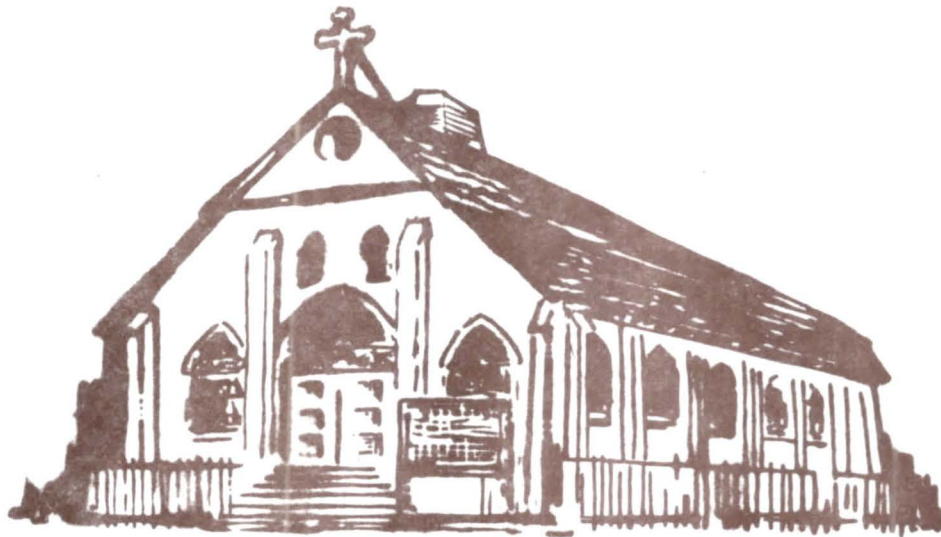


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AGENDA FOR PARISH ASSEMBLY

JANUARY 27, 1974

1. Prayer and election of Tivan
2. Reading of the Minutes of last Assembly
3. Report of Pastor and Parish Council
4. Report of Church Organizations
5. Auditing Committee Report
6. Consideration of the Proposed Budget of 1974
7. Elections:
 - Parish Council - 5 members
 - Auditing Committee - 3 members
 - Nominating Committee - 3 members
8. Old Business
9. New Business
 - a. Painting of Interior of Church
10. Closing Prayer

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

REV. FATHER VARTAN MEGHERIAN	PASTOR & PRESIDENT
JOHN HOVSEPIAN	CHAIRMAN
VARTAN SARKISIAN	VICE CHAIRMAN
RICHARD KALBIAN	RECORDING SECRETARY
THOMAS DABAKIAN	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
CHARLES SARAJIAN	TREASURER
LEON BOGHOSIAN	ASSISTANT TREASURER
DR. RICHARD S. ALTOUNIAN	ADVISOR
HAROLD AZMELIAN	ADVISOR
GEORGE ATAMIAN	ADVISOR
CARNIG NERSESIAN	ADVISOR
GREGORY SHENLOOGIAN	ADVISOR

YOUR DIOCESAN DELEGATES

DERAN CHOPOORIAN
NUBAR DORIAN
RICHARD HACHADOORIAN
LUD SHAHBAZIAN
EDWARD TURNAMIAN

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF
THE HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
OF UNION CITY, N. J.

JANUARY 28, 1973

The Annual Meeting of the Holy Cross Armenian Church of Union City, New Jersey was called to order by Mr. John Hovsepian, Chairman of the Parish Council, at 1:30 PM on Sunday, January 28, 1973, in the Church Center, in the presence of 74 parishioners. Rev. Fr. Vartan Megherian, Pastor, opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Hovsepian thanked the members of the Food Committee for the preparation of the dinner for the members of the Parish Assembly.

AGENDA:

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS - Mr. Philip Arpiarian and Miss Mary V. Shalakian were elected Chairman and Secretary of the Assembly, respectively.

A motion followed and was seconded and carried that the balloting for election of Parish Council members be closed at 2:30 PM.

2. MINUTES OF LAST ASSEMBLY - The Chair asked the Secretary of the Parish Council, Mr. Richard Kalbian, to read the minutes of the 1972 Parish Assembly. The Chair then asked for corrections and/or additions. Motion was made, seconded and carried that the minutes be accepted as read.

