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ARMENIAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

1990 ANNUAL REPORT

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
ARMENIAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR
Worcester, Massachusetts

February 11, 1990

The Annual Assembly of the Armenian Church of Our Saviour, Worcester, Massachusetts, convened on Sunday, February 11, 1990, in the Church Hall. The Assembly was scheduled to take place on Sunday, February 4, but was postponed to this pre-scheduled "snow date" due to unfavorable weather conditions. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. with Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian presiding and chaired by the holdover chairman, Edward S. Bilzerian.

Following the opening prayer by Father Aved, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Sophie Shamgochian presented the name of Asbed Zakarian for Chairman of the Assembly. Nominations were opened to the floor. Edward S. Bilzerian was nominated by Harry Sogigian. There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Zarvin Kasparian and seconded by James Sarkisian to close the nominations for Chairman of the Assembly. Just prior to the voting, Mr. Bilzerian withdrew his name from the ballot. The secretary cast one vote for Asbed Zakarian to serve as Chairman of the Assembly.

The Nominating Committee offered the name of Mrs. Haig Donabedian for the position of Secretary of the Assembly. Nominations from the floor were asked for and with none forthcoming, a motion was made to close the nominations. The Secretary cast one vote for Mrs. Haig Donabedian to serve as the Secretary of the Assembly. Betty Sheehan, secretary for the previous year's assembly, was nominated as Assistant to the Secretary, however, she declined the nomination.

Chairman Zakarian presented the Agenda for adoption by the Assembly. After the addition of the category "Old Business" - a motion was made by J. Ludwig Stepanian and seconded by Edward S. Bilzerian to accept the agenda as amended. It was so voted.

The Chairman then called upon Mrs. Sophie Shamgochian once again, who presented the following names as nominees for Parish Council:

Dr. Robert Anusbigian
Rose Aslanian
Edward Atamian
Paul Avakian
Garabed Hovhanesian
Marsha Hovenesian
Gilbert Markarian
Madieros Mooshagian
John Sagarian
Everett Titus

At this time, nominations from the floor were opened. There being no additional nominations, J. Ludwig Stepanian moved to close the nominations. Seconded by Edward Bilzerian. The Assembly accepted the list as presented.

The following names of candidates for the Nominating Committee were presented to the Assembly:

Valerie Babaian
Paul Davis
Charles Der Kazarian
Hazel Eljanian
Haroutune Kasparian
Mary Manoogian
Norman Noorjanian
Ann Pogharian
Irene Shooshan
Rose Toromanian

At this time, nominations from the floor were opened. There being no additional nominations, J. Ludwig Stepanian moved to close the nominations. Seconded by Harry Dodakian. The Assembly accepted the list as presented.

Nominees for the Auditing Committee were as follows:

Herbert Alexander
Bryan Davis
Richard Dodakian
Amar Kapur

Nominations from the floor were opened. There being no further nominations, John Toromanian made a motion which was seconded by J. Ludwig Stepanian to close the nominations. Motion carried.

The Assembly then adjourned for lunch and elections.

The Balloting was closed at 12:30 p.m. and the second session of the Parish Assembly began.

The counting of members in good standing for the meeting showed 89 were present.

Chairman Zakarian dispensed with the reading of the Minutes of the 1989 Annual Assembly at the request of the Assembly. There being no corrections or additions, the Minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chairman reviewed the reports, page by page asking for corrections and modifications. Comments were as follows:

Pastor's Report:

Page (19): Robert Shangochian inquired about our Church's involvement in the Ecumenical Council of Churches. Father Aved responded that in addition to the items noted in his report, our involvement with the Ecumenical Council is on various levels. The Ecumenical Council regularly communicates with our Church, with him as a priest, as a pastor, for Christian Education for youth group functions, and concerns regarding the community.

Page (24): Edward S. Bilzerian asked about the position of the newly-hired Social Worker/Youth Director Beth Bilbilian, and what percentage of her time was spent on the youth and elderly. Chairman of the Parish Council Arthur

Surabian responded that the Social Worker/Youth Director reports directly to the pastor. Father Aved explained that her duties varied from week to week, depending on her current project. She was hired on a part-time basis for twenty hours a week, however, she gives many extra hours, following up her projects, on her own time.

Page (25): Anne Hovenesian stated for the record, her appreciation of the wonderful symposium sponsored by the Armenian Language Lab.

A motion was made by Bizer Simonian and seconded by Betty Sheehan to accept the Pastor's Report. Motion Carried.

Report of the Parish Council:

Page 31: J. Ludwig Stepanian inquired about the heating system. Arthur Surabian, Chairman of the Parish Council, responded that Yankee Technologies, Inc., was brought in to modify and correct all thermostats, which will enhance the system.

Page 32: Arthur Surabian, regarding the Annual Harvest Bazaar, pointed out that if the current format of a two-day fair is to be continued, and financially successful, many more volunteers are needed.

Page 33: John Toromanian asked why a financial report on the Earthquake Fund was not included in the Annual Report. In response, Arthur Surabian stated that this was an oversight, and offered to ask the Parish Council Treasurer to furnish the Assembly with a complete report. Chairman Zakarian recommended that the report be published in the next issue of the Church Newsletter, "Messenger."

A motion was made by J. Ludwig Stepanian, seconded and carried to accept the Report of the Parish Council.

Reports of the Church Organizations were then reviewed.

Report of the ACYOA Juniors - accepted as presented.

Report of the ACYOA Seniors:

There was a question on the expenditures of the organization. Jay Kapur, Chairman of the ACYOA Seniors responded that several functions were not for the purpose of fund-raising, i.e: the Symposium, Collegiate Dinners and Sunday Fellowship.

Report of the Armenian School:

On behalf of Yeretzgin Vivian Terzian, Director of the Armenian School, who was not able to attend the Assembly, Chairman Zakarian praised the efforts of our Yeretzgin, and asked the parishioners to support by sending their children and offering programs.

Report of the Avak Group

Edward S. Bilzerian questioned why the Avak Group did not submit a Financial

Report as did other Church organizations. Following some discussion, and explanation of why a financial report was never included, Mr. Bilzerian made a motion, seconded by Elda Malesky to include the "year-end cash balance" as part of their annual report, beginning next year. Motion carried.

Report of Babies and Toddlers Program:

Chairman Zakarian stated that the success of the Toddlers Program is evident, creating a special place for these young ones.

Report of the Sunday Church School:

Chairman Zakarian, on behalf of the Assembly, praised Superintendent Tara Stepanian for her dedication and the commitment of all the teachers.

Report of the Cultural Organization:

Correction: Corresponding Secretary of the Organization is Lucy Hovenesian, and Addition: Advisor is Bizer Simonian

Report of the Ekmalian Choir:

It was questioned why the Choir's financial report was not included as part of their annual report. It was stated that the Financial Statement was not submitted in time for publication. Chairman Zakarian appointed Mrs. Rose Aslanian to investigate and report her findings to the Parish Council. Results will be published in the "Messenger".

Report of the Library Committee:

Additional Committee members to be added to the list are: Marilyn Markarian and Frances Elloian.

Report of the Men's Club - accepted as presented.

Report of the Senior Ladies Auxiliary:

Margaret Belles, Secretary of the Senior Ladies asked that the name of Marilyn Markarian, Chairman of the Women's Guild, be included in her report in appreciation of her efforts.

Report of the Women's Guild - accepted as presented.

Report of the Beano Committee:

The Beano Committee and volunteers were praised for their dedication and thanked for the great financial contribution that they have made to our Church over the years.

Chairman Zakarian asked for a motion to accept the reports of the organizations. Motion was made by J. Ludwig Stepanian and seconded by Arthur Elloian. Motion carried to accept the reports of the Church organizations as amended.

Report of the Auditing Committee:

It was recommended that the report of the Auditing Committee should follow the Financial Reports, on next year's Assembly Agenda.

Chairman Zakarian, being a member of the Auditing Committee, spoke of the difficulties of auditing the books at year-end. He urged the organizations submit their books on a timely basis and he recommended that a better system of auditing the books be developed by the new Auditing Committee and the Parish Council.

J. Ludwig Stepanian made a motion, seconded by Arthur Elloian to accept the Auditing Committee's Report. Motion carried.

The Financial Reports (pages 53 - 63)

George Krikorian asked about the difference between the Budgeted and Actual Income. A thorough explanation was given by the Parish Council Chairman. Edward S. Bilzerian questioned the accounting principals regarding the Baptismal Font. Chairman Arthur Surabian responded that the funds were being capitalized properly, hence, conforming to generally accepted accounting procedures.

J. Ludwig Stepanian questioned the gross income of the functions. Chairman Surabian, in the absence of the Parish Council Treasurer, informed the Assembly, that approximate numbers were offered on the Church Functions.

Edward S. Bilzerian asked if next year's financial report on the Harvest Bazaar be itemized (i.e., proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets be a separate line item).

Page 60: Investment Committee

A question was asked on the structure of the Investment Committee. Arthur Surabian explained that the Investment Committee meets with Edward J. Bilzerian, the Church's stockbroker, on a quarterly basis. The Parish Council receives a complete report following every interaction.

J. Ludwig Stepanian suggested that the names of current committee members be included in the report of the Investment Committee.

Edward S. Bilzerian made a motion that equity investments are not to exceed 30% of our total assets. Scott Najarian seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Edward S. Bilzerian explained on Investment Accounts there should be zeroes should replace the dashes (-----) used to indicate a zero amount. (page 60).

It was pointed out that under Proposed Budget (page 63) the title should read Youth Ministry/Social Services instead of Youth Ministry.

Edward S. Bilzerian suggested the "Salaries and other Services" figures be itemized, and that the salary for the Youth Ministry/Social Services Director to be included in this category.

J. Ludwig Stepanian made a motion to accept the 1990 Proposed Budget. Alice Papazian seconded. Motion was carried.

New Business

Elevator Project

Presentation was made on the proposed Elevator project. Arthur Surabian and Richard Maksian presented a video which explained the various levels of entry and elevator stops. Complete blueprints, prepared by Raymond Hovsepian were discussed in detail. Regarding the funding of the project, it was reported to the Assembly that the recommendation of the Parish Council was take the \$175,000 (the cost of the elevator project) from the funds of the Sarkisian Estate, which is to be received in full during the year 1990.

"The Parish Council recommends that the parish finance the elevator by borrowing from the proceeds of the Harry Sarkisian Estate which has been invested in a Special Dean Witter Investment account. It is proposed that after the withdrawal to pay for the elevator has occurred the remaining proceeds from the estate should be prudently invested at the best interest rate available. Based on the current interest rates of 7.9 - 8.0% it will take 48 months for the account to be totally replenished."

The Parish Council also recommended that the structure be a memorial to Harry Sarkisian. Kay Garabedian, Executor of the Sarkisian Estate, praised the gesture. Bizer Simonian made a motion to execute the project as recommended by the Parish Council, Ann Mosessian seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Ann Mosessian made a motion to dedicate the structure as a memorial to the late Harry Sarkisian, seconded by Vahe Jardarian, motion carried.

Chairman Asbed Zakarian asked the Assembly to give the Parish Council the authority to spend up to an additional \$25,000 to complete the project, in the instance of an unanticipated cost overrun. Assembly approved.

Julio Iglesias Concert:

Parish Council Chairman Arthur Surabian informed the Assembly, as part of the Parish's ongoing Earthquake Fund Drive, Julio Iglesias has been contracted to perform on Wednesday, May 30, 1990, at the Worcester Centrum. He stressed the need of the total support of the parishioners to ensure the success of this effort.

At this point, Sophie Shamgochian was reintroduced. On behalf of the Nominating Committee, she thanked the group of ladies who prepared the luncheon. She then proceeded to report the election results.

Parish Council:

Dr. Robert Anusbigian
Rose Aslanian
Edward Atamian
Paul Avakian
Garabed Hovhanesian
Gilbert Markarian

She then announced that there was a tie for the first alternate: being Marsha Hovenesian and John Sagarian. A long discussion ensued regarding the procedure to break the tie, whether the pastor should cast the deciding vote or whether another secret ballot needed to be taken. Chairman Zakarian made a ruling, based upon Roberts Rules of Order, that another secret ballot was to take place. Scott Najarian then challenged the Chair saying that the Pastor should cast the deciding vote. Chairman Zakarian assured the Assembly that the Rules stated that if the President (in this case the Pastor) chooses not to break to be the tie-breaker, a vote by the members present at that moment would be in order.

The voting took place immediately, the result was that Marsha Hovenesian became the First alternate.

Nominating Committee:

Valerie Babaian
Hazel Eljanian
Irene Shooshan
Rose Toromanian
Alternate: Ann Pogharian

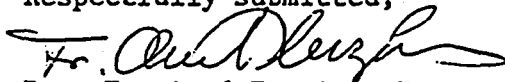
Auditing Committee:


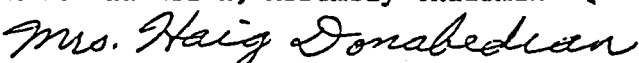
Herbert Alexander
Richard Dodakian
Alternate: Bryan Davis

There being no further business before the Assembly, Chairman Zakarian asked for a motion to adjourn. Marilyn Markarian made a motion to adjourn the Assembly, motion was seconded and carried to adjourn.

Father Aved then thanked Asbed Zakarian, the Chairman, and Mrs. Haig Donabedian, Secretary of the Assembly. On behalf of all our parishioners, he then thanked the newly-elected and out-going members of the Parish Council. He then closed the meeting with a prayer at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian, Pastor


Asbed Zakarian, Assembly Chairman

Mrs. Haig Donabedian, Secretary

DIOCESAN DELEGATES REPORT

The 88th Annual Diocesan Assembly of the Armenian Church in America, Eastern Diocese was held at Worcester, MA May 3 to 6, 1990. Preceding the Assembly, the Clergy Conference started on April 30 and ended on May 3 in the morning. The Worcester site was selected for the Assembly because 1990 is the One Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of the Armenian Church in America and particularly the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Church of Our Saviour in Worcester, the first Armenian Church in the Western Hemisphere. The Assembly was presided over by the Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian, Vicar General of the Diocese. The Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian was in Jerusalem where he was recently elected Patriarch of the Jerusalem Patriarchate.

Concurrent with the Assembly proceedings, the various departments of the Diocese held seminars and informational discussions. These included the Women's Guild, the Parish Council Chairpersons' meeting, Diocesan Council, Department of Religious Education and the Armenian Language Lab, Choir Association, ACYOA sports competitions, the Yeretzgins' breakfast and a Fashion Show for the visiting ladies and parishioners alike.

The Parish Council Chairpersons' Breakfast was expanded to a two day workshop. The Chairpersons from 22 participating parishes had breakfast on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 and followed with a 1-1/2 hour workshop each morning. The topics discussed were: the roles of Church organizations, fund raising, Earthquake programs, Special Programs for the youth and elderly and many topics pertaining to the responsibilities and procedures of the Parish Council. The workshop drew rave reviews and received the approval of all who attended that the Diocese adopt a new workshop concept at future Assemblies.

The Clergy Conference was held at the Calvary Retreat House of the Passionist Fathers in Shrewsbury, MA. There were about 30 clergymen present together with three observers; Archbishop Nersess Bozabalian, Chancellor of the Holy See at Etchmiadzin; Bishop Avak Assadourian, Primate of Iraq; and The Very Rev. Hagop Kilidjian, Locum Teneas of Uruguay. The Clergy Conference discussed matters of ecclesiastic interest as well as the issue of unity and a presentation by Archbishop Bozabalian regarding events and conditions in Armenia. He stressed the dire need to continue funding as well as moral support for earthquake and refugees from Azerbaijan. The problems with the Azeris have not abated and is most disturbing. There is a concerted effort to proselytize the Armenian population by the many and varied sects of the Protestant denominations world wide. The people are starving for spiritual sustenance and are easy prey for the emissaries of these sects.

The unity issues of the eastern Diocese were also discussed but these will be reported as part of the Assembly proceedings.

The Assembly opened at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, with opening prayers in which all of the delegates participated under the leadership of the Vicar General, Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian. He read the message sent by His Holiness Vazken I and added his own opening comments. The Assembly officers elected were: Dr. Dennis Papazian, Chairman; Arthur Mardigian, Co-Chairman; Berjoohy Haigazian, English Secretary and Rev. Fr. Krikor Maksoudian, Armenian

Secretary. Judge Vincent Gurahian, Chairman of the Diocesan Council moved that the 88th Assembly be dedicated to Judge John Najarian who had passed away just before the Assembly. This motion was unanimously approved.

The Vicar General read the message sent by His Beatitude Archbishop Torkom Manoogian and Fr. Krikor Maksoudian read the English translation. His Beatitude noted the importance of keeping good records of all of our proceedings but especially those of the Unity Discussions. He stressed the importance of helping rebuild the earthquake ravaged Stepanavan and to give moral support to the Karabagh Armenians.

A delegation of clergy and lay members were selected to attend Judge John Najarian's funeral headed by Fr. Khajag on Friday. A requiem prayer was said for the members of the Assembly who had passed away during the last year. Abraham Sivazlian, a former Diocesan delegate from Worcester was remembered.

A summary of the panel discussions was presented by each of the panel leaders. "Identifying and Meeting Parish Needs" was discussed by Rev. Father Arsen Barsamian, Rev. Father Karekin Kasparian and Aetna Tashjian. "Allocation of Church Responsibilities" was discussed by Fr. Dajad Davidian, Fr. Nersess Jebejian and Arthur Mardigian. "Positive Relation in the Parish" was discussed by Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, Fr. Mampre Kouzouian, Col. Victor Arzoumanian and Dr. Raffi Hovanesian.

Rev. Fr. Mesrob Sarafian conveyed greetings of the Primate of the Western Diocese and reported on activities. Mr. Arto Basmajian read a letter from Very Rev. Fr. Hovnan Derderian, Locum Tenens of the Canadian Diocese. He also expressed the concerns of the Canadian Diocese regarding the Unity talks. Since the posture of the Canadian Diocese may differ from that of the Eastern Diocese, they do not feel that they can be part of any agreements which may result.

Ared Bulbuljian of the Earthquake Relief Office of the Diocese reported on the rebuilding of Stepanavan. A copy of the complete report will be made available to Parishioners.

Crosby Goshgarian reported on the set of proposed By-Laws which have been worked out by the unity committees and pointed out areas to which the Diocesan members of the Unity Committee have taken exception. One of the critical points in the new by-laws was that not all members of the clergy would have a vote at future Diocesan Assemblies. The Assembly re-affirmed the posture that all members of the clergy have a voice and a vote in all future Diocesan Assemblies. The delegates were asked to review the document and be prepared to attend a meeting solely to discuss the proposed by-laws.

Col. Victor Arzoumanian gave a report of the ACEF. The assets of the fund are now about \$11,000,000 approximately \$3,000,000 more than last year.

Elections were held for the Diocesan Board of Trustees, Nominating Committee, Proposals Committee and Auditing Committee. Zarvin Kasparian of Worcester was elected to the Board of Trustees, and Asbed Zakarian and John Merzigian, also of Worcester, were elected to the Nominating Committee. Ed

Chapian from New York was elected to the Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy left by the death of Judge John Najarian and Harry Terzian from Detroit was elected to replace Judge Najarian on the Unity Committee.

The treasurer's report as well as the budget was discussed. There was some difficulty encountered by the delegates who tried to compare the proposed budget items to corresponding lines in the financial report. Edward Bilzerian moved that henceforth the budget format be similar to the financial report format for easier comparison. His motion carried.

The votes on proposals and amendments were as follows:

1. Holy Trinity Church of Boston proposed that the New England Council be disbanded. This was soundly defeated.

2. St. Mary's Church of Washington, DC proposed that a department of Youth Ministry be established. This would be funded by a 1% assessment against Church assessments. This was passed.

3. St. James of Watertown proposed that a publication committee be established to print the unpublished works of Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan. This was passed.

4. St. James of Watertown proposed that a Conference of Major Armenian American Organizations be established to cope with disasters such as the Earthquake and the Karabagh crises. This was passed.

5. St. Gregory the Illuminator Church of Binghamton, NY proposed that Pastors form membership committees to increase the membership of the Diocese. This was defeated because it is considered a normal part of the pastor's duties.

Proposed By-Laws Amendments were voted as follows:

1. Holy Resurrection Church of New Britain proposed that absentee ballots be allowed (Art. 22). This was defeated due to the fact that there would be great difficulty in verifying the legitimacy of the absence.

2. St. Mary's Church of Washington proposed that married priests be permitted to election as Primate. This was defeated.

3. St. Mary's of Washington proposed that the members of the Board of Trustees be allowed only one term in office. This was defeated.

Zarvin Kasparian presented the report of the New England Council. It was accepted.

There was a question carried over from the 87th Assembly regarding the purchase of the Laurel St. Church and be preserved as a Museum, etc. Due to a misunderstanding as to who was to have done what, no action had been taken. The Assembly repeated its request to the Diocesan Council to give the matter serious consideration.

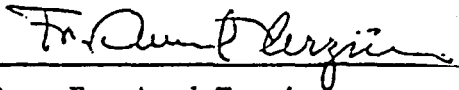
The highlight of the Assembly was the election of Primate. The Candidates were Bishop Avak Assadourian, Archbishop Nersess Bozabalian and Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian. Fr. Khajag Barsamian was elected on the

first ballot. The events and scene that followed the announcement was a moment we will never forget. The euphoria of Christian love became visibly evident and spontaneous display of affection for the new Primate can never be forgotten.

The schedule of succeeding Diocesan Assemblies is as follows:

1991 Tenafly, N J
1992 Boca Raton, FL
1993 Chicago, IL

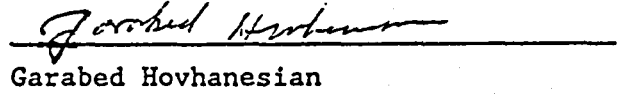
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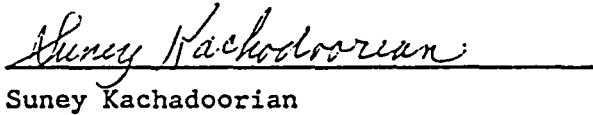
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Pastor



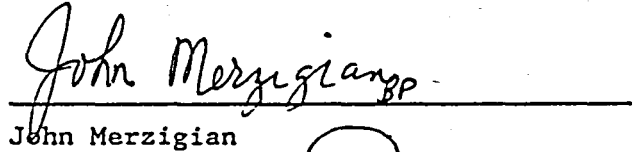
Edward S. Bilzerian



Garabed Hovhanesian



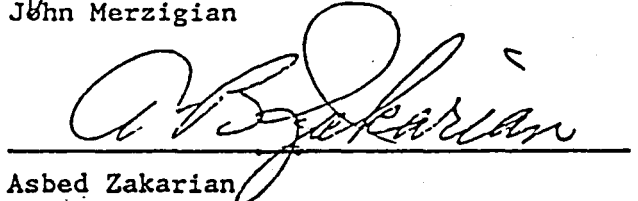
Suney Kachadoorian



John Merzigian



L. Jerry Stepanian



Asbed Zakarian

PASTOR'S REPORT - 1990

The Armenian Church and people experienced great loss in the hierarchy of the Church in the early part of this year. First Patriarch Yeghishe Derderian, who had been a father-figure to the Brotherhood and Seminarians of Jerusalem passed away in January. Shortly thereafter, the Patriarch of Turkey, Archbishop Shnork Kaloustian, passed away, while visiting Armenia. And, Archbishop Vazken Keshishian, Primate of the Canadian Diocese, died within days of returning from the Patriarch's funeral in Istanbul.

Members of the Brotherhood of Jerusalem, gathered in Jerusalem, from their various posts and homes around the world, to choose a temporary, and then met again to choose a permanent successor to Patriarch Derderian. They chose our Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. Without having an opportunity to return to America, and be given a well-deserved farewell, His Eminence assumed his duties in Jerusalem immediately.

After serving an unprecedented number of years as Primate of this Diocese, Archbishop Manoogian's place in the history of our Church is well defined. His countless contributions as the "shepherd of his flock" will continue to be reflected in the growth and progress of our Diocese. Indeed, he will be sorely missed.

On a parish level, the first half of 1990 was truly dedicated to preparations for the upcoming Diocesan Assembly which our Parish hosted in May. Once again, we witnessed the great achievements as a result of our parishioners working together. Truly, the feature of this Assembly was the election of a new Primate and for the first time in many years, Torkom Srpazan's name would not be on the ballot. The Assembly elected the Very Reverend Father Khajag Barsamian, one who worked closely with his predecessor, and learned much from him.

In October of this year, Father Khajag was summoned to Armenia where the Catholics consecrated him a Bishop. Upon his return to New York, on October 12, Bishop Khajag was welcomed with a Hrashapar Service in St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral. It was a beautiful service, attended by all area clergy and many of our faithful.

October 22nd, Bishop Khajag, many members of the Brotherhood and I, went to Jerusalem to witness the Enthronement of the Patriarch of Jerusalem, His Beatitude Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

When I left the Monastery in 1974, I vowed to return someday. And, now on this happy occasion, 16 years later, I would fulfill that vow. It was so gratifying to once again worship in the Cathedral of St. James, walk the halls, and rooms I did as a young boy, but this time, as a priest, and no longer a child. In a moving ceremony, the man who was responsible for bringing me to this country, who took me under his wing, saw to my education, married me and later ordained me a priest, was given the highest honor possible by the Brotherhood of Jerusalem. I was honored to be present. An additional honor was bestowed upon me on Sunday, October 28th, at 3:00 a.m., when I celebrated the Divine Liturgy at the Tomb of Christ, at the Holy Sepulcher. I returned home filled with emotion and thankfulness to God for His protection and guidance.

The hierarchy of our Church has gone through some changes, as any living body inevitably must. It is imperative that with change comes growth. May we witness not the mere survival of the Armenian Church, but its continued growth.

I hereby submit my Pastor's Report to His Grace the Primate, and our beloved parishioners.

WORSHIP

Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak) was celebrated every Sunday, following morning service, with the assistance of the Deacons, Sub-deacons and the Church Choir - with the exception of Sunday, January 21 and February 4 when services were cancelled on account of heavy snow storms; on Sunday, April 22nd, when we were called to New York to commemorate Martyr's Day, and September 2, Labor Day, when a Jashou Service was conducted by Deacon Suney Kachadoorian, assisted by the Sub-deacons and Choir. May God continue to bless them all for their dedication.

The following clergy have visited our Parish and have served as guest celebrant and preacher this year:

- His Grace Bishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
- His Grace Bishop Avak Asadourian
- Very Reverend Father Mesrob Semerjian
- Reverend Father Garen Gdanian
- Reverend Father Vazken Bekiarian

Our sermons are delivered in both Armenian and English, but more often in English alone. Aside from our Sunday morning liturgies, several special services were offered, such as the following:

- Eve of Theophany (01-05-90) Divine Liturgy
- Armenian Christmas Divine Liturgy
- Special Communion for Children (Christmas and Easter)
- Lenten Services on Wednesday Evenings
- Holy Thursday Divine Liturgy
- Holy Week (Full cycle of Services)
- Martyrs' Day
- Ascension Thursday Divine Liturgy
- Feast of St. Stephen (Christmas Eve)

SACRAMENTS AND RITES

We have shared the joys and sorrows of the families on these occasions:
(Please refer to the detail of this information below)

Baptisms and Confirmations	12
Adult Baptisms & Confirmations	4
Engagements	5
Weddings	14
Funerals	22
Committals	2
Home Blessings	12

WEDDINGS

- Karen Shamoian - Sherman Walters
- Lisa McCoy - Michael Kaishian
- Andrea Lacalle - David Shamoian
- Garine Arakelian - Richard Hamelin
- Andrea Kavoogian - Robert Shamgochian
- Nancy Bagdasarian - Anthony Barsamian
- Joan Tateosian - Michael K. Arakelian
- JoAnn Billings - Mark Sivazlian

WEDDINGS - Continued

Jan Aslanian - Louis Mikitarian
Kristin Daniels - Richard Karre
Carol Bilazarian - Robert Cotter
Sarkis and Seta Shahverdian

WEDDINGS PERFORMED IN OTHER CHURCHES

Suzanne DeAngelis - Harry Dodakian
St. Denis Catholic Church

Katherine Fotos - John Mshooshian
St. Spyridon's Cathedral

BAPTISMS

Ian Lee Kachadorian son of Mark and Cynthia Kachadorian
Andrea Mari Durgarian daughter of Karnig and Karen Durgarian
Maura Evelyn Lyons daughter of Thomas and Jean Lyons
Natalie Ann Kublbeck daughter of David and Jane Kublbeck
Jaime Frances Rose Choate daughter of James and Janice Choate
Janel Julia Murphy daughter of Richard and Sonia Murphy
Andrew Ronald Krikorian son of Ronald and M. Sally Krikorian
Rebecca Sarah Dodakian daughter of Gary and Katherine Dodakian
Erick Richard Kazarian son of Richard and Anush Kazarian
Brandon Joseph Hagop Wasgatt son of Paul and Barbara Wasgatt
Robert Anthony Sivazlian son of Norman and Gail Sivazlian
Keith Matthew Dooley son of Michael and Caron Dooley

FUNERALS

Mosoian Seroon Mosoian
Virginia Der Bagdasarian
Marjorie Mesrobian
Louis Avedisian
Manooshag Der Harootunian
Helen A. Bedrosian
Doris Simonian
Tarquohie Der Krikorian
Steven Bagdasarian
Nishan Mooradian
Souren S. Ajemian

Susan D. Thompson
Arsen Haroian
Victoria Eljanian
Alice Alexander
Hiram Krikorian
Paul A. Thomasian
Zarouhi M. Noorjanian
Armenouhe Jardarian
Marion Markarian
Victoria Hovagimian
Rose Kazarian

The following clergymen have visited our parish this year to participate in a sacrament or program:

His Grace Bishop Khajag Barsamian
Very Reverend Father Mesrob Semerjian
Very Reverend Father Ghevont Samoorian
Very Reverend Father Nourhan Manougian
Very Reverend Father Haigazoun Melkonian
Very Reverend Father Krikor Maksoudian

Reverend Father Papken Maksoudian
Reverend Father Dajad Davidian
Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian
Reverend Father Yeprem Kelegian

PRIMATE'S VISITATION

Bishop Khajag visited our Parish on several occasions for meetings regarding the Assembly. His annual visit as Primate to our Parish, was on November 11th. His Grace celebrated Divine Liturgy, where he ordained three young men to the rank of sub-deacon, Michael Arakelian, Herman Purutyan and Mark Sivazlian. His Grace presided over the parish's Recognition Day, where eleven parishioners were noted for their years of dedicated service to our Parish and community. The Primate then bestowed the St. Vartan Medal to four of our parishioners: Bartev Der Bagdasarian, Harold Gregory, Gilbert Markarian and John Toromanian, for outstanding service to our Church. The highest honor of all was a surprise presentation of the St. Nerses Shnorhali Award, which was bestowed upon Zarvin Kasparian, by the Catholicos of all Armenians, Vasken I, accompanied by a beautifully written "gontag" (proclamation), in recognition of his many years of service to our Church, Diocese and people. The day was filled with happiness and gratitude to all the honorees.

REPRESENTING OUR PARISH

I have represented our Parish at the following Churches:

St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral, New York
Holy Cross Armenian Church, Lawrence
St. James Armenian Church, Watertown
St. Vartanantz Armenian Church, Chelmsford
St. Mark Armenian Church, Springfield
St. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church, Providence

ANNUAL ASSEMBLIES

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

Our Parish had the pleasure of hosting the 88th Diocesan Annual Assembly and Clergy Conference, held from April 30 through May 6, a befitting honor, as we remember our forefathers, who established the roots of this Diocese 100 years ago in Worcester.

We applaud the efforts of the Co-chairmen of the Assembly Committee: Margaret Zakarian and Gilbert Markarian and thank them for their tireless efforts, steadfastness and leadership, in the year-long preparation for this event. Our sincere appreciation to the Parish Council Chairman Arthur Surabian, who devoted countless hours, above and beyond the call of duty as Parish Council Chairman, to ensure the success of this event. At his suggestion and through his efforts, for the first time in conjunction with the Diocesan Assembly, the Parish Council Chairman from our Diocese, had two very fruitful meetings to discuss common problems and possible solutions. We hope these meetings will continue to be a part of the Annual Assembly as they were quite beneficial to all those who attended.

Our gratitude to the Parish Council members, the sub-committee chairmen and their committees, for their hard work and time spent to ensure that not one small detail was overlooked.

Working on the Assembly brought our parishioners together, and invigorated our youth and seniors. The experienced brought their tried and true methods, and the inexperienced brought their innovative ideas. The co-chairmen, parish council, sub-committee chairmen, and everyone who volunteered truly outdid themselves. The event was not only financially successful, but emotionally as well. The many compliments we received and the general good feeling we were left with, makes our Parish shine from within.

ACYOA ASSEMBLY

I also attended the ACYOA Assembly and Sports Weekend on Labor Day weekend, August 29th through September 2nd, in Cleveland, Ohio. The distance prevented all but four of our youth from attending. Scott Najarian was elected chairman of the Assembly, and representing our Parish were Lisa Najarian, Jay Kapur and Mark Pogharian and myself. Our youth groups need to come together in this manner, and I wish more of our members could have attended, but I am glad that our Parish was represented and was involved in the discussions and decisions that were made.

VISITATIONS

As part of our ministry, I have made regular weekly visitations to all Worcester area hospitals, and on several occasions, visitations to parishioners in Boston area hospitals. Although routine telephone calls are made to each area hospital by our office, we sometimes learn that a parishioner has been hospitalized and released without a visit from his/her pastor. Sometimes we learn of the hospitalization and plan a visitation only to learn that the person was discharged that morning.

Please be aware that hospitals do not notify the Church or pastor of a hospitalized parishioner. We request the assistance of each of our parishioners to rectify that situation, so that no one feels neglected in their time of need. Names of hospitalized individuals may be withheld from the Church Bulletin upon request.

We have also visited parishioners in out-of-town hospitals, mostly in Boston. We encourage families to notify us of all hospitalizations. If my schedule does not permit me to visit, I will request that another Armenian priest make the visitation, as we have done in the past, when parishioners of another Church are hospitalized in the Worcester area.

I have also visited parishioners in all area nursing homes and the Jamaica Plain Armenian Nursing Home in Boston, during the Christmas and Easter seasons, and as requested, to offer them Holy Communion. I have also attended many meetings and luncheons of the Women's Welfare Association, when held in Worcester.

On many occasions, I have gladly visited the homes of the sick or elderly (shut-ins) that are not able to come to Church, to offer comfort and Holy Communion. However, my schedule does not permit me to make these visitations unless they are requested. Please do not hesitate to make such requests known to me.

I have also visited area cemeteries to bless the graves of departed loved ones: on Memorial Day, following 40-day mass (karrasoonk) services, and at the special request of bereaved families.

In addition, I have taken part in many family celebrations: anniversaries, engagements, birthdays, retirements, achievements and social gatherings, at the request of many of our parishioners.

On December 13, I accompanied John and Jean Merzigian, to the Monastery of the Magnificat in Quebec, Canada, bringing the love and regards of our parishioners, to their son, Francis.

COUNSELING

Many of my evening hours are passed in counseling sessions. On various occasions, I offered counseling assistance to individuals and families who were facing difficulties, including youths and college students, some of whom are non-Armenian. I consider this an integral part of our ministry. I pray that with God's help they are comforted.

I feel strongly about the necessity for pre-nuptial and marital counseling, pre-confirmation counseling, counseling of bereaved families and pre-baptismal counseling of the parents and godparents. And, to ensure that the participants are properly prepared, many of my evenings are spent helping to educate and bring these individuals closer to their Church in anticipation of these sacraments. We pray that the Holy Spirit grant them spiritual growth.

In recent years, there has been an increased number of elderly parishioners in need of attention, assistance and consolation. Due to budget cuts, changing laws, and language limitations, many are not aware of their benefits and recourse when faced with difficulty. More often than not, the need is greatest when the individual no longer has members of his family to rely upon. It is sometimes at the request of Social Service Agencies that I become involved with their personal lives. Their needs are often physical, psychological and emotional.

Unfortunately, as of May 1990, we no longer had the services of Beth Bilbilian, a licensed Social Worker, to assist us with the needs of the elderly.

Further, I try to make myself available for the sick, troubled and the needy of our community, as they are in spiritual as well as physical pain. I pray that my visits lighten their burdens and help ease their suffering.

PUBLICATIONS

Our Church publication "The Messenger" is mailed to all members of our Parish, to several Armenian Churches, and others by special request. Its informative articles, pictures and format are the result of the continued diligence and talent of its editor, Harold Gregory.

Harold's task was greatest this year during the Annual Assembly, however, his photographs will be a historical treasure. Our appreciation to Harold Gregory, Paul Davis, and Marianne Dodakian, who contributed to our fabulous coverage of the Assembly Weekend.

Once again, we urge all parishioners and organizations to make frequent contributions to "The Messenger" and to use it as a vehicle of communication with our entire Church family.

The Sunday Bulletins are prepared in our office and are distributed each Sunday to our congregation, informing them of the day's Requiem Service, English translation of the Gospel reading and announcements. A number of special fliers and announcements for various occasions are sent to our parishioners to inform them of parish activities.

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

Our relations with all non-Armenian Churches throughout the Worcester area are mainly through the Ecumenical Council of Churches, in which we continue our membership. We attended the Pentecost Assembly in June and the Pre-Advent Assembly in November.

On April 11th, I participated in the Tenebrae Services (Holy Wednesday) at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Worcester.

On April 13th, I attended Good Friday services at the Wesley Methodist Church.

On May 16th, I attended a Press Conference at Elm Park Community School, regarding the drastic cuts from the city's for Social Services and Education.

On October 5th, I attended the Blackstone Valley Ecumenical breakfast, of which one of our parishioners, Mary Arakelian, was chairman. I was asked to offer the closing prayer.

In September, I addressed a class of students, of various denominations, from an Adult Education class of Clark University.

On November 28th, I attended the Annual Banquet of the National Council of Christians and Jews, as a guest of George and Anna Krikorian. George served as chairman of this year's event. We also congratulate Edward Bilzerian who was elected to the NCCJ's Board of Directors, representing the Orthodox community, in 1990. We were pleased to share this evening with him and the other members of our parish who support this function annually.

On December 4th, I was asked to offer the Opening Prayer of the City Council in Worcester.

On several occasions, we have performed weddings with non-Armenian clergy, giving us the opportunity to share the richness of our service with them, and theirs with us.

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

This year, along with Zarvin Kasparian, Chairman; Asbed Zakarian and John Merzigian, I continued membership on the New England Regional Council. As a member, I have attended eleven meetings this year.

We also attended two Regional Assemblies, on March 17th, and one on October 13th, presided over by Bishop Khajag Barsamian.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

ARMENIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Once again, Herman Purutyan offered a 10-week Adult Language Class, held on Thursday evenings, from June 28 through August 30th. Approximately 15 students enrolled, with an average weekly attendance of 10. We hope the class will be offered again next year, and sincerely thank Herman for his efforts.

ARMENIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

The Armenian School enjoyed a successful first term, meeting on Wednesday afternoons, from October to May, with approximately 30 students in attendance, ranging in age from 2 to 15. Yeretzgin Vivian coordinated the program, and with the assistance of Phyllis Apkarian and Lusine Adzhi-Akopyan and the students' parents, enjoyed teaching conversational Armenian language, as well as aspects of our unique culture. Each session was concluded with a program in one of the following areas: cooking, art, dance, song or history to expose the young minds.

However, much to our disappointment, the enthusiasm of the first term had worn off and only 5 children (two of which were my sons) enrolled the following September. Yeretzgin resigned as director, stating that she could not do justice to the diversified program she developed with such a small enrollment.

It is hoped that a "mini-course" will be offered next year, to once again spark interest in learning our language.

I feel that it is important to teach our youth the language of our forefathers, and will continue to seek new ways to do so.

ALTAR SERVERS

Throughout the year, three young men of our parish, met with either George Sogigian or myself in preparation for their ordination to the rank of sub-deacon. This time spent in rehearsal, as a small group, is vital to their learning experience. Through their dedicated efforts, Michael Arakelian, Herman Purutyan and Mark Sivazlian, were properly prepared and ordained to the rank of sub-deacon, by His Grace the Primate, on November 11th.

We are thankful to have a group of dedicated young men, those previously and newly-ordained, who have committed themselves to serve their Church in this manner. I also wish to thank George Sogigian for sharing his musical knowledge, time and ability with us. May God bless all of our Altar Servers who sacrifice their time each Sunday to enhance our worship services.

LENTEN PROGRAMS

During the Lenten Season, we enjoyed very good attendance at special educational lectures which were held following a Lenten meal, on Wednesday evenings after Church Services. The guest speakers included: Reverend Father Ibrahim H. Haddad, Reverend Father Dajad Davidian, The Reverend Richard A. Hennigar, Carol Der Boghosian, Dr. Kevork Kherolopian, and Dr. Thomas Samuelian.

We thank the members of each of our Church organizations who prepared and served an appropriate Lenten meal on their assigned day.

As the Lenten period is a time for inner reflection, we strive to bring forth informative programs to our parishioners and hope that many more of them will take part in the future.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Under the direction of Tara Stepanian, the Sunday School has been successful in two of its major concerns: increase enrollment and recruitment of new teachers. The Sunday School is a constantly changing body, one class graduates, a new group of youngsters registers - teachers retire, new teachers must be found. It is a difficult task to maintain a balance, let alone growth in the Sunday School, and Tara has been trying to do this.

In response to the request of the Superintendent and several teachers, I directed nine sessions of Bible Study, specifically for Sunday School teachers. Appropriate topics were chosen and discussed, as well as how they might relate to the curriculum. The course created a unique opportunity for the teachers to ask questions and truly understand the basis of our religion. This type of study can never end, and therefore, I hope to offer and to expand this course next year.

Just prior to Thanksgiving, the children collected canned and packaged foods, which were shared with AIDS victims. Each year, the children are taught in this manner to share our prosperity with those less fortunate than themselves.

This year for the first time in recent memory, the Sunday School children produced a magnificent Christmas Pageant. It was evident that the children, as well as the parents, thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

Just prior to Christmas, the children also collected hats, gloves and scarfs to be sent to the youngest earthquake victims of Armenia. This type of giving not only benefits those on the receiving end, but gives us the opportunity to "teach" our children compassion.

Our gratitude to Tara and the devoted teachers of our Sunday School, for their time and dedication to our children. Importantly, we urge the parents to work with our Sunday School staff, become more involved with the Christian Education of our children, serving in the Sunday School, by discussing things with your children, and perhaps by learning with them.

In all things, remember: children learn more by example than by words. We have to teach them to be good Christians, by being a good Christian ourselves.

BABIES AND TODDLERS PROGRAM

There is no doubt that the success of the Toddlers' Program is due to the active participation of each of the parents, who also alternate teaching responsibilities.

Yeretzgin Vivian has coordinated this program since its inception in 1987, and is pleased at the ever-increasing number of students; enrollment is now up to 21 little ones. Our parishioners have been very supportive of this program and frequent donations of toys and equipment and supplies are made, and very much appreciated.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Though somewhat inactive for the past few years, this committee seeks to assist in organizing the Church's books and to make them easily accessible for the use of our parishioners. Students would find the wealth of information therein most helpful. Donations of appropriate books are always welcome.

MEN'S CLUB

The reorganization of the Men's Club is not a simple process. It enjoyed a very strong start two years ago, and is now going through a "leveling-off" period. The Board is still experimenting with new ideas to increase activity and membership and is getting good results. The group consists of men of different ages and interests, which contributes to its diversity and effectiveness. For the interest of its members, they present good programs and dinners preceding their monthly meetings. I am certain of the stability of the Men's Club and look forward to its growth.

SENIOR LADIES AUXILIARY

The most challenging assignment for the Senior Ladies this year, was indeed the Diocesan Assembly. The Ladies provided a lovely table of delicious refreshments and coffee throughout the entire Assembly. Their hospitality was outstanding and a beautiful reflection on our Church. We pray for the continued health and steadfastness of each of the members of this lively organization.

WOMEN'S GUILD

A long-standing pillar of our Church, the Guild continues to provide social and educational programs for its members at monthly meetings, as well as offering invaluable assistance at the Annual Church Bazaar, Picnic, Lenten Dinners, Martyrs' Day Madagh and hosting the Easter Sunday Fellowship - as well as their own annual fund-raising functions.

Through the efforts of the Executive Body the members of the Guild made and gave Christmas gifts of clothing and toys to underprivileged children in the Worcester area. This is a fine example of how this organization does not only benefit our Church, but how its members care about the members of the community around us as well.

The combination of new and familiar faces, shared wisdom and talent assures us years of innovation and the stability of this outstanding organization.

SOCIAL SERVICES

This is an area which is in need of development. A small committee is needed to analyze the needs of our parishioners and assist in implementing the resolution of problem area. The first task of the Committee would be to implement the ideas and projects begun by Beth Bilbilian, for elderly and shut-ins, namely: The Visitation Guild, and access to the Divine Liturgy by telephone. With the excellent foundation Beth provided, this committee would provide invaluable assistance and contact to our once-active parishioners.

ANNUAL EVENTS

The three main fund-raising activities of our Parish are: the Harvest Bazaar, the Picnic and the Rug Sale. In light of the present economic condition of our state, we are fortunate to have had three financially successful major events again this year.

The two-day Harvest Bazaar, and the Raffle, chaired by the Parish Council, was, of course, the culmination of countless hours of devoted service.

The Church Picnic, chaired by the Parish Council, which was once again held on the Church grounds, created a wonderful atmosphere of good food, friendship and music for our parishioners and community.

The Rug Sale, chaired by Edward Atamian and Margaret Zakarian, for the sixth time, and with their expertise and group of volunteers, realized a substantial profit.

As these functions are attended by many non-Armenians, it is most noteworthy that our volunteers were helpful, polite, and cheerful to our guests. As a result of the careful planning and labor of their respective committees, our Church's fine reputation was once again justified.

And, each of these events, is a large undertaking, involving many people and we sincerely thank all those who helped make them successful.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROJECTS

UNREST IN ARMENIA

The Vicar General in the absence of the Primate, called the Clergy of our Diocese on several occasions as a result of the unrest in Armenia, mainly in the Karabagh region.

January 17 - Emergency meeting in New York, attended by Zarvin Kasparian, Asbed Zakarian and myself.

January 21 - Radio interview on Karabagh, WFTQ 1440 AM

March 4 - Following Church Services in Worcester, I flew to Washington, D.C., to join clergy and lay representatives, from East and West Coast, and participated in a vigil in front of the White House. We met with the following Senators; Shelby from Alabama, Robert Dole and Leberman from Connecticut, and Congressmen: Early and Pashayan of California.

Topics discussed were: a) Humanitarian Aid to Earthquake stricken Armenia, b) support for the human rights of the Armenians living in Karabagh region, c) support for the genocide resolution pending in the House and Senate.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The Centennial Celebration Committee consists of all past and present Parish Council Chairmen and Delegates. The Parish Council appointed Zarvin Kasparian Chairman of the Committee. The Committee has met on numerous occasions to plan appropriate events during the upcoming year.

As a result of the untimely death of His Beatitude Archbishop Shnork Kaloustian, Armenian Patriarch of Istanbul, who was to be the guest of honor, dates and plans for the Centennial Banquet and coinciding Church Services had to be revised. On July 27, I met with the Diocesan Council in New York City to discuss our plans.

ORPHANS VISIT

On Tuesday, July 17, twenty victims of the Earthquake in Armenia, aged nine to fifteen, were brought to America, by the Diocese to uplift their spirits. These were twenty of those who had suffered the most. At the request of the Diocese, our Church undertook the task of clothing the children for their upcoming baptism in the Cathedral. An overwhelming response to our appeal, resulted in more than sufficient monetary donations, for the children's clothing. Margaret Zakarian coordinated a group of volunteers to accompany the children in local stores, and sought donations from several of them. After dinner at the Church, the children were greeted by several of our parishioners, whose hearts were warmed by their sad eyes. Our appreciation also to Michael Gulbankian, who donated his time and bus to transport the children all day, and again the following week to bring the clothing to New York.

As a result, and hope for future visitations, our parish has established an Orphan Fund to which our parishioners are gladly contributing.

In a befitting honor, the Diocese chose, Zarvin and Lucy Kasparian, and Asbed and Margaret Zakarian, to become godparents to two of the orphaned girls.

On behalf of all the victims we thank all those who made monetary contributions and those who gave of themselves to make their lives a bit happier. God bless you.

ELEVATOR PROJECT

Through the generosity of the late Harry Sarkisian's bequest, last year's Parish Assembly voted to proceed with the plans to install an elevator in our Complex. Our gratitude to Arthur Surabian, Parish Council Chairman, who chaired the project with the assistance of Richard Maksian, Vice Chairman of the Parish Council. Our utmost appreciation to Ramon Hovsepian for the donation of countless hours and sharing his expertise to seeing the completion of this project. We have already seen some good use of the elevator, and pray that more and more of our elderly and handicapped parishioners will be able to attend Church Services and functions now. May God bless the memory of Harry Sarkisian as he is remembered through this memorial.

RESTORATION OF HEADSTONES

We are pleased that, as a result of our appeal last year, the officials of Hope Cemetery have completed the restoration of several gravestones that were vandalized.

RECEPTION FOR DR. DIRAN APELIAN

On December 1, our Parish hosted a reception for the newly-appointed provost of Worcester Polytechnic Institute and his family. Committee members consisted of alumni of WPI and parishioners. The reception was well-attended and appreciated.

MARTYRS' DAY

By directive of the Diocesan Primate and Council the 75th Anniversary of the Genocide of Armenian people was commemorated on a Diocesan and local level in an unprecedented joint commemoration by all Armenians, regardless of Church affiliation.

Thursday, April 12 - Holy Thursday, we washed the feet of six genocide survivors and six Sunday School boys, in a symbolic and moving ceremony where the survival and rebirth of our people after the genocide were emphasized.

Friday, April 20 - By invitation of the Massachusetts Speaker of the House George Keverian, Arthur Surabian, Parish Council Chairman, and I attended the Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Genocide at the State House in Boston.

Sunday, April 22 - Parishioners of Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church and Church of Our Saviour together travelled to New York City to participate in Divine Liturgy and Madagh at St. Vartan Cathedral, followed by a march to Times Square for a program.

Wednesday, April 24 - The ecumenical service at Trinity Lutheran Church in Worcester, featured the combined choirs of Armenian Church of Our Saviour and Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church, under the direction of Hazel Eljanian, accompanied by Irene Shooshan on the organ. Religious and civic leaders were in attendance. Ara Kalajian, editor of the Armenian Mirror-Spectator was the main speaker. A beautiful fellowship followed with donations from members of both Churches, coordinated by both Yeretzgins.

Sunday, April 29 - We celebrated Divine Liturgy in our Church, and our guest, Reverend Father Vazken Bekiarian, Pastor of the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church, was the preacher. A special requiem service and Madagh (Memorial Meal) followed in the Cultural Center. Mayor Jordan Levy and other dignitaries were present who addressed the gathering.

This concluded our joint commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Genocide, and gave us a glimpse, and hope, of one Armenian Church and one nation.

We thank all the members of the committee, and parishioners who attend, and pray that God grant us a continuing spirit of unity and brotherly love.

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORTS

On May 30th, our Parish hosted an extremely well-attended concert by Julio Iglesias, which realized a profit of \$41,000 to the Earthquake Fund. This amount pushed us over the one-half million dollar mark toward our goal.

The moving force behind this undertaking, to sponsor a concert of this magnitude with all that it involves - was undoubtedly Arthur Surabian, who chaired the event and inspired his committee.

New and innovative ideas are being sought to reach our goal of one million dollars to the Diocesan Earthquake Fund. Our prayers and hopes for our brethren in the homeland are constant.

IN APPRECIATION

We sincerely appreciate the efforts of the following individuals, who have given selflessly of themselves for the enrichment of our Holy Church:

The Parish Council Chairman, Arthur Surabian
The Parish Council Members
The Diocesan Delegates
Our Deacons, Sub-Deacons and Altar Servers
Hazel Eljanian, the Choir Director
Irene Shooshan, the Church Organist
Members of The Church Choir
The Mas Committee
The Fellowship Committee
Belmont Cleaners (Surabian Family) for their services
Charlotte Calfaian, In Lieu of Flowers Coordinator
Deacon Suney Kachadoorian, for his donation of incense and wine for our Holy Altar
Jean Merzigian for the weekly care and preparation of all liturgical vestments
Jean Simonian for alterations and repair of the liturgical vestments
Andrew Shadbegian and Archie Shadbegian - for tending doors at funerals
John Toromanian for his special projects bookkeeping
The Auditing Committee
The Nominating Committee

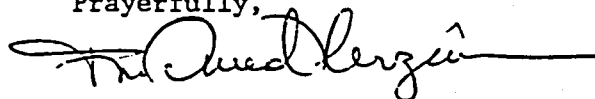
Our sincere appreciation to our devoted staff: Norma Hohne, Marilyn Larkin, Gharib Ghambari, Michael Bellino and Beth Bilbilian.

In this, the sixth year of my ordination to the Holy Priesthood, I am thankful to God for giving me the opportunity to serve Him, through this Holy Church; and for the continued cooperation and love of our parishioners.

I pray that we always strive to develop a stronger Church family, never remain content with past achievements, and always looking toward the future. Let us never forget the past, for that leads us to where we are today, and let us not forget the future, to plan for it, and to educate our children in our language, customs, culture and religious beliefs, so that the chain may never be broken.

May God bless all our endeavors and guide our steps in the fulfillment of our goals. Amen.

Prayerfully,



Reverend Father Aved Terzian
Pastor

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

As a result of the elections held in February, 1990 at the Annual Parish Assembly, the following individuals were elected to the Parish Council:

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| Dr. Robert Anusbigian | Paul Avakian |
| Rose Aslanian | Gary Hovhanesian |
| Edward Atamian | Gilbert Markarian |

After ratification of the Assembly Report by the Primate and the Diocesan Council, an organizational meeting was held and the following Parish Council officers were elected:

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| Arthur Surabian. | Chairman |
| Richard Maksian. | Vice-Chairman |
| Paul Avakian | Secretary |
| Gary Hovhanesian | Corresponding Secretary |
| John Merzigian, Jr. | Treasurer |
| Rose Aslanian. | Assistant Treasurer |

The following members of the Parish Council served as Advisors:

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| Dr. Robert Anusbigian | Gilbert Markarian |
| Edward Atamian | Charles Sharigian |
| Stephen Jorjorian | |

During the summer, Paul Avakian submitted his resignation as Secretary and was replaced by Gilbert Markarian. Mr. Avakian continued to serve on the Council as an Advisor.

The Parish Council emphasized the need for a strong relationship between the Council and the Church organizations. Liaisons attended meetings of their respective organizations and attempted to create a better means of communication between the organizations and the Parish Council. The Liaison Assignments for 1990 were:

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| ACYOA Juniors..... | Arthur Surabian |
| ACYOA Seniors..... | Dr. Robert Anusbigian |
| Avaks..... | Charles Sharigian |
| Beano Committee..... | Stephen Jorjorian |
| Library & Cultural Committee..... | Gilbert Markarian |
| Mens's Club..... | Edward Atamian |
| Senior Ladies Auxiliary..... | Rose Aslanian |
| Sunday School..... | Paul Avakian |
| Women's Guild..... | Richard Maksian |

Investment Committee:

The Investment Committee operated under an expanded format of five members. The committee was made up of three Parish Council members as well as two members of the parish. Representing the Parish Council were: Arthur Surabian, Chairman, and Stephen Jorjorian and Richard Maksian both of whom were elected by the Parish Council to serve on the Investment Committee. The Council sent a mailing to the parish explaining the other two positions available on the Investment Committee. The Parish Council elected Norman Noorjanian and Asbed Zakarian from a list of highly-qualified candidates who expressed an interest in serving on the Investment Committee.

The Investment Committee met eight times during 1990 with Edward J. Bilzerian of Dean Witter. Father Aved served as an ex-officio member of the Investment Committee. Quarterly reports as well as the results of each Investment Committee meeting were made at the subsequent Parish Council meeting for the Council's approval. The Committee took a very conservative approach on the types of investments that it made. The Committee took a stand that at the present time, the Church should not purchase any additional stocks. It also took a firm position that in the future, should market conditions lend themselves to investing in the stock market, only blue chip issues and first rate mutual funds be considered. A complete financial position on the Investment Account appears in the financial section of this Annual Report.

The year 1990 was a very intense and busy year for the Parish Council. Twenty-one meetings were held during the year. In this report, a summary of the year's activities will be presented.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

The Parish Council assisted Margaret Zakarian and Gilbert Markarian, the Diocesan Assembly Co-Chairmen, in preparing for the 88th Annual Diocesan Assembly which was hosted by our Parish on May 2 through May 5. The Parish Council would like to extend its sincere appreciation to Margaret and Gilbert as well as to all the parishioners who dedicated themselves in making the Diocesan Assembly the tremendous success that it was. A report on the Diocesan Assembly appears in another section of this Annual Report.

EARTHQUAKE FUND DRIVE

The Parish Council, with the approval of the Primate, held a major fund-raiser as part of our parish's continued commitment to help in the Earthquake Relief Efforts being coordinated by the Diocese. The event was a concert, featuring international recording star Julio Iglesias at the Centrum in Worcester on Wednesday evening, May 30th. Eight thousand people enjoyed the concert, but more importantly, over \$41,000 was raised for the Earthquake Fund. The Parish Council would like to thank all parishioners who supported the concert, as well as those who worked so hard in our ticket sales program. Over \$51,000 in tickets were sold through the parish. A report on the concert as well as a summary of the Earthquake Fund appears in the financial section of this Annual Report.

CHURCH FUNCTIONS

Church Picnic:

This year, the Parish Council chaired the Annual Church Picnic on the Church grounds on Sunday, June 10th. A wonderful time was had by all who attended. A report on the picnic is included in the financial section of this Annual Report.

Rug Sale:

The sixth Annual Rug Sale was held in the Cultural Center on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 19, 20 and 21. Despite negative economic trends, the sale performed very well. Based on the high foot-traffic and ensuing sales, it is quite evident that many members of the greater Worcester community look forward to this event. A report on the Rug Sale is included in the financial section of this Annual Report.

Harvest Fair:

This year's Harvest Fair was held in the Cultural Center on Friday and Saturday, November 2nd and 3rd. The financial results of this year's Harvest Fair were not as successful as the last two years. Yet, overall, the profit generated by this event still makes the Harvest Fair a major fund raiser. Though the numbers were somewhat disappointing, the Harvest Fair was very successful since it brought so many parishioners together. The comradery created by working together to benefit our Church remains a major reward in this and all Church functions. The Parish Council plans on reviewing this year's Harvest Fair and is committed to getting more people involved in this and other Church functions. A report on the Harvest Fair is included in the financial section of this Annual Report.

The Parish Council would like to thank all parishioners who offered their time and talents in making this year's Church functions so rewarding. These fund raisers are budgeted to provide approximately 15% of the annual budgeted income, and are an important ingredient to the financial stability of the Church.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Special Visitation by the Primate:

In addition to his annual official visit to our Parish, the newly-elected Primate made a special trip to Worcester on Tuesday, May 29th to honor the individuals who chaired and worked on the Diocesan Assembly Committee. The Primate expressed his sincere gratitude to the committee members and to all our parishioners, through whose support and dedication the Annual Diocesan Assembly was made an overwhelming success. The Primate presented a lovely gift to all committee chairpersons, as a token of his appreciation for their dedicated efforts. In honor of this very special visit, members of the Parish Council prepared a delicious meal in the Church Hall. A wonderful time was had by all.

Appreciation Day Dinner:

On Sunday, September 30th, the Parish Council expressed its gratitude to the parishioners of our Church at an Appreciation Day Dinner at the Cultural Center. Over 250 people enjoyed a wonderful meal and the good company of one another.

Recognition Day Dinner:

On Sunday, November 11th, a special Recognition Day Dinner was held in the Cultural Center to recognize the accomplishments of 17 parishioners for their many years of service and commitment to the Diocese and our Parish. His Grace Bishop Khajag Barsamian presented the awards. Zarvin Kasparian was presented with the venerable St. Nersess Shnorhali Medal, a special honor awarded by His Holiness Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of all Armenians.

The Primate also awarded the prestigious St. Vartan Award to Bart Der Bagdasarian, Harold Gregory, Gilbert Markarian and John Toromanian. Other parishioners who received Parish Recognition Awards were: Torcom Boyajian, Charlotte Calfaian, Frances Elloian, Kay Garabedian, Anna Hovenesian, John Kaban, Arousiag Najarian, Perouz Piligian and Anna Taraian. Posthumous tributes were made in the honor of: Aaron Hovenesian, Majorie Mesrobian and Abraham Sivazlian.

The program was closed with a special presentation to Der Aved Terzian for his energetic leadership and devotion to our Parish. The Primate presented Der Hayr with the honor to wear a Pectoral Cross and gifted him with an ornate cross which the Catholicos had given to His Grace several years ago.

Reception for Dr. Diran Apelian and his family:

On Saturday evening December 1st, the Parish Council hosted a reception in honor of Dr. Diran Apelian, the newly-appointed Provost of neighboring Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Accompanying Dr. Apelian were his lovely wife Setta and their two daughters Lara and Teni.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Diocesan Delegates Meetings:

During the course of the year, the Parish Council met twice with the Diocesan Delegates. Prior to the Annual Diocesan Assembly, the Council met with the Delegates to review the proposed Diocesan by-law amendments. Another meeting was held after the Assembly at which time the Diocesan delegates presented their report on the 88th Annual Diocesan Assembly to the Parish Council.

Memorial Endowment Committee:

During the course of the year, the Council remained in contact with the MEC and provided them with the data they requested.

Sunday School:

The Parish Council presented Sunday School Superintendent Tara Stepanian with a lovely desk clock and the Sunday School teachers with a plaque inscribed with Hayr Mer as a token of appreciation for their dedication and hard work. The awards were made at the conclusion of the Sunday School Graduation Ceremonies.

Special Studies Programs:

The Parish Council provided a financial subsidy to Peter Babaian, Deran Garabedian and Joseph Strazulla to attend St. Vartan's Camp. A financial subsidy was also given to Michael Arakelian to attend the St. Nerses Summer Studies Program.

The Council also appropriated funds to send Elizabeth Sheehan, a choir member, to the Annual Choir Association Assembly which was held in November in Bayside, New York. In other choir-related business, the Parish Council purchased 21 new veils for the female choir members.

Youth Ministry Director:

Due to the demands of her full-time position, Beth Bilbilian resigned as Director of Youth Ministry and Elder Affairs. Father Aved expressed a deep concern for this part of his ministry and advised the Council that he would discuss his concerns with the Primate. As a result of the growing needs of our Parish, the Primate approved the Parish Council's request for an Assistant to the Pastor.

Office Personnel:

After careful consideration and evaluation, the church office staff has been increased. The Parish Council hired Bessie Petropoulos as Pastor's secretary, Marilyn Larkin, receptionist, and Dorothy Trask as part-time bookkeeper. We hope that these changes will bring about increased productivity and efficiency in our office.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Elevator Project:

The elevator project was completed in October of this year. The project was made possible through a bequest which was received this year from the Estate of Harry Sarkisian. As directed at the February 1990 Annual Parish Assembly, the Parish Council deposited \$623,218.60, from Mr. Sarkisian's Estate into a Special Account. The funds necessary to construct the elevator project were drawn from this special account.

On November 11th, His Grace Bishop Khajag Barsamian dedicated the elevator as a memorial in the name of Harry Sarkisian. It was due to the love and generosity of Mr. Sarkisian that this elevator project was made possible. The Council would also like to extend its appreciation to Attorney Edward Simsarian for the many hours he devoted to settling the estate and to Kay Garabedian who is the Executor of the Estate.

The Parish Council wishes to extend its gratitude to Ramon Hovsepian and his staff for donating their time to this project. Ramon coordinated the project every step of the way and due to his leadership and professionalism, today we enjoy the benefits from this project.

Heating System:

The thermostats and controls in the Church and Cultural Center were modified. The Council appointed Mark Markarian as Project Manager. In addition to installing new controls, the insulation of the pipes was completed. The Council extends its thanks to Mark for his expertise in coordinating this project.

Choir Relocation:

During the summer, the choir was relocated to the balcony in the church. As part of the move, the organ and speakers were relocated, new electric circuits were installed, and track lighting was ordered for the loft to provide better lighting. A new audio and visual intercom system which will tie the whole project together was also ordered. This system will be installed in early 1991.

Parish House Rehab Committee:

The Parish Council appointed Zarvin Kasparian as chairman of the Parish House Rehab Committee. The Committee along with Seth Bilzerian, Ramon Hovsepian and the Council Chairman and Vice-Chairman explored the problems facing the Parish House. A home inspection was performed and the Committee provided the Council a detailed report on the condition of the house, as well as cost estimates to make necessary repairs. The Committee also addressed the functional effectiveness of the current Parish House layout and advised the Council that before major renovations on the building are contemplated, the building must be qualified as being functional. The Council extends its gratitude to the Committee for its initial report and looks forward to working with them on this project in 1991.

The ceilings in the Parish House were painted and plastering was done in some of the badly needed areas. A dropped ceiling was installed in the kitchen.

GETTING READY FOR THE ASSEMBLY

Clean-Up Fix-Up Projects:

A group of volunteers gave their time at the beginning of the year and painted the entry to the Church Hall and restrooms. The ventilation system was also completed in both restrooms.

The ceiling in the Church vestibule and stair risers leading to the Church Hall were painted as well as the entry way on the Salisbury Street side of the Cultural Center.

The terrazzo floor in the Church vestibule as well as the stairs leading to the Church Hall were refinished prior to the Diocesan Assembly.

The three exterior wood doors to the Church received a fresh coat of varnish.

The ovens in both the Cultural Center and Church Hall were stripped and cleaned. In addition to this, members from the Women's Guild volunteered their time to reorganize and clean the cabinets and shelves in the Church Hall and Cultural Center kitchens. The Council would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with these projects.

These projects were completed prior to the 88th Diocesan Assembly. All the hard work was worth it because our complex looked beautiful for this very important event.

OTHER RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

The rear stairs from Dean Street to the Church Hall were covered with non-skid rubber similar to the treatment given the stairs from the Church Hall to the lower Cultural Center Connector.

Childproof Stairs:

The railings on the Salisbury Street side entrance and those leading from the lower Cultural Center Connector were childproofed by adding extra rails to prevent a child from accidentally slipping through the rails. The work was performed by an outside contractor at no charge. The Council extends its thanks to Ramon Hovsepien for providing this improvement.

Landscaping:

For the third year in a row, an outside landscaping firm treated the lawn with fertilizers. Plantings were done around the marker outside the Church as well as outside the Parish House.

Church Exterior Stairs:

The main stairs to the Church as well as the small set leading to the "Pangal" entrance were repointed. This treatment to the joints of the stairs is a maintenance measure that must be monitored periodically.

Church Bronze Doors:

The double entry bronze doors were re-laquered.

Water Analysis:

The water from the bubblers in the Cultural Center was tested and found to be within the safety limits.

Kitchen Utensils:

The Cultural Center kitchen refurbishing began in 1990. Knives, pots and pans were purchased. In 1991, the Council will be looking at the possibility of replacing the two ovens in the Church Hall with two from the Cultural Center and then purchasing two new convection ovens for the Cultural Center. That study commenced in 1990.

Church Hall Tables and Chairs:

Utilizing the cash transfers made by the Church organizations, the Parish Council purchased 150 new folding chairs and 15 tables for the Church Hall.

Honor Roll:

A new Memorial Honor Roll listing the names of parishioners who served in World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam was purchased and hung in the Cultural Center lobby.

Office Equipment Purchased:

A new portable typewriter.

A Brother WP 80 Word Processor for the Secretary of the Parish Council's use.

A new Mita DC 5585 Copier. The old copier was refurbished as part of the package at no charge and will be used as a back-up.

Fireproof Office Safe was purchased to store official Church records.

Church Computer:

The office started using the computer in July of 1990. The accounting records were inputted as of July 1. A mailing list program has been installed so that Church mailings will be generated by labels from the computer. The entire Rug Sale customer base was inputted into the computer. A Church Program to create a data base of all parishioners was purchased and is one of the major projects the Council faces in 1991. In addition, a study on how to utilize the computer for word processing as well as desk top publishing is being studied.

Church Accounting:

All accounts with the troubled Bank of New England were closed.

The Church's payroll was given to an outside payroll system.

The Council focussed on a system of acknowledging gifts. The Church office is coordinating the program.

Snow Plowing:

Our special thanks to Peter Der Kazarian for donating his snow plowing services.

Projects to be pursued in 1991:

- Further utilization of the computer
- Further development of a Divine Liturgy tape
- Better lighting for the Church Hall
- Continuation of the Parish House Rehab study
- Continuation of the Refurbishing of the kitchens
- Continued support of the Diocese's Earthquake Relief Efforts

In summation, this report is a summary of the dedicated and cooperative effort of all who have served this year on the Parish Council. The Parish Council extends its sincere thanks to our Pastor, Rev. Father Aved Terzian, for his leadership, direction and spiritual guidance during the year. The Council also extends its sincere thanks to all parishioners who gave so much of their time and love to the Church this year and to all the Church organizations and Special Committees whose members have contributed so much to the Church.

The Council would also like to express its gratitude to the Beano Committee for its total dedication to their important fund raising program and also to Charlotte Calfaian for the fine job she does in handling the in lieu of flowers program. We would also like to thank our dedicated staff of Marilyn Larkin, Dorothy Trask, Mike Bellino and Gharib Ghambari who contributed greatly to our efforts in 1990. As we look back, 1990 presented many challenges for the Parish Council and parishioners. It was a difficult year, but also a very rewarding year. We can all look back and feel good about our accomplishments.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Father Aved Terzian
Pastor and President



Arthur M. Surabian, Chairman



Gilbert Markarian, Secretary

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

The Armenian Church of Our Saviour was honored and privileged to host the historic events of the 88th DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY which coincided with the celebration of the 100th anniversary of our Church.

The impressive activities began on April 30, 1990 with the Annual Clergy Conference, held at the Calvary Retreat Center in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.

On May 3rd, the first business session of the Assembly was held in the sanctuary of the Church and was attended by clergymen and laymen representing the parishes of the Eastern Diocese. Also in attendance were observers from the Western and Canadian Dioceses.

Thursday night, a sumptuous buffet dinner was served in the Cultural Center complex carrying out an Armenian theme complete with authentic Armenian food and costumes.

Friday morning, a breakfast for Parish Council Chairmen was held for the exchange of ideas and discussing problems facing our parishes.

While the second and third session of the Diocesan Assembly took place at the Church, the Young Women's Guild Central Council and Assembly met at the Marriott Hotel for their meetings.

Simultaneously, a Luncheon and Fashion Show was held at the Pleasant Valley Country Club for all non-delegates and guests.

Friday evening's event featured a Roman Forum Buffet held at the Marriott Hotel. The theme was complete Italian with Italian food, decorations and strollers. After dinner, Armenian music was provided for dancing.

Saturday's schedule began with the traditional Yeretgin's Breakfast and meeting. It was also a day of meetings, assemblies and sports for the ACYOA. Representatives from every parish attended meetings of the Young Women's Guild, Department of Religious Education, Armenian Language Lab and Choir at the Marriott Hotel.

During the fourth session of the Assembly, delegates cast ballots for the Primate of the Eastern Diocese. The Church was filled to capacity when the Chair announced the the Very Rev. Father Khajag Barsamian had received more than two-thirds of the votes from the delegates. The people inside and outside of the Church greeted the news with great joy.

The Saturday night Banquet at the Marriott Ballroom was filled by a capacity crowd. Senator Robert Dole was honored (in absentia) as "Friend of the Armenians" and Suren Fesjian, well-known philanthopist, was named "Man of the Year" by the Eastern Diocese. The highlight of the evening was a surprise telephone conversation with the Patriarch of Jerusalem, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian who have a very emotional message to all those in attendance. Almost everyone was moved to tears.

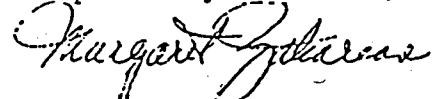
The Archbishop Torkom Manoogian sports awards were made during the dance which took place after the banquet.

After Sunday services a "Yertak Parov Brunch" was served to perfection by the committee.

Prior to and during the Assembly sessions, there were numerous other activities. Among these activities were that of the Hospitality Committee who provided refreshments during the assembly sessions for three days; the delicious typically New England lunch which was served on Friday and the Armenian style dosh kebab seved on Thursday was most appetizing.

On behalf of the Executive Committee we wish to express our sincere thanks to all Chairpersons and their committee members for expending their time and energies for almost a year for a job superbly done to perfection, and to our parishioners for their encouragement and support.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret M. Zakarian
Assembly Co-Chairperson



Gilbert Markarian
Assembly Co-Chairperson

ACYOA JUNIORS REPORT

During this past year the Worcester ACYOA Juniors have worked very diligently and met great success once again. Our activities included the following: Assisting the ACYOA Seniors in our annual ACYOA Day, sponsored several fellowships through donations from fellow parishioners as well as our own, helped with the annual Harvest Fair, assisted Yeretzgin with the Halloween party and had a Christmas dinner meeting.

In addition the Worcester ACYOA Juniors have maintained an active involvement with other Junior chapters on a regional basis. We participated in Watertown's annual Sports Weekend on Memorial Day weekend.

Our organization has planned several events for 1991 and with increasing enthusiasm and membership we hope to accomplish them with great success. Throughout the past several months we have been working on the following activities: A field trip to Holyoke Mall, help coordinate ACYOA Day with the Seniors, attending Sports Weekend once again, sponsor a dance, and continue to sponsor several fellowships.

We anticipate the pursuit for again another very successful and prosperous year with great diligence and perseverance.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Cash on Hand as of January 1, 1990	\$2,146.05
Additional Receipts	<u>0.00</u>
Total	2,146.05

EXPENDITURES

Donation to Church	350.00
Other Expenses	<u>372.63</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 722.63
BALANCE ON HAND AS OF DECEMBER 31,1990	<u><u>\$1,423.42</u></u>

Total Membership 40
Number of Meetings Held 9

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm Asadoorian

Malcolm Asadoorian

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE A.C.Y.O.A., SENIORS - 1990

The Worcester A.C.Y.O.A., Seniors continued to become an active part of our Church in 1990, and this was highlighted by an increase in dues-paid membership and continued participation in Church-sponsored events.

By far, the most important undertaking by the organization in 1990 was the hosting of the 1990 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament, held during the weekend of the 88th Diocesan Assembly, May 4 - 6 in Worcester. Over 25 teams from 14 A.C.Y.O.A. Chapters across the country participated in Men's and Women's Basketball and co-ed Volleyball. Individual members of the A.C.Y.O.A., Seniors also played major roles in running many of the events during the Assembly.

On Palm Sunday, the A.C.Y.O.A., Seniors and Juniors jointly hosted the annual A.C.Y.O.A. Day Banquet. This past year, a unique program was offered, with many members of the A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors displaying their talents. Mrs. Mary Arakelian was honored with the prestigious Paregam Award.

The Worcester A.C.Y.O.A., Seniors also sent a large delegation to the A.C.Y.O.A. Annual Assembly and Sports Weekend in Cleveland, Ohio during Labor Day Weekend. Scott Najarian was chosen as Chairman of the Assembly. Worcester was also awarded another Chapter Achievement Award.

Although dues-paid membership of the A.C.Y.O.A., Seniors increased to 31 from 26 in 1989, the Seniors will have to work especially hard in 1991 to maintain an active membership. Much focus and attention will be given to drawing new, younger members into the organization as older members take on other responsibilities within the parish. In 1991, the Worcester A.C.Y.O.A., Seniors will again be striving to earn another Chapter Achievement Award from the organization.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Cash on Hand as of January 1, 1990	\$ 111.62
Additional Receipts	<u>3,743.98</u>
Total	\$3,855.60

EXPENDITURES:

Donation to Church	--
Various Donations	--
Other Expenses	\$3,190.88
Total Expenditures	<u>3,190.88</u>

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1990	\$ 664.72
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Respectfully Submitted,

Jay A. Kapur

Jay A. Kapur
Chairman

AVAK ANNUAL REPORT

Our schedule of meetings is every Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Average attendance is between 45 and 50 with considerably more when we are serving dinner.

Activities were as follows:

Picnic in July - very well attended

Bus trip to Augustines in Saugus for a delicious buffet luncheon. Stopped at the Burlington Mall for shopping.

Thanksgiving Dinner in November Complimentary for members
Christmas Party in December Complimentary for members

We suffered the loss of 3 very fine members: Arsen Haroian, Armenouhi Jardarian and Marjorie Mesrobian. They are sorely missed.

The AVAK group is open to all and we have been encouraged by the presence of several new members.

The volunteers are a very dedicated group of individuals without whom this project could not survive year after year. My personal thanks to them all!

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Cash on Hand as of January 1, 1990	\$ 970.15
Additional Receipts	<u>864.00</u>
Total	\$1,834.15
Expenditures	801.15
BALANCE ON HAND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1990	<u><u>\$1,033.00</u></u>

Total Membership 65
Number of Meetings Held 50

Respectfully submitted,


Lucy V. Kasparian, Chairman

BABIES AND TODDLERS PROGRAM

This program, now in its fourth year, has proved to be more than a waiting room for Church Services to end. It has become a place for infants and toddlers (up to age 3) to gather on Sunday mornings, to play, sing songs, and do little projects. There is no set curriculum "per se", however, the most basic elements of Christian attitudes are constantly reinforced: love, sharing, caring, and enjoying each other's company.

Parents alternate weekly teaching and snacktime responsibilities, which is an invaluable asset to the Program's success. It is through example that we best teach the youngest of minds.

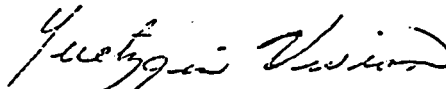
The Playroom has an inviting atmosphere - filled with toys, stuffed animals, and books; The Workroom is equipped with a crib, cradle, infant swing and playpen -- all donated by our parishioners. Donations of such items are always appreciated.

This year's enrollment was the largest of the 4 years, with 21 - and most attend weekly! Drop-ins and visitors are always welcome.

Amongst our frequent visitors on Sunday mornings, are our former graduates of the Program - the "older kids" - the 4 and 5 year olds. To them, the Toddlers' Room will always be their first "classroom" - a place of which they have fond memories - and that makes it all the more worthwhile!

On behalf of the little ones and their parents, I extend my appreciation to our Der Hayr, Parish Council, and parishioners for their constant interest and support in the Toddlers Program.

Respectfully submitted,



Yeretgin Vivian Terzian
Program Coordinator

CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION

The Centennial Committee continued to address the elements of an appropriate commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Armenian Apostolic Church in America in the City of Worcester.

Plans which had been developed over a long period of time were derailed first by the untimely death of His Beatitude Archbishop Shnork Kaloustian (Istanbul) who was to be the guest of honor; secondly, the departure, from our Diocese to Jerusalem, of our then Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian further complicated planning and scheduling.

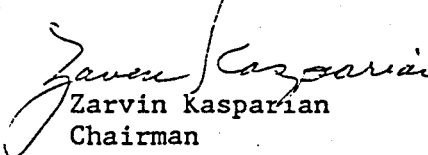
Centennial Events:

October 1990 - Armenian Artists Art Exhibit at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center sponsored by the Cultural Organization.

Projected for 1991:

1. Requiem Mass and Madagh honoring founding fathers and clergy who founded and have served our Church - January 20, 1991
2. Cultural Festival - February 15 - 17 1991, sponsored by the ACYOA Central Council
3. Concert in April to be sponsored by the Cultural Organization
4. Pontifical Divine Liturgy and Gala Banquet - Sunday, September 22, 1991 for all Parishes in the New England Region. It is expected that the Patriarch of Jerusalem, His Beatitude Archbishop Torkom Manoogian and the Primates of the Eastern, Western and Canadian Dioceses will be present on this occasion.

Respectfully submitted,


Zarvin Kasparian
Chairman

CULTURAL ORGANIZATION REPORT

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Van Aroian	Chairman
Marion Yagoobian	Treasurer
Rose Paloian	Recording Secretary
Lucy Hovenesian	Corresponding Secretary
Bizer Simonian	Advisor

The Cultural Organization is comprised of approximately 25-30 members and meets in the Church Hall on the third Monday of the month.

Our activities for the past year were as follows:

March 28 - Lenten Supper. Following Church Services a delicious vosp khema dinner was prepared and served by our members. Guest speaker was Dr. Kheropian, historian and philosopher from the Boston area.

April 29 - Individual members of the Cultural Organization put together a cello recital for Suren Bagrutuni, eminent Armenian cellist, at the Homers' residence.

July 24 - At the invitation of our member, Arpi Migridichian, several members from our Organization met at the lovely Cape Cod home of George and Arpi, in Falmouth, to formulate our plans for the month - long exhibit of International Armenian Artists in October. Following a very productive meeting, we were served a delicious luncheon prepared by our hostess and proceeded to enjoy a relaxing day, including a walking tour by the ocean. Everyone had a wonderful time.

October 1 - 28 - More than a year of planning was rewarded by the Cultural Organization's exciting presentation of the Centennial International Art Exhibit at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center Gallery which kicked off Our Saviour's 100th Anniversary celebration. The twenty-six exhibitors included renowned Armenian Artists from Europe, South and North America and emigre Soviet artists: three were our own parishioners, Leon Hovsepain, Bryan Davagian (exhibit curator) and Mary Aroian. The month-long exhibit included two lectures: Gorky by Robert Mardirosian and Ayvasofsky by Richard Tashjian. This exhibit was critically reviewed (Worcester Magazine) and exceptionally well-received by the general public. The University of Massachusetts faculty and administrators claimed the exhibit to be the most popular of any art show held at the gallery and an estimated 2,000 plus visitors viewed the exhibit. Many came from beyond New England - a fitting tribute to Armenian contributions in these first 100 years as well as a fitting announcement of the promise for our second 100 years in America. An auspicious opening of our Centennial, the exhibit was a salute to Arsen Haroian, founder of the Cultural Organization, who had dedicated his life to the principle that Armenian culture was an essential ingredient in maintaining the Armenian nation and people. From its inception the exhibit received Arsen's enthusiastic support. As his illness progressed he seemed to derive inspiration from news of the progress in creating this Armenian Art Exhibit and in turn inspired us to present these Armenian artists. The exhibit was a fitting testimonial to this rare man's vision and a salute to 100 years of healthy Armenian culture in America. All of us are indebted to so many who come before us - sacrifice, give and go on. We thank you and them.

November 19 - Following our regular meeting, the members and several of our parishioners were privileged to listen to our very own Robert Krikorian, son of Paul and Gladys, who has spent the last year or more in Armenia. Robert gave a

moving and informative account of his experiences in the earthquake regions along with his views on the political, economic and social conditions presently existing in Armenia - a very intelligent, firsthand observation from this remarkably sensitive, caring, serious young man who left his captivated audience deeply moved and touched, some even moved to tears. Robert has since returned to Armenia and with him went a sizeable gift of money donated through the generosity of those who felt that his work in Armenia could be made a little easier with some help from us.

In summary, the events of this past year have enriched us greatly, and as stated in our by-laws, the Cultural organization is "DEDICATED IN PRINCIPLE TO RESTORE, PRESERVE, PERPETUATE AND TO AID IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARMENIAN HERITAGE, IN THE ARTS, CRAFT, SCIENCES, HISTORY AND RELIGION AND TO INFORM AND ENLIGHTEN THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE OF THE CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS...."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Cash on Hand as of January 1, 1990	\$4,297.46
Additional Receipts	<u>925.08</u>
Total	\$5,222.54

EXPENDITURES

Donation to Church	500.00
Other Expenses	<u>2,731.55</u>
Total Expenditures	\$3,231.55


BALANCE ON HAND AS OF DECEMBER 31,1990 \$1,990.99

Total Membership 24

Number of Meetings Held 8

Respectfully submitted,

Van Aroian, Chairman



Rose Paloian, Recording Secretary

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 sixty-five services.

The Choir membership consists of approximately thirty-five members, some of which serve on the altar.

In July, the Choir held their annual picnic at the home of Norman and Joyce Noorjanian along with the Trustees, Deacons, Acolytes and their guests.

In October, the forty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America which was hosted by the St. Sahag-St. Mesrob Armenian Church in Bayside, New York, was attended by our Choir Chairman, Norman Noorjanian, Sub-Deacon Robert Shamgochian & Elizabeth Sheehan. Norman Noorjanian was re-elected Treasurer for the seventh term and Robert Shamgochian was re-elected to the council in the capacity of advisor.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Father Aved Terzian for his untiring and continued spiritual support of the Choir; to Hazel Eljanian, Choir Director; Ann Mosessian and George Avakian, Assistant Choir Directors; Irene Shooshan, Organist, who have helped in each of their capacities to enhance the glorification to the Soorp Badarak.

We also wish to thank our Trustees for their continued financial support on numerous occasions.

To our Godfather of the Choir, Zarmair Shepherd, our sincere appreciation for all his kindness afforded us during the year.

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

We welcome any new members to join us and any "old" members to rejoin us.

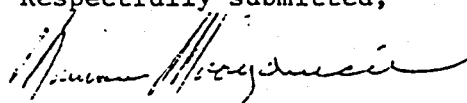
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Cash on Hand as of January 1, 1990	\$1,285.04
Donations	250.00
Interest	93.20
Additional Bank Error - May 1990	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$1,678.24

EXPENDITURES

Various Donations: In Lieu of Flowers	30.00
Choir Association	38.00
Other Expenses	<u>84.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 152.00

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1990	<u><u>\$1,526.24</u></u>
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Respectfully submitted,

 Norman Noorjanian, Chairman

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1990

Library Committee Account

Balance December 31, 1989		\$ 1,901.87
Income:		
Sale of Posters	\$ 41.25	
Sale of Cook Books	168.00	
Interest Income	<u>99.49</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>308.74</u>
Total Income		\$ 2,210.61
Expenses:		
Purchase of Posters	\$ 33.75	
Repair of glass pane on bookcase	30.00	
Purchase of 25 Cook Books	225.00	
Postage/Handling and Money Order	<u>5.93</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>294.68</u>
Balance December 31, 1990		<u><u>\$ 1,915.93</u></u>

Funds in the Library Account are retained for purchase of books, material and equipment as necessary.

Worcester Memories Account

Balance December 31, 1989		\$ 1,077.36
Income:		
Sale of Books	15.00	
Interest Income	<u>88.65</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>103.65</u>
Total Income		1,181.01
Balance December 31, 1990		<u><u>\$ 1,181.01</u></u>

The Library Committee has had no activity in 1990.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry G. Sogigian
Harry G. Sogigian, Chairman

Charoltte Calfaian
Charoltte Calfaian, Treasurer

MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Memorial Endowment Fund of our Church was established and approved by a vote of the Annual Parish Assembly in 1987. A set of by-laws under which an Endowment Fund Committee was established was approved at the Annual Parish Assembly in 1988. At a special assembly called by the Parish Council in 1989, five parishioners were elected to the committee. The members were elected for staggered terms of five years, four years, three years, two years and one year. All future elections would be for a five year term with one member being replaced each year.

The committee has been meeting on a regular basis and has established goals and procedures for the important mission of helping to insure the future security of our Church.

This past year with the help of Attorney Edward Simsarian, we have streamlined the wording of the by-laws. Copies of old and new by-laws are available for review by all parishioners who are interested. We are asking for your approval of these new by-laws.

The committee has also been working on a gift and bequest booklet with the help of Alec Bilzerian and will be actively seeking endowment fund donations and pledges this year.

This past year. we have received generous contributions from Nvart Rose Baljian-Gara in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nishan Baljian and Zarvin and Lucy Kasparian. We thank them for their support.

We are including our financial status with this report.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of the committee; Der Aved, Arthur Surabian, Gary Hovhanesian, Robert Shamgochian, Ludwig Stepanian and Vahan Pogharian for their help and support.

I would like to conclude this report with a word of encouragement to all church-goers, that any and all donations to the Memorial Endowment Fund are truly appreciated. Such gifts guarantee the eternal remembrance of your loved ones.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward S. Bilzerian, Chairman

MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND

	<u>Contributions</u> <u>To Date</u>	<u>Expenditures</u> <u>To Date</u>	<u>Accumulated</u> <u>Net Interest</u> <u>Earned Thru</u> <u>12-31-90</u>	<u>12-31-90</u> <u>Balance</u>
John and Nevert Bilzerian	\$10,000.00		\$ 3,890.85	\$13,890.85
Helen Bogosian-Altar Flowers	3,000.00	\$ 990.00	83.45	3,083.45
Dr. Simon Harootian, D.M.D.	1,000.00		334.50	1,334.50
Yeranouhi Abrahamian	2,500.00		465.80	2,965.80
Alice Hagopian, St. Nersess Educational Summer Studies	2,000.00	360.69		2,000.00
Kasper and Agavny Donabedian Family Fund	1,000.00		148.69	1,148.69
Mouradian-Piligian Fund	1,000.00	96.25		1,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. Nishan Baljian *	5,000.00		49.88	5,049.88
Zarvin and Lucy Kasparian *	1,000.00			1,000.00
Totals	<u>\$26,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,446.94</u>	<u>\$ 4,973.17</u>	<u>\$31,473.17</u>

*Endowment Funds received in the Year 1990.

MEN'S CLUB REPORT

The year 1990 was a successful year for the Men's Club.

During 1990 the organization held five dinner meetings, including a Lenten Dinner during March. All of our meetings had either a speaker or an evening of comraderie.

Another highlight was the Disney on Ice Family Event held at the Centrum. Attendance by 118 children and adults was a gratifying show of support for the Men's Club by the Parish.

Since the "re-inception" of the Men's Club four years ago, the Men's Club has been a positive factor within the Church. This past year is no exception.

Looking to the future, we anticipate another solid year for the Men's Club.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT;

Cash on Hand as of January 1, 1990	\$ 261.20
Additional Receipts	<u>2,571.83</u>
Total	\$2,833.03

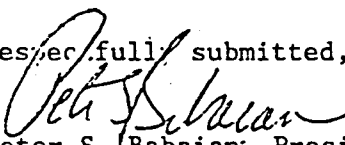
Expenditures:

Donation to Church	\$ 500.00
Other Expenses	<u>1,727.65</u>
Total Expenditures	2,227.65

Balance on Hand as of December 31, 1990	<u>\$ 605.38</u>
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Total Membership 48
Number of Meetings Held 3

Respectfully submitted,


Peter S. Babaiian, President

Senior Ladies Auxiliary Annual Report

Rev. Father Aved Terzian	President
Frances Eloian	Chairman
Berjouhi Zakarian	Vice Chairman
Ann Zakarian	Treasurer
Margaret Belles	Recording Secretary
Derouhi Ishlemejian	Advisor
Louise Toromanian	Advisor

The Senior Ladies hold a luncheon-meeting on the third Tuesday of the month at 12:00 p.m. Der Aved is always present and gives the invocation.

January 5 - Hosted Christmas fellowship after Church Services - about 180 parishioners attended.

March 23 - Lenten dinner (Miching). The ladies worked very diligently for three straight days, but it was very rewarding. Berjouhi Zakarian chaired the event. She introduced our guest speaker, Carol Der Bogosian, from Connecticut, who showed slides on the earthquake region and spoke about its devastation.

May 3 through 5 - Our organization prepared coffee and dessert continuously for the three-day Diocesan Assembly. The delegates were constantly praising our lovely table.

May 24 - Hosted Keyma luncheon for Holy Day Thursday (Hampartzoom).

August 21 - Senior Ladies' Annual Picnic (Held inside due to inclement weather) Served about 103 lunches.

November 2 and 3 - Annual Bazaar, pastry table, filled with delicious delicacies and baked goods by Kay Garabedian and her committee. The girls worked for six weeks to make this table the huge success it always is.

December 12 - Prepared Senior Ladies' Christmas Dinner. Der Aved showed videos of the enthronement of our former Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Patriarch of Jerusalem.

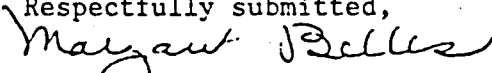
We need more active members. Come join us!

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Cash on Hand as of January 1, 1990	
Check Book	\$1,494.99
Petty Cash	100.00
Add'l Receipts	<u>3,277.08</u>
Total	\$4,872.07

EXPENDITURES	
Donation to Church	\$2,500.00
In Lieu of Flowers	20.00
Other Expenses	<u>825.50</u>
Total	\$3,345.50

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1990	
Check Book	\$1,426.57
Petty Cash	<u>100.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1,525.57</u>

Respectfully submitted,

 Margaret Belles, Recording Secretary
 Ann Zakarian, Treasurer

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

"We come to Church to offer our prayers and thanks to God, and to come together as a family.

We praise and thank God for his gifts of food, water, animals, air and life itself which he gave us when he created this world. We thank God for giving us a new life with his son, Jesus Christ, and for giving us the sacrament of Holy Communion. At the Divine Liturgy, we come together as the Church, as members of the body of Christ.

We should allow ourselves to be active members of the family of Christ. Just as we cannot have a family if we only have one person, we cannot have a Church if we have only one person. Each of us must come from our own house and come where we can gather together to be in Church. The Church is wherever Jesus Christ is and Jesus Christ is wherever two or three are gathered together in his Name.

Spend a few minutes to quietly discuss with your child the importance of attending church services on Sunday. Put into proper perspective the idea that we are Armenians and Christians. If the Armenian Church is to survive, it needs the breath of life from our children, their dedication, service, and love. Let us be thankful for our Armenian heritage and show this by attending the Badarak on Sunday, and going to church services on special Feast Days."

This is just a sample of what the Department of Religious Education curriculum and the dedicated teachers who teach it have to offer to our children every Sunday morning. We try to maintain a balance of religious and ethnic education, touching on all important aspects of what it means to be an Armenian and a Christian. Due to the efforts of our volunteer teaching staff, in the last 7 years we have seen enrollment almost double, from 55 to over 100 children.

We also encourage our children to be an important part of the Church community through participation in religious and social activities. The Junior Choir, the recent Christmas Pageant, the Kid's Fair, Closing Exercises, Lenten Week Activities, the Thanksgiving Basket for the Hungry and the Diocesan Collection of Christmas gifts of clothing from the children of America to the children of Armenia are designed to involve our children in the important activities of our Church and draw them closer to it.

However, the most important work is done every Sunday morning by teachers working one-on-one in the classroom to reach and teach each of our children. It is a challenging job for a dedicated volunteer staff, and it is to their great credit that we have seen remarkable growth and success! Thank you all for all that you have done!

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported the Sunday Church School during 1990 - Der Hayr, teachers, assistants, parents, grandparents, volunteers, and most importantly, our children.

Respectfully submitted,

TARA STEPANIAN

Tara Stepanian
Sunday School Superintendent

WOMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL REPORT

Marilyn Markarian	Chairman
Marilyn Larkin	Vice Chairman
Grace Perno	Recording Secretary
Anna Martin	Corresponding Secretary
Agnes Sahagian	Treasurer
Pauline Agazarian	Assistant Treasurer
Rose Aslanian	Advisor
Ann Sharigian	Advisor

The Women's Guild of the Armenian Church of Our Saviour held ten general membership meetings during 1990 with an average attendance of forty. The total dues paying membership was 135. Seven new members were initiated into the Guild.

Our Social Service and Visitation Committees visited Parishioners in area Nursing Homes as well as the Armenian Nursing Home in Jamaica Plain. Our ill, hospitalized and bereaved members were remembered with cards, plants and visits. Lenten dinners were delivered to the shut-ins.

Meetings were held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Programs of a great variety took place following each meeting.

Some of the 1990 activities and programs were:

- Member Talent Show
- Women's Saints' Day Observation in Lawrence
- Discussions with Attorneys and City Councilor
- Lenten Dinner
- Easter Fellowship
- New England Regional Conference in Cambridge
- "Armenian Night at the Pops" in Boston
- Women's Guild Assembly (May 4-6)
- Mother's Day Flowers and Hokehankist
- June Dinner at Spencer County Inn
- September "Guest Night"
- My Kinsmen Program
- Giving Tree
- Elections
- Costumes for the Sunday School

Being a member of the Women's Guild encourages the preservation of our heritage and progress of the Church. We serve our Community, Church and God. Please encourage all women to join the Women's Guild.

WOMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL REPORT - Continued

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Cash on Hand as of January 1, 1990	\$1,739.77
Additional Receipts	<u>4,797.70</u>
Total	\$6,537.47
EXPENDITURES	
Donation to Church	1,000.00
Various Donations	365.00
Other Expenses	<u>4,809.97</u>
Total Expenditures	\$6,174.97
BALANCE ON HAND AS OF DECEMBER 31,1990	<u>\$ 362.50</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Markarian

Marilyn Markarian, Chairman

Agnes B. Sahagian

Agnes Sahagian, Treasurer

BEANO ACTIVITY REPORT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1990

GROSS BEANO RECEIPTS		\$289,949.29
BEANO EXPENDITURES;		
Prizes Paid	\$219,535.75	
Massachusetts tax	14,497.98	
Rent (Cultural Center)	9,800.00	
Security (Worcester Police)	4,704.17	
Supplies	3,179.11	
Advertising	1,491.80	
License (Lottery Commission)	50.00	
Postage	<u>25.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>253,283.81</u>
Net Profit From Beano Activity		36,665.44
Net Profit From Charity Game		<u>6,690.85</u>
TOTAL PROFIT FROM BEANO ACTIVITY 1990		43,356.29
ADD: Cash Balance From January 1, 1990		39,674.07
Interest Earned on Deposits 1990		<u>2,107.74</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION		\$ 85,138.10
DISTRIBUTION;		
Church of Our Saviour	\$ 45,000.00	
SURPLUS FUNDS ON DEPOSIT DECEMBER 31, 1990		<u><u>40,138.10</u></u>

Number of events held in 1990 49
Average Weekly Attendance 237

Grateful thanks and appreciation is extended to all Beano volunteers whose assistance has contributed to the successful conclusion of our sixteenth year.

Respectfully submitted,
Bart Bagdasarjan
Bart Bagdasarjan, Member In Charge
John Toromanian
John Toromanian, Co-Member

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME

	ADJUSTED 1989 <u>ACTUAL</u>	1990 <u>ACTUAL</u>	1990 <u>BUDGETED</u>
Pledges	\$ 64,905.75	\$ 65,862.75	\$ 63,000.
Plate Collection	4,927.67	5,898.45	4,500.
Sunday School Collection	638.77	577.96	500.
Hokehankist	13,363.00	12,222.25	12,500.
Momakin	2,100.00	2,425.05	2,000.
Youghakin	19,593.00	16,296.00	14,500.
In Lieu of Flowers	21,206.00	35,942.50	22,000.
Altar Flowers	1,803.00	1,557.00	---
Weddings	1,050.00	1,150.00	1,200.
Memorial Biographies (Schedule A)	200.00	300.00	---
Gifts (Schedule B)	1,050.00	3,509.00	---
Church Hall/Cultural Center Receipts (Schedule C)	11,580.00	11,155.00	11,000.
N.E. Regional Office Space	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.
Transfer Account (Schedule D)	59,626.54	49,950.00	51,000.
Church Functions & Projects (Schedule E)	53,882.68	40,865.72	58,500.
Diocesan Assembly Income	---	40,057.67	---
Interest Earned	50,707.92	51,829.74	49,000.
Dividends Earned	2,506.50	1,650.00	---
Miscellaneous Income	656.25	844.40	---
Unrealized Gain/(Loss) Stocks	4,270.11	(7,690.25)	---
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$315,267.19	\$335,603.24	\$290,900.
Bequests (Schedule F)	---	623,218.60	---
Interest Earned Special Account	---	42,795.65	---
Memorials/Endowment Fund (Schedule G)	21,350.00	10,500.00	---
Earthquake Fund (Schedule H)	---	39,830.11	---
Childrens Earthquake Fund (Schedule I)	---	2,278.31	---
TOTAL 1990 INCOME RECEIVED	\$336,617.19	\$1,054,225.91	\$290,900.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	ADJUSTED 1989 <u>ACTUAL</u>	1990 <u>ACTUAL</u>	1990 <u>BUDGETED</u>
Clergy Stipend	\$ 25,600.12	\$ 28,200.12	\$ 28,200.
Secretarial Salaries/Bookkeeping	26,109.00	29,841.25	52,000.]
Custodian Salaries	21,737.06	23,838.94]]
Choir Director	1,815.00	2,240.00]]
Organist	2,515.00	2,800.00]]
Soloist	970.00	735.00]]
Deacons	900.00	980.00]]
Visiting Clergy	1,225.00	1,175.00	1,000.
Youth Ministry Director/Elder Affairs	6,114.99	2,160.55	12,000.
Payroll Tax Expense	5,753.74	6,364.74	6,000.
Outside Accounting Fees	---	496.75	---
Clergy Rental Allowance	17,600.04	18,800.04	18,800.
Church Auto Allowance - Gasoline	1,664.00	1,782.00	1,700.
General Insurance	6,750.00]	7,163.80	8,200.]
Workmen' s Comp Insurance]]	1,623.00]]
Church Auto Insurance	1,032.00	1,146.00]]
Clergy Insurance/Retirement	6,790.05	8,145.91	8,015.
Employees Health Insurance	850.24	1,025.56	800.
Telephone/Telegraph	2,946.06	4,284.30	3,000.
Electricity	5,242.09	6,267.32	4,800.
Heating/Gas	19,111.64	14,967.38	16,000.
Water	928.70	727.91	900.
Building/Office Maintenance & Repairs (Schedule A)	18,164.06	19,972.48	21,500.
Building Supplies	5,120.38	5,481.60	4,000.
Office Supplies	2,997.10	3,735.33	4,500.
Auto Expense Repairs	*3,448.89	587.01	1,000.
Church Auto Replacement Allocation	---	2,500.00	2,500.
Altar Supplies/Flowers	**7,301.08	4,382.98	---
Choir Expense	700.00	400.00	1,000.
Sunday School Supplies	2,903.89	1,530.21	2,200.
Armenian Language School	125.00	76.42	850.
Printing	6,264.99	5,622.70	7,500.
Postage	1,586.52	2,591.43	3,000.
St. Vartan's Camp	---	400.00	---
St. Nerses	250.00	105.00	1,000.
N. E. Region Assessment	---	1,144.00	1,500.
Diocesan Assessment	35,980.00	36,760.00	38,000.
Etchmiadzin Looma	544.00	550.00	550.
Community Mission Fund	1,577.65	350.00	4,000.
Ecumenical Council	---	506.50	300.
Miscellaneous	4,453.81	4,764.89	---
Capital Expenditures (Schedule B)	22,966.29	53,291.30	29,085.
Interest Expense	870.65	950.84	2,000.
Centennial Celebration Expenses	300.00	2,700.93	5,000.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	ADJUSTED 1989 <u>ACTUAL</u>	1990 <u>ACTUAL</u>	1990 <u>BUDGETED</u>
Church Function Expenses (Net) (Schedule C)	---	\$ 12,666.48	---
Earthquake Office Expense	\$ 1,770.52	---	---
Diocesan Assembly	2,143.20	---	---
Baptismal Font	<u>12,355.84</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>
Total Operating Expenses:	287,478.60	325,835.67	290,900.
Additional Expenditures:			
Elevator Contruction	---	***175,484.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$287,478.60</u>	<u>\$501,319.67</u>	<u>\$290,900.</u>

* Includes \$3,286.10 which is the difference between the Allowance in the Auto Account and the cost of the new 1989 Pontiac Bonneville purchased in January 1989.

** Includes 1987 and 1988 Flower Expense \$2,295.00 1989 Flower Invoices paid thru November 1989 \$2,251.00.

*** Includes \$150.00 not reimbursed from Dean Witter Special Fund.

SCHEDULES OF INCOME

(Schedule A)

MEMORIAL BIOGRAPHIES

Krikor Adishian	\$100.00
Gabriel Gabrielian	100.00
Kulungian	<u>100.00</u>
Total Memorial Biographies	<u>\$300.00</u>

(Schedule B)

GIFTS

Dr. & Mrs. Diran Apelian	\$ 200.00
Mr. & Mrs. Haig Arakelian	100.00
(In Honor of Michael Arakelian's elevation to Sub-Deacon)	
Dr. & Mrs. Richard Bedrosian	200.00
Alex Bilzerian	350.00
Karen & Vivian Daloian	100.00
Messenger	
Karnig Durgarian	100.00
Educational Society of Malatia for Armenian School Program	100.00
The Jardarian Family	500.00
Kerkorian & Najarian Insurance	187.00
Alice Khaulikian & Bertha Moriarity	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Markarian	150.00
for Der Hayr's New Crown	
Mr. & Mrs. Rick Markello	292.00
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Stepanski	<u>100.00</u>

\$ 2,479.00

Other Gifts:

ACYOA	50.00
Fellowship	25.00
Grapes	185.00
Madagh	35.00
Messenger	260.00
Miscellaneous	<u>475.00</u>

1,030.00

Total Gifts

\$ 3,509.00

(Schedule C)

CHURCH HALL & CULTURAL CENTER RECEIPTS

Cultural Center	\$ 9,925.00
Church Hall	<u>1,230.00</u>
Total Cultural Center & Church Hall Receipts	<u>\$ 11,155.00</u>

(Schedule D)

TRANSFER ACCOUNT

Beano	\$45,000.00
Organizational Transfers:	
ACYOA JRS (1989)	600.00
ACYOA JRS (1990)	350.00
Cultural Organization (1989)	500.00
Cultural Organization (1990)	500.00
Men's Club	500.00
Senior Ladies Auxiliary	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total Transfer Income	<u>\$49,950.00</u>

(Schedule E)

CHURCH FUNCTIONS & PROJECTS

Picnic (Net)	\$ 4,716.24
Rug Sale (Net)	19,995.22
Harvest Fair (Net)	<u>16,154.26</u>
Total Church Functions & Projects Income (Net)	<u>\$40,865.72</u>

(Schedule F)

BEQUESTS/ELEVATOR PROJECT

Bequest:	
Estate of Harry Sarkisian	\$623,218.60
Interest Earned 1990	42,795.65
Less: Elevator Project	<u>(175,484.00)</u>
Balance at 12-31-90	<u>\$490,530.25</u>

(Schedule G)

MEMORIALS/ENDOWMENT FUND

Memorial Fund Pending:		
Owen Paelian	2,000.00	
John Sagarian	1,500.00	
Helen Torigian	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total		\$ 4,500.00
 Endowment Fund		
Mr. & Mrs. Nishan Baljian	5,000.00	
Mr. & Mrs. Zarvin Kasparian	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total		<u>6,000.00</u>
 Total Memorials & Endowments		<u>\$10,500.00</u>

(Schedule H)

EARTHQUAKE FUND

Collections thru 12-31-89		
Net Cash Contributions	\$500,939.39	
Tony Bennet Concert	17,186.10	
Wayne Newton Concert	2,100.40	
Less: Amount Transferred to Diocese in 1989	(350,000.00)	
 Beginning Balance 01-01-90		\$170,225.89
1990 Contributions		
Yerunouhi Abrahamian	913.40	
Anne Balcenas	250.00	
Lotus Corp.	100.00	
Harry & Butch Surabian	125.00	
Sale of Tapes & Misc.	200.75	
Net Profit-Julio Iglesias Concert	41,182.58	
Interest Earned	<u>11,832.49</u>	
 Total Amount Raised in 1991		<u>54,604.22</u>
		224,830.11
 Less: 1990 Transfer to Diocese		<u>185,000.00</u>
 Balance December 31, 1990		<u>\$ 39,830.11</u>

(Schedule I)

CHILDREN'S EARTHQUAKE FUND

Beano Committee	\$ 1,000.00	
Sunday School Children & Teachers	146.31	
Helen Abounader	100.00	
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Andonian	100.00	
Mr. & Mrs. Haig Arakelian	100.00	
Mr. & Mrs. William Aslanian	100.00	
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bedrosian	100.00	
Mr. & Mrs. Torcom Boyajian	100.00	
(Christmas Gift from Their Daughter)		
Sarah Bulbulian	100.00	
Anne Demerjian	100.00	
Katie Garabedian	50.00	
Margaret & Peter Garabedian	600.00	
Rose Gulanian	100.00	
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hoogasian	50.00	
John Jeppson	100.00	
Ruth Kaprelian	100.00	
Mr. & Mrs. James Lussier	100.00	
Elizabeth & Charles Markarian	100.00	
Mr. & Mrs. George Migridichian	50.00	
Elizabeth Naroian	50.00	
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Papazian	100.00	
Hamayak & Ann Rakijian	100.00	
Mr. & Mrs. Takvor Takvorian	100.00	
Fr. Aved & Yeretzgin Vivian Terzian	100.00	
Mr. Mrs. Asbed Zakarian	100.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>270.00</u>	
Total Contributions		\$4,016.31
Less: Clothing Purchased for Orphans		<u>(1,738.00)</u>
		<u>\$2,278.31</u>

SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES

(Schedule A)

Building/Office Maintenance & Repairs:

Rubbish Removal	\$ 3,370.28
Landscaping Service	592.00
Landscaping - Plantings	946.00
Church Wood Doors Refinishing	506.39
Church Bronze Boors Relaquered	640.00
Refinish Terrazzo Floor/Stairs - Church	1,680.00
Church Painting	1,900.00
Parish House Ceiling/Interior Painting	5,058.77
Office Maintenance/Repairs Equipment	517.08
Permits & License	175.00
Pest Control	276.00
Alarm System Maintenance/Repairs	546.00
Miscellaneous	<u>3,764.96</u>

Total \$19,972.48

(Schedule B)

Capital Expenditures:

Heating System Controls	\$13,674.19
Insulating Heating Pipes	9,500.00
Church Hall Bathroom Rehab	1,512.94
Kitchen Equipment	3,032.91
Tables & Chairs - Church Hall	4,293.00
Choir Relocation to Loft	2,137.54
New Altar Curtain	1,200.00
Honor Roll Plaque	1,775.00
2 Cash Registers	279.96
Sound System Altar	1,234.80
Car Phone - Der Hayr's Auto	524.00
Mita Copier - Parish House	10,590.06
Computer Software Programs	1,970.00
Safe/Desk/Chair - Parish House	525.00
Word Processor - Parish Council	490.87
Miscellaneous	<u>551.03</u>

Total \$53,291.30

(Schedule C)

Church Function (Net)

Annual Assembly Luncheon	190.59
ACYOA Convention	551.54
Appreciation Day Dinner	4,483.79
Apelian Reception	1,765.85
Recognition Day Dinner	2,017.14
Washington D.C. Trip - Genocide Resblution	806.53
Assembly Appreciation Day Dinner	530.35
N.Y. Genocide Services - Bus, etc.	216.00
Madagh	408.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1,696.69</u>

Total \$12,666.48

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	<u>12-31-89</u> <u>BALANCE</u>	<u>1990</u> <u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	<u>12-31-90</u> <u>BALANCE</u>
Margaret Thomasian Estate	\$36,525.00		\$36,525.00
Charles & Elizabeth Nanigian-Memorial	15,000.00		15,000.00
Owen Paelian Family Fund-Memorial	7,000.00	\$2,000.00	9,000.00
Verkin Hooloian Estate-Memorial	4,167.00		4,167.00
Nevart Bilzerian Fund-Memorial	2,000.00		2,000.00
Margaret Hagopian-Memorial	6,798.75		6,798.75
Shapazian-Memorial	1,000.00		1,000.00
Sarah Manooshian Estate-Memorial	1,000.00		1,000.00
Mary Bedrosian-Memorial	1,000.00		1,000.00
Nevart Hoogasian-Memorial	1,200.00		1,200.00
Hoogas Hoogasian Estate-Memorial	1,451.79		1,451.79
	<u>1,451.79</u>		<u>1,451.79</u>
Total	<u>\$77,142.54</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$79,142.54</u>

MEMORIAL FUNDS PENDING

N. Rose Baljian	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
Majorie Sohigian	2,000.00		2,000.00
John Sagarian	2,950.00	1,500.00	4,450.00
Margaret Der Merjian	1,855.00		1,855.00
Sarah Yegsigian	1,000.00		1,000.00
Hagop Hintlian	1,000.00		1,000.00
Mr. and Mrs. George Manos	500.00		500.00
Mary Chakemian	800.00		800.00
Mr. and Mrs. John R. Smith	1,000.00		1,000.00
Mr. and Mrs. Antranik Yarumian	1,420.00		1,420.00
Satenig Hovagimian	2,000.00		2,000.00
Helen Torigian	---	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$16,025.00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$18,525.00</u>

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT
HOLDINGS AND VALUES

<u>QUANTITIY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>12/31/89 VALUE</u>	<u>12/31/90 VALUE</u>
400	Ford Motor Company	\$ 17,450	\$ 10,650
500	Peoples Bank	\$	\$ 6,750
2000	Dean Witter World Wide Income	\$ 19,220	\$ 19,840
46000	Columbia Savings CD 0% due 11/23/90	\$ 43,000	\$ *
88000	ETR Series 3 due 5/15/91	\$ 79,405	\$ 85,679
80000	First Fed. Sav. CD 9.05% due 5/24/91	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
30000	American Pioneer 8.40% due 8/30/91	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
98000	STRIPS 0% due 11/15/91	\$ 84,770	\$ *
100000	STRIPS 0% due 11/15/92	\$ 79,875	\$ *
110000	CATS 0% due 5/15/93	\$ 83,462	\$ 91,575
87000	Greenwood Trust CD 8.25% due 12/12/94	\$	\$ 87,000
88000	Sears Credit Account Trust 8.70% due 8/25/95	\$	\$ 88,770
63000	STRIPS 0% due 11/15/96	\$	\$ 39,769
25000	PaineWebber Equity Partners I	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
5	Principal Guarantee Fund	\$ 5,594	\$ 5,514
72483	ILAF(Money Market)	\$ 53,593	\$ 72,483
4	Cash	\$ 166	\$ 4
TOTALS:		<u>\$601,535</u>	<u>\$643,034</u>

* - Item matured or sold

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

	<u>1989</u>		<u>1990</u>	
EQUITY	\$ 36,670	6.09%	\$ 17,400	2.70%
FIXED INCOME	\$480,512	79.88%	\$522,633	81.28%
LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS	\$ 30,594	5.09%	\$ 30,514	4.75%
CASH	<u>\$ 53,759</u>	<u>8.94%</u>	<u>\$ 72,487</u>	<u>11.27%</u>
TOTALS:	\$601,535	100%	\$643,034	100%

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1990

ASSETS:

Wall Street Checking - WCIS	\$102,510.13	
Savings - Peoples Bank	41,616.98	
Investment/Securities - Dean Witter	618,029.00	
Special Investment Account - Dean Witter	490,680.25	
Working Fund - Dean Witter	4,117.36	
Investment - Paine Webber	25,000.00	
Prepaid Insurance	1,150.00	
Account Receivable - ACYOA Seniors	1,000.00	
Account Receivable - Paul Bashian	5,706.53	
Total Assets		<u>\$1,289,810.25</u>

LIABILITIES :

FICA Taxes Payable	437.07	
Federal Withholding Taxes Payable	528.27	
State Withholding Taxes Payable	347.56	
Notes Payable SBA	27,585.14	
Total Liabilities		28,898.04

EQUITY :

Endowment Fund	\$ 31,473.17	
Memorial Funds Pending	18,525.00	
Auto Fund	2,500.00	
Baptismal Font Fund	2,644.16	
Mary Manoogian Outreach Fund	1,205.00	
Cultural Center Fund	22,484.48	
Restricted Funds	79,142.54	
Church Organ Fund	2,526.54	
Children's Earthquake Fund	2,278.31	
Diocese Earthquake Fund	39,830.11	
Church Reserve Fund	1,058,302.90	
Total Equity		<u>\$1,260,912.21</u>

Total Liabilities & Equity		<u>\$1,289,810.25</u>
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1991 PROPOSED BUDGET

INCOME

Pledges	\$ 63,000
Plate	5,500
Sunday School	500
Youghakin	18,000
Hokehankist	14,000
Momakin	2,400
Weddings	1,500
In Lieu of Flowers	25,000
Church Functions	
Picnic	4,000
Bazaar	22,000
Rug Sale	20,000
Hall Donations	12,000
Church Organizations	9,000
Regional Office	1,200
Transfer Beano	50,000
Interest & Dividends	55,000
Miscellaneous	2,500
Totals	<u>\$305,600</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

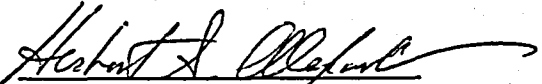
Clergy Stipend	\$ 31,400
Payroll Secretaries	28,700
Bookkeeper	4,800
Custodians	22,000
Choir Director, Soloist, Organist, Deacons	5,600
Visiting Clergy	1,000
Assistant to the Pastor*	
Stipend	17,170
Housing Allowance	7,600
Car Expense & Car Ins.	4,000
Gas & Auto Maintenance	1,000
Health Insurance	1,200
Clergy Rental	19,300
Clergy Auto Allowance	2,184
Sunday School	1,600
Armenian Language School	300
Insurance	
Car	1,150
Real Estate	6,400
Workmen's Comp	1,600
Health Care Employees	6,200
Clergy Health Care	5,100
Clergy Pension	2,000
Clergy Disability	1,250
Diocesan Assessment	42,000
Etchmiadzin Looma	550
Regionalization Budget	1,500
Ecumenical Council	300
Choir Convention	1,000
Diocesan Assembly	3,000
Memorial Endowment Fund	1,000
Operational Expense	
St. Nersess Seminary	1,000
Community Mission Fund	3,000
Pastor's Discretionary	1,000
Outreach Fund	
Subsidy, Sts. Vartan & Nersess Tuition	800
Parish Car Replacement	2,500
SBA Loan	2,000
Payroll Taxes	7,800
Parish Auto Repairs & Maintenance	800
Utilities	
Gas	14,000
Water	1,000
Electric	4,800
Office Equipment Maintenance & Repairs	1,500
Office Supplies/Printing/ Church Supplies	3,000
Messenger Printing	5,200
Altar Supplies	2,000
Building Supplies	5,000
Postage	3,600
Telephone	3,400
Elevator Maintenance	300
Building Maintenance	6,000
Equipment Purchases/ Capital Improvements	14,354
Miscellaneous	1,642
Totals	<u>\$305,600</u>

*Assistant to the Pastor's
expenditure based on 11
months (February 4, 1991
starting date)

AUDITING REPORT

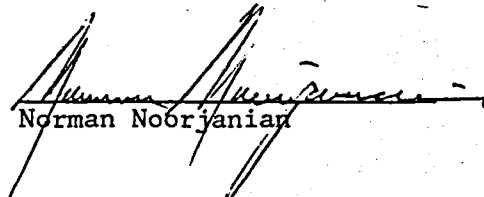
In accordance with the By-laws of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern Diocese) the Auditing Committee of the Armenian Church of Our Saviour has examined the Treasurer's Reports and as a result of this examination we find these records to be a fair and reasonable representation of the financial position of the Church.

Examined and signed on Tuesday, February 4, 1991, by the 1990 Auditors.


Herbert Alexander


Richard Dodakian


Ruth Kaprelian


Norman Noorjarian