondary Assembly

Church School Hours-weekly 10:00a.m.-12:00 Noon-began Sept.16,1979
11 Classes,
Enrollment of 102

CURRICULUM

1. Department for Religious Education Armenian Diocese
2. Orthodox Christian Education Commission
3. CRE films and filmstrips
4. Confraternity Christian Doctrine films & filmstrips

BASIC TEXTS

Holy Scripture, Worship and Liturgy, Sacraments
 Church Tradition, general Christian Church History
 Armenian Church History
 Moral and Ethical Problems of Life.

1979 ACTIVITIES

January Reception of Holy Communion on Theophany and Epiphany

February Funtastic February II (educational and recreational activities during school vacation)
 Traditional "Baregentan" observance
 Ist. Semester report cards issued.

March Wheat, representing new life, planted in individual classrooms. Placed on altar for St. Lazarus Saturday.

April On St. Lazarus Saturday, Jashou Liturgy and Holy Communion, Communion breakfast and Easter movie.
 Palm Sunday procession with palms
 Holy Tuesday Service of the Wise and Foolish Virgins
 Easter Sunday Services attended by families in Lieu of classroom instruction.
 Lenten offerings sent to the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church for the Lebanon Relief Fund.
 Visitation by Senior classes to Blessed Sacrament Church, in Worcester.

May Final exam for 10th. grade students.
 Appreciation dinner for church school staff and choir members given by Parish Council
 2nd. semester report cards issued

June Awards night, movie, "Growth of Our Children" produced by our Diocesan Office.
 Graduation of Senior Class and awarding of diplomas in Church
 "Children's Day" Plants presented to all children in Church.

July/August Registration-(preparation for Fall Term 1979-80)

September Opening of classes on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

October Exchange Sunday-Visitation from St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Church School, Providence, R.I.
 Halloween party

November Thanksgiving basket-donated to an Armenian Family

December Christmas program and fellowship for all parishioners
 Weekly offerings sent to Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church for Cambodian relief
 Church School Staff Christmas celebration and program.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

"No matter what, never give up!" This was the one driving thought of some of our church school staff, children and parents last January when we had two consecutive weeks of treacherous driving conditions but some surged forward with one thought in mind-we've got to get to church or at least try! These are the kinds of people that we are dealing with in our church school and we should all be proud to be part of this organization in one way or another. Encouragement is important and considering that the Church School is the very foundation of this church, encouragement is extremely important. In this vein, Edward and Helen Mardigian again sponsored a three-day workshop for the training of church school teachers in New York and we were fortunate enough to be able to send Anne Dostourian as our representative.

For the first time this year, we combined four of our primary classes in order to establish two classes of acceptable size while still continuing to follow all guidelines and recommendations of our Diocesan Christian Education Department.

Our two assemblies are divided into the primary and secondary/senior age groups with the primary assembly being led by Joanne Yaylaian. This assembly is designed to appeal to the Nursery thru Level 3 age group. Name day and birthday celebrations are observed and topics of general religious interest are questioned and discussed. The secondary/senior assembly incorporates scripture readings, name day celebrations, prayer and the learning of sharagans-all under the leadership of Jean Tateosian.

The importance of the frequent reception of the Holy Eucharist is stressed in our weekly classes and this teaching should be fortified.

Personally, I am proud to be associated with a group of people such as our Church School Staff and I thank all of them for their support and dedication in making our Church School a successful organization.

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

Yours in Christ,

Arlene C. Manos

Church School Co-ordinator

CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

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The Cultural Organization of the Church of Our Saviour has a very small membership, but the members who participate in the group are dedicated to bringing various forms of Armenian culture to our community. We strive to attract all ages with emphasis on our younger generation in order that they become more aware of and interested in our rich culture and proud of our great heritage. We meet the third Monday of each month.

The St. Vartanatz Day program, which was held on February 27th. was truly a memorable experience for both the audience and the members of the Cultural Organization. The emotion-packed epic of St. Vartan, which was performed in Armenian, received a standing ovation and moved many to tears. Professor Krikor Maksbodian was the guest speaker, and his remarks on the life of St. Vartan were informative indeed.

The fellowship hour after worship services on Fathers' Day, June 17th. was prepared by the Cultural Organization.

October has always been designated as Culture month by the Diocese, and we attempted to offer something innovative this year. On October 21st. we presented a Pop's Concert, which featured thirty young, gifted artists who have formed a group known as the Armenian Performing Artists of Boston. Since their inception, three years ago, they have held concerts in Washington, D.C., New York, and many cities throughout New England. Those who missed the concert were denied a great deal of pleasure to the ear and to the heart. The original works performed by the composers in this talented group of upcoming young Armenian and women attest to a future of fresh Armenian culture as our young generation begins to build on our past.

To anyone who is interested in becoming a part of our effort to promote Armenian culture - WELCOME!

Respectfully submitted,

Bizer Simonian
Recording Secretary

LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT

The officers for the year 1979 were:

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| Kenneth Krikorian | Chairman-Liaison |
| Harry Sogigian | Vice Chairman |
| Charlotte Calfaian | Treasurer |
| Lillian Kassabian | Corresponding Secretary |
| Diane Sahagian | Recording Secretary |

Our Library is planning to move to more permanent quarters. It continues to offer many books and magazines on a wide variety of interesting subjects. Come in and get acquainted with your roots and culture and you will be pleasantly surprised.

During the past year the Library sponsored a Coffee Fellowship.

The month of April a Book Fair was presented, co-sponsored with the National Association of Armenian Studies and Research. The affair was well attended and very informative.

Our present Library hours are on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. also on Mondays when the Avaks meet. Books can also be borrowed or returned through the Church Office when open.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Krikorian
Chairman

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MEN'S CLUB REPORT

ACTIVITIES FOR 1979

The two major events sponsored by the Men's Club was the Dinner given in honor of the basketball players in the Spring and the Annual Church Picnic in the Fall.

George Migridichian who was Chairman of the dinner did an excellent job of making the affair a success.

The Church Picnic was chaired by Harry Dostourian and Marty Mooshagian. This was also a success due to the cooperation of all those involved in such activities as preparing and cooking the food, parking cars, planning amusements for the children etc. Which we thank each and every one of you.

We look forward to an increase in membership and participation for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted

Harry Dostourian
Chairman

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR THE FOLLOWING PERIOD

Memberships were reported for the following period:
January 1979 - 12 members
February 1979 - 15 members
March 1979 - 18 members
April 1979 - 20 members
May 1979 - 22 members
June 1979 - 25 members
July 1979 - 28 members
August 1979 - 30 members
September 1979 - 32 members
October 1979 - 35 members
November 1979 - 38 members
December 1979 - 40 members

The total number of members at the end of the year was 400.

Reported by members of the Executive Board. The Club was also reported as a successful member of the American Legion.

1979 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rose Aslanian	Chairman	Alice Papazian	Treasurer
Ann Najarian	Vice Chairman	Pamela DerKazarian	Ass't Treas.
Rose Paloian	Recording Secretary	Katherine Arakelian	Corr's Sec.

Advisors: Frances Elloian - Dorothy Yagjian .

APPOINTED TO STANDING COMMITTEES

Margaret Hagopian	Liaison to Parish Council		
Ruth Shahinian		Arpie Migridichian	Publicity
Charlotte Anusbigian	By-Laws	Agnes Sahagian	
Yeretzgin Roberta	Kochakian	Rose Asadoorian	Program
Hazel Eljanian	Membership	Gladys Markarian	
Robin Markarian		Nancy Megridichian	Hospitality
Frances Elloian	Social Service	Arek Thompson	
Katie Garabedian		Elda Malesky	Auditing
Anita Sarian		Alice Sahagian	
Sonia Dodakian	Visitation	Frances Elloian	Nominating
Katherine Sarkisian		Pamela Der Kazarian	(Voluntary)
Rose Aslanian	Housekeeping	Ann Najarian	
Kay Garabedian		Juliette Najarian-Dorothy Yagjian	
Anita Sarian			

A total of ten membership meetings (including 2 combined Board and Membership) and eight Executive Board meetings were held with an average of thirty-five members present at regular meetings.

1979 ACTIVITIES

January Installation of Officers and Dinner
 February Valentine Tea for new members
 March Guild Lenten Supper
 May Guest Night, Dinner and Program
 September 30th. Gala Anniversary Dinner Dance
 November "One Day Festival" (Bazaar)

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS

Maundy Thursday luncheon	Martyrs Day Observance
Easter Sunday Fellowship	Annual Church Picnic
Y.W.C.A. Fiesta	Christmas Party for Avaks
Avaks Monday luncheon meetings	Senior Ladies Armenian Christmas
Senior Ladies Lenten Supper	Dinner

The Guild also sponsored two youths at the St. Nerses Summer Study Conference and two students at St. Tachmanchatz Seminary. Guild members also assisted in the making of MAS.

Regional meetings of Women's Guilds held in the Boston area were attended by members of the Executive Board. The Guild was also represented at a regional meeting of Church Pastors. Diocesan Delegates, Parish Council Members and Organizational Heads in Chelmsford, Mass on December 1, 1979.

Guild members have volunteered at various times throughout the year to assist our Church Secretary in the office.

The Social Service Committee have visited shut-ins, the sick and the elderly throughout the year and during holiday seasons.

At the annual Christmas party of the Guild a collection was made in lieu of grabs and \$75.00 was sent to the Armenian Home in Jamaica Plain.

PROGRAMS PRESENTED AT MEETINGS

February Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian - "Approaching Easter Through Lent".
 March Dr. Martin Deranian - Slides/Talk - "Worcester is America"
 September Yeretgin, Roberta Kochakian - "Music of the Divine Liturgy"
 October Paula Scribner (John Powers School of Modeling) "Creating an Image".
 November Leon Hovsepian - Slides/Talk "Artists-Exhibition of Updated Armenia"

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

June Dinner Meeting-Bergson's 1790 House in Westboro
 Annual Christmas Party in the Church Hall.

FINANCIAL REPORT (as of Dec. 31, 1979)

Total Income 1979	\$8,391.76
Total Expense 1979	6,089.33
Net Balance	\$2,302.43

DISBURSEMENTS AND ALLOCATIONS

St. Nerses Summer Study Conference	\$125.00
St. Tachmanchatz Seminary	100.00
Replenish Kitchen Utensils (Church)	500.00
Church Treasury	1500.00
Worcester Age Center	25.00

The Guild expresses it's gratitude to the Parish Council and other church organizations, parishioners and friends for their support and cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Paloian
 Recording Secretary

ACTIVITIES

The year started off with a Pre-lenten Dance on February 24, 1979 and was enjoyed by everyone attending.

April 8th. was ACYOA Day. Both juniors and seniors were involved with this annual event. A special dinner was held after Church and many parishioners attended. There was a speaker and movie.

Also, our Chapter was represented by our Chairman and regional Delegate at the Chairman's Roundtable that was conducted at the 1979 Diocesan Assembly held at St. Vartanantz Armenian Church, in Chelmsford, Mass.

Labor Day weekend, The ACYOA Sports Weekend was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at St. John Armenian Church. Prior to the sports activities, two of our Delegates participated in the General Assembly of the ACYOA. This annual event was presided over by his Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manogian, Primate and the Central Council of the ACYOA. It was also encouraging to see many clergymen present who also took part in the deliberations.

The next important event was the installation of a new executive board on November 18, 1979.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Brian Kassabian
Beverly A. Elloian
Ara Gartatzoghian
Marsha L. Hovenesian
Sara Mooradian
Melanie Barsamian
Seth D. Bilazarian

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Treasurer
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Delegate

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

We are presently working on an Armenian Telephone Directory. A complete listing of our entire parish. To be ready soon. Also, a dance on April 19, 1980 with the Roger Krikorian Ensemble and Disctronics.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as of January, 1979	\$1,500.00
Balance as of December, 1979	\$1,132.06

If anyone would like to join the ACYOA Seniors, please write to the Church Office in care of Brian Kassabian.

At this time we would like to thank our Pastors, Parish Council and Parishioners for all their support and encouragement.

"We pray 1980 to be equally successful".

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Kassabian
Chairman

ACYOA-JUNIORSEXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 1979

Scott Najarian	Chairman
Ann Kheboian	Vice Chairman
Mark Mikitarian	Treasurer
Kathy Degermajian	Corresponding Secretary
Laura Bilazarian	Recording Secretary

North East District Representatives:

Ann Kheboian
Jean Tateosian
Anthony Barsamian

Advisors:

Francis Najarian
Berjoohie Zakarian
Lucine Haroian

Monthly meetings were held on the second Sunday of the month except during the summer.

ACTIVITIES

February	Valentine Day Bake Sale
March	Lenten Retreat in Westfield, Mass. Lenten Supper & Church Service
April	A.C.Y.O.A.-Day Celebration with Church Service Banquet and program
May	Mother's Day Bake Sale and Luncheon
June & July & August	Progressive Supper - Many members attended the various St. Nerses Summer Study Conferences and the tuition cost of those attending was subsidized in part through the generosity of the Church and it's organizations. Several Car washes were held during these months.
September & October	Two Bake Sales Attended a Sports Weekend hosted by Providence Chapter
November	As part of the Church family the Juniors sponsored a very successful booth at the "One Day Festival" Hosted a North East District Meeting Armenian Dance - Hayride - Bake Sale
December	Christmas Party and Caroling - Bake Sale participated in Christmas Eve Church Service

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Balance as of December 1979 \$1,059.94

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Bilazarian
Recording Secretary