3. REPORT OF PASTOR - Father Vartan Megherian read his report to the Assembly. In presenting the report, Father Megherian made a correction in the number of registered Sunday School children from 50 to 77.

4. REPORT OF PARISH COUNCIL - Mr. Kalbian was called upon again to read the Annual Report of the Parish Council. The report received a round of applause. The Chair asked if there were any questions and Mrs. Arpiarian asked about the plans for the 20th Anniversary celebration of the Church Center which was to have been observed during 1972. The Parish Council Chairman explained that they had run into difficulties and the plan had been shelved for the year; but that they had good hopes in observing it in 1973.

On behalf of the parishioners, the Assembly Chairman expressed thanks and gratitude to the Parish Council for the fine work they had done during the year.

5. REPORTS OF ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE CHURCH - Mr. Jack Takakjian made a motion that the Assembly dispense with the readings of the respective reports since they were already written and presented in the "Order of the Day". Motion was seconded and carried.

At this point, the Assembly was permitted to direct questions to the Chair on the progress - plans - decisions and results of the proposals made the prior year.

Query: Was the Parish Census taken?

Chair: Mr. Hovsepien explained that a Committee was formed and a decision was made to take the census in the entire state of New Jersey. This took months to formulate and was not possible to see through and the idea was put aside. However, it was decided that the census would be taken for the coming year, but only in our parish.

Query: Were plans made for a pilgrimage to Holy Etchmiadzin?

Chair: Mr. Hovsepien explained that the Council had looked into this and realized that it was very expensive; and since the Diocese was sponsoring a program, they decided it would be in conflict.

Query: Were the following proposals presented to the Diocesan Council?

1. To increase the number of Diocesan Council members from 9 to 11?

Chair: Mr. Dorian, Diocesan Delegate, reported that the Resolutions Committee of the Diocesan Assembly felt it was not important to bring to the Assembly floor.

2. To base the taxation of the respective churches on the number of Diocesan delegates?

Chair: Mr. Dorian reported that due to the various measures and yardsticks used in determining taxation, the Resolutions Committee of the Diocesan Assembly took the proposal under advisement and that the determination of our taxation was based on one of several methods used.

Motion was made and seconded that henceforth the results of proposals be included in the Annual Report.

6. AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT - Mr. Armen Kalbian presented the report and asked all organization treasurers to obtain signatures in the future for receipt of goods and services to support the payments and disbursements from the treasuries. He also asked that deposits be made more frequently as monies are received and not wait for larger accumulations. A recommendation was made that the proceeds of the bazaar should be listed separately. It was reported that the amount netted was \$3,345.76.

It was pointed out that at first glance the financial structure looked good since the income shown was about \$33,000 and the disbursements about \$28,200, making an excess of \$4,800. But attention was drawn to the \$5,500 the Parish owes to the Diocese, a sum of \$400 due to the organizations and \$500 credited as cash receipts for the New Year's Eve affair for advance sale of tickets and against which sum no disbursements as yet are shown.

Therefore...the financial picture was bad.

It was proposed that a breakdown on all income from all events be listed in the next issue of the VISION (picnic, bazaar, anniversary celebration, New Year's).

7. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS -

A. That the relationship of the envelope system be defined.

It was explained that according to the Constitution of the Diocese, all parishioners must pay dues, which are set forth by the Diocese. It was decided at the Diocesan Assembly that this amount should be \$12.00, payment of which would entitle the parishioner to voting privileges. It was further clarified that such an amount would have to be specifically designated and earmarked as "Membership Dues", regardless of other amounts contributed in the form of pledges, Christmas or Easter donations.

Mrs. Hachadoorian commented that the amount may be beyond the limited resources of some parishioners and pensioners and recommended that in such instances a reduced amount be taken into consideration. The Committee will take this suggestion under advisement.

Motion was made and seconded that the Parish Council establish the membership system for 1973. Motion carried.

B. That ways and means be found to remedy the Church from her financial crises.

Mr. Jack Takakjian suggested that Bingo be introduced in the Center; or in lieu of Bingo, the Center be put on a paying basis through rentals.

Mr. Dorian explained and stressed the futility of the Bingo proposal since it was rejected in five consecutive Diocesan Assemblies through overwhelming defeat.

However, the proposal was altered and motion was made and seconded that the Bishop and the Diocesan Council be approached in advance of the Diocesan Assembly and lobbying be done to promote the introduction of Bingo in our Church Center. Motion carried - 5 against.

The next suggestion was to put the building on a paying basis by renting it to weddings, etc. even if taxes must be paid as a result. Motion was made and seconded that the Council look into the feasibility of renting out the hall on a paying basis. Motion carried.

Other suggestions: -- In lieu of sending Christmas cards, donations be made to the Church. The VISION should carry an announcement that space would be available in the paper for this purpose.

Suggestion -- Reinstate the calendar of birthdays and anniversaries.

C. That the Church be renovated.

The Council Chairman explained that the Church was in need of painting and plastering and perhaps paneling, the extent of which was not determined at this time. Several suggestions were made to establish a fund; to pass a plate for renovations; to have an affair, proceeds to go for renovations; to send a letter to parishioners to subscribe to the fund.

Mr. Takakjian made a motion and it was seconded that the Parish Council go ahead and expend \$500 and up to the amount received from the general parishioners; but a ceiling of \$3000 be set to limit the expenditures. Motion carried - 4 against.

D. That the Diocesan budget be discussed.

Mr. Dorian gave information on the methods and rules by which the taxations are set forth by the Diocesan Council and that the points taken into consideration are - the age of the Church - the income - the mortgage situation - and membership and that for each group of 100 members we were apportioned one delegate to the Diocesan Assembly.

E. That the finances of the Auxiliary organizations and their obligations towards the Church be clarified.

Father Megherian and the Parish Council Chairman both pointed out that according to the by-laws, it is so written that 80% of the finances of all organizations be turned into the Church treasury.

Much discussion followed and Council stated that the Church has outstanding obligations as of this day; and the Church Council would fulfill these obligations with whatever immediate funds were at their disposal. However, the Council would have no alternative but to go to the Organizations for any amounts still not satisfied. It would not be 80%, but the requests for these monies would nonetheless be made.

8. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1973 - Mr. Zaven Hovsepien made a motion that the budget be accepted as proposed. Mr. Dorian again pointed out that there is a \$10,000 deficit to be financed from cash balances and donations from the treasuries of the auxiliary organizations and he stressed very strongly that the Council has no other recourse but to go directly to all organizations for this deficit above and beyond the amount available to the Council in the Council treasury. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

9. ELECTIONS - The Nominating Committee consisting of Bart Sarkisian, Jack Takakjian and Mrs. Virginia Shenloogian reported that they had approached 40 members to assume the responsibility of membership to the Parish Council for a 2-year term and only six accepted the nominations. 74 ballots were cast, of which one was an absentee ballot. The results were reported as follows:

PARISH COUNCIL - ELECTED

Harold Azmelian	71
Leon Boghosian	71
Vartan Sarkisian	70
Carnig Nersesian	67
Gregory Shenloogian	67
George Atamian	65

ALTERNATES

Aram Aramian
Armen Kalbian
Philip Arpiarian

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Richard Assolian
Zaven Hovsepian
Paul Takakjian

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Philip Arpiarian
Charles Doudoukjian
Armen Kalbian

The Chair expressed thanks to the Nominating Committee for their good work and congratulated the newly elected members.

A motion was made to reduce the Parish Council members from 11 to 9. Motion was defeated.

A special thanks was expressed to Miss Ann Dadaian for her fine efforts in the preparation of the Annual Report Booklet.

Der Hayr then made his closing remarks. "Let all know... Trustees and all members of all organizations... that we will work according to the by-laws. We will work together... and 67 years of endeavors will not be put aside. We will work together as long as we are strong and healthy and we will have a fruitful year".

He then congratulated the new Parish Council members, the Nominating Committee members and Auditing Committee members and thanked Mr. Arpiarian for presiding over the Assembly in a very capable manner and Miss Shalakian for recording the minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM with Der Hayr's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary V. Shalakian

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1973 տարին եղաւ առաջին լման տարին իմ պաշտօնավարութեանս իբրեւ Հովիւ Ս. Խաչ Եկեղեցւոյ եւ ինծի համար յիշատակելի՝ շատ մը կերպերով: Առաջին, այն եղաւ փոխանցման շրջան մը, զոր վայելեցի իմ ծխականներու հասկացող եւ անկեղծ Յիզբրու շնորհիւ, ընելու զայն կարելի չափով դիւրասաց: Երկրորդ, ես երբեք պիտի չմոռնամ այն գեղեցիկ կերպը որով պատուեցիք զիս, իմ ձեռնադրութեան 25 ամեակի տարեդարձին առթիւ, երբ դեռ երեք ամիսներէ ի վեր Ձեր Հովիւն էի: Ասիկա, ինծի համար, ամէն բանէ վեր, վկայութիւն մըն էր թէ որքան արժէք դուք կը դնէիք Եկեղեցւոյ ծառայութեան վրայ եւ կը կապէր զիս ամբօրէն մեր ծուխին հետ: Երրորդ, ինծի համար առաջին փորձառութիւնը եղաւ տեսնել կամքն ու ոգին այս ծուխին, որ, անգամ մը որ որոշեց, աշխատեցաւ մէկ սիրտ, մէկ միտք յաշողութեամբ պսակելու շարք մը ձեռնարկներ, ամբողջ շաբաթ մը տեւող իմա Ս. ԽԱՉԻ ԵՄԱՍԹ, հակառակ բանի մը հոգիներու երեմիական ողբերուն, թէ այս ծուխը չի կրնար գլուխ հանել:

Յիրաւի, նոր սկիզբ մը եղաւ ինծի 1973 տարին Ս. Խաչ Եկեղեցւոյ ընտանիքին մէջ:

Տարեկան Տեղեկագիրը, Հովիւին եւ ծխական Խորհուրդի կողմէ ներկայացուած Ձեզի, կը ցուցնէ նաեւ իմ գործունէութիւնը: Բացի ծխական Խորհուրդի հետ իմ բաժնիս, ես, իբրեւ Հովիւ, կատարած եմ ամէն ինչ որ իմ պաշտօնիս կը վերաբերի ըլլայ վարչական՝ նախագահելով Կազմակերպութեանց ժողովներուն, եւ ըլլայ հոգեւոր: Եթէ, հակիրճ կերպով, ամփոփել փորձենք իմ ծառայութիւնս Եկեղեցւոյ կեանքին մէջ, անցնող տարուան ընթացքին, ուրիշ բան չէ եղած բայց եթէ ժամապաշտութիւնը, խորհուրդներու կատարում, հոգեւոր եւ ամուսնական խորհրդառուութիւն, ծխականներու այցելութիւն, ըլլայ տուններու կամ հիւանդանոցներու մէջ, ինչպէս նաեւ Էմբրոսիի Հայ Տան, սզաւորներուն, շանք՝ բերելու առաջնորդութիւն եւ փորձառութիւն շատ մը ժողովներու, օգնել ծխականներուն իրենց ամէն կարգի դժուարութեանց մէջ, քարոզել, դասախօսել, գրել յանձնարարական նամակներ, խմբագրել ծուխին Թերթիկը՝ Վիժըն, եւ շնաւ ըլլալ քիչ մը ամէն բան Եկեղեցւոյ համար:

Հետեւեալը, թուումն մասանց ընելէ աւելի, կը փափաքիմ, այս առթիւ, կարգ մը նկատողութիւններ եւ յանձնարարութիւններ յանձնել Ձեր ուշադրութեան:

1.- Տարուան ընթացքին, իրագծել եղայ ծուխին մէջ փոփոխութեան դէմ դիրքի մը, որ դժեամբութիւն ցոյց կուտար ելլելու ծուխի ընկալելալ սովորութեան ծիրէն դուրս: Օրինակ՝ ըստ Կանոնագրի, անդամատուրքի վճարում պահանջելու պարագային. կամ ԽՈՍՏՈՒՄԻ - փլէժ - Դրութիւնը Գոտատելու եւ կամ Անդամական ժողովի քուէարկութիւնը, ըստ Կանոնագրի, ժողովը սկսելէն ետք կատարելու պարագաներուն: Որպէս զի կարենանք քայլ պահել ժամանակին հետ, պէտք է շանք ընել ծկուն ըլլալու եւ հարկ պարագային փոփոխութիւններ մտցնելու մեր սովորութեանց մէջ:

2.- Նշմարած եմ նաեւ որ շատ դժուարութիւն ունինք պատասխանատու պաշտօն ստանցնող անձեր գտնելու: Յոգնութիւն մը կայ կարծես անդամներու մէջ ծխական Խորհուրդի կամ Օժանդակ Կազմակերպութեանց վարչութեանց մէջ: Ծուխի մը, սակայն, կրնայ ապրիլ եւ իր առաքելութիւնը կատարել արդիւնաւորապէս, երբ անդամները իրենց ժամանակը, իրենց տաղանդը եւ իրենց նիւթական օժանդակութիւնը ի սպաս կը դնեն Եկեղեցւոյ ծառայութեան: Կրնան արդարացի պատճառներ ըլլալ, բայց Աստուծոյ եւ Հայ Եկեղեցւոյ հանդէպ մեր սուրբ պարտականութիւնը ամէն բանէ վեր պէտք է նկատուի որպէս զի կարելի ըլլայ այդ ծուխին զոյութիւնը ապահովել:

3.- Էական է որ ծուխին Մարդահամարը պատրաստելու զործը զոր տարուան ընթացքին սկսանք, շարունակուի: Այսպէսով միայն մեր ծուխին սահմանները եւ ան դամներուն Թիւր պիտի ճշդուին: Տակաւին ծուխին կէսէն աւելին հարցարանը լեցրնելով չեն դրկած: Պէտք է հեռաձայն ընելով ամբողջացուի ցանկը: Այս նըպա-

տակաւ, կը թելադրեմ որ ծխական Անդամական ժողովը յանձնախումբ մը կազմէ կամ ծխական Խորհուրդին պարտականութիւն յանձնէ որ մինչեւ յառաջիկայ տարի, ճուղին պատկանողներու իրական պատկերը ներկայացնող այս աշխատանքը կատարէ:

4.- Բացարձակ անհրաժեշտութիւն է որ Շաքաթական Խոցտումի - Փլէճի- կամ ձեզի ծանօթ Կիրակնօրեայ Պահարաններու Դրութիւնը, վերակենդանանայ: Շատ քիչեր կը մասնակցին եւ հետեւաբար պահարաններու արդիւնքը շատ խեղճ է: Ըս պատուածին չափ կարեւորութիւն չի տրուիր: Եթէ շեշտուի որ Եկեղեցւոյ իւրաքանչիւր անդամ պէտք է պզտիկ խոստում մը ընէ ամէն կիրակի եկեղեցիին տալու յաճախէ կամ ոչ այդ կիրակի, ասիկա ոչ միայն պիտի ապահովէ նիւթական եկեղեցւոյ, ալ նաեւ պիտի յիշեցնէ ամէն անդամի իր պարտականութիւնը եկեղեցւոյ հանդէպ եւ նոյն իսկ պիտի մղէ այդ անձին եկեղեցի գալու: Կ'առաջարկեմ որ այս մասին այս ժողովին մէջ խօսուի եւ որոշում առնուի:

5.- Իմ թելադրութիւնս է որ մեր ուշադրութիւնը կեդրոնացնենք մեր ծուխի կեանքին որակին վրայ, քանի որ մենք չենք թիւով նոյն ծուխը գոր էինք երբեմն: Ծուխը իր բախտին թողելու կեցուածքը կրնայ մահացու հարուած հասցնել այդ ծուխին: Մեր եկեղեցին տակաւին առաքելութիւն ունի կատարելիք: Մանուկներ ունինք մեր Կիրակնօրեայ եւ Հայ դպրոցներուն մէջ: Ունինք երիտասարդութիւն: Աւելի քան 400 ընտանիքներու հոգեւոր պէտքերուն պէտք է հասնինք:

Ի մտի պէտք է ունենանք որ, ինչպէս իւրաքանչիւր մարմնի, նոյնպէս ծուխի մը կեանքին առողջութիւնը, բարեկաւութիւնը եւ յաջողութիւնը կախում ունին անոր անդամներու համագործակցութենէն: Ամէն ընտանիքի մէջ պիտի ըլլան անհասկացողութիւններ, խորհելու տարբեր կերպեր, ինչպէս նաեւ քիչ մը անձնասիրութիւն անոր անդամներուն կողմէ. սակայն եւ այնպէս անոնք կ'ընդունին զիրար, որպէս զի կարելի ըլլայ ներկայացնել եւ զգալ իրենք զիրենք իբրեւ մէկ ընտանիք: Այնպէս ալ, մեր եկեղեցւոյ ընտանիքին մէջ, մենք պէտք է ընդունինք զիրար նոյն իսկ եթէ համաձայն չըլլանք կարգ մը կէտերու մէջ եւ կամ մեր բոլոր կատարածները չըլլան մեր ուզածին համաձայն: Երբ կ'ընդունինք զիրար եւ կը ջանանք կատարել մեր պարտականութիւնը, իւրաքանչիւրս մեր կարողութեան եւ մեզմէ պիտի շնորհակցին համաձայն, այն ատեն, մեր եկեղեցին պիտի շարունակէ Աստուծոյ կամբը կատարել եւ ի փառս Անոր, ծառայել Հայերուն ամենայն յաջողութեամբ:

Այս առթիւ, գնահատութեան խօսք ունիմ մեր բոլոր ծխականներուն, որոնք, այս կամ այն կերպով, իրենց տաղանդը, ժամանակը կամ նիւթական օժանդակութիւնը բերին Ս. Խաչ Եկեղեցւոյ պայծառութեան համար: Աստուած վարձատրէ մեզ բոլորս, մեր եկեղեցւոյ համար ըրած մեր ճիգերուն եւ զոհողութիւններուն համար:

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Յունուար, 1974

PASTOR'S REPORT

1973

The year 1973 became my first complete year as pastor of Holy Cross Armenian Church - and a memorable one in many ways. First, it was a period of adjustment, for which I needed and received my parishioners' understanding and sincere effort to make it as smooth as possible. Second, I will never forget the beautiful way in which I was honored by you, upon the 25th Anniversary of my ordination, only three months after I became your pastor. For this was, above everything, evidence of the value you placed on Service to the church. It deepened my commitment to our parish. Third, it was a "first" for me to experience the will and the spirit of a parish, who, once it had decided, worked with one heart and one mind to make a success of a chain of activities - which came to be known as "Holy Cross Week", contrary to Jeremiah-like lamentations of a few that this parish could not do it.

It was, indeed, a new beginning for me, the year 1973, in the family of the Holy Cross Church.

The Annual Report, presented by the pastor and the parish council, reflects my activities also. Besides working closely with the Parish Council in bringing my share to this year's achievements, I, as pastor, aided in every phase of the administrative business of the church, presiding over the meetings of organizations, and performing all the requirements of the office.

My service pertaining to the life of the church, briefly, has been, namely, to conduct worship services, to administer the sacraments, to do spiritual and marital counseling, to visit parishioners at home and in hospitals, as well as in the Armenian Home for the Aged, to reach the bereaved, to try to bring guidance and experience to many meetings, to help parishioners mend their difficulties, to educate through words (talks, lectures) and letters, to edit the parish paper, the Vision, and to try to be a little of everything for the church.

I would like to take this opportunity to make a few observations and commendations:-

1. During the year, I became aware of a resistance to suggestions which might change some of the established ways of the parish. For example, the establishment of a membership dues-paying system according to the By-Laws of the Diocese, or of a pledge system, as practiced in the churches of our Diocese. Voting procedures also need improvement. In order to keep pace with the times, we must try to be more flexible and open to change.

2. I have noticed that there is a reluctance to take responsible office; namely, to run for Parish Council or executive members for parish organizations. A parish can live and carry its mission out effectively when members use their time and talents as well as their financial support in the service of the church. They may have justifiable reasons for declining, but their holy duty to God and the Armenian Church must be regarded as paramount for the very existence of the parish.

3. It is essential that the work we started through the census; namely, to define the boundaries and the membership of the parish, be continued. We need a committee to be formed either by the Parish Council or Parish Assembly to telephone those who failed to respond and bring the list of our members up-to-date.

4. It is imperative that the pledge system, known to some as the envelope system, be revitalized. If it is emphasized that every member should give something every Sunday whether he comes to church or not that Sunday, this will not only secure the financial need of the church, but it will be a reminder for every member to recognize his duty toward the church and even an incentive to attend church. I recommend that we discuss this matter at this assembly and act upon it.

5. It is my suggestion that we focus our attention on the quality of the life of our parish since we are not the same parish as in numbers as we once were. A laissez-faire attitude will wound the parish mortally. Our church still has a mission to perform. We have children yet in our Sunday and Armenian Schools. We have youth. We have more than 400 families whose spiritual needs must be fulfilled.

Let us have this in our minds that, as in each body, so also in the life of a parish, its health, well-being and success depend on the cooperative functioning of its members. In every family there will be some misunderstandings, different ways of thinking, as well as some selfishness on the part of its members; but they accept each other in order to be able to represent and feel themselves as one family. Likewise, in the family of our church, we should accept each other even if we disagree or if all the performances are not according to our liking. If we accept each other and try to do our duty, each of us according to his ability and requirements, then, our church will continue to do the will of God and will serve most successfully the Armenians for His greater glory.

On this occasion, I have words of appreciation to all our parishioners who, in one way or another, gave of their talents, time, and financial support for the embellishment of Holy Cross. May God Himself reward us all for our dedication and efforts on behalf of our church.

With prayers and blessings,

Father Vartan Megherian
Pastor

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

1973

At the General Membership Meeting of the Holy Cross Armenian Church held on January 28, 1973, six (6) Parish Council members were elected and after the Primate's approval, at the Parish Council Meeting of February 15, 1973, the following officers were elected:

Chairman	John Hovsepian
Vice Chairman	Vartan Sarkisian
Recording Secretary	Richard Kalbian
Corresponding Secretary	Thomas Dabakian
Treasurer	Charles Sarajian
Assistant Treasurer	Leon Boghosian
Advisor	Dr. Richard Altounian
Advisor	George Atamian
Advisor	Harold Azmelian
Advisor	Carnig Nersesian
Advisor	Gregory Shenloogian

During 1973, the Parish Council held 17 meetings, attending to the needs of the Parish. The Chairman, Mr. John Hovsepian, together with Rev. Vartan Megherian made the following committee assignments:

Bazaar:	Dr. Richard Altounian George Atamian
Picnic:	Leon Boghosian Gregory Shenloogian
New Year's Eve Celebration:	Thomas Dabakian Bart Sarkisian
Ways & Means:	Harold Azmelian Nubar Dorian
Census:	Carnig Nersesian, Chairman Dr. Richard Altounian Richard Kalbian Mary Shalakian
Building & Maintenance:	Harold Azmelian Deran Chopoorian
Inventory:	Thomas Dabakian
Altar Care:	Bart Sarkisian, Chairman Hagop Hovsepian Mardiros Katoonagian

Publications & Public Relations:	John Hovsepian, Chairman Ann Dadaian Nubar Dorian Carnig Nersesian Der Hayr
Gifts & Honoraria:	Harold Azmelian, Chairman Charles Sarajian Bart Sarkisian
Youth Activities:	Helen Assoian Gregory Shenloogian
Ladies Aid Liaison:	John Hovsepian
Ladies Educational Society Liaison:	John Hovsepian
Men's Club Liaison:	Charles Sarajian
ACYOA Liaison:	Gregory Shenloogian
Choir Liaison:	Thomas Dabakian
Sunday School Liaison:	Richard Kalbian
Armenian School Liaison:	John Hovsepian

A. ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC - Under the expert leadership and direction of Picnic Co-Chairmen Leon Boghosian and Gregory Shenloogian, this year's picnic was a social and financial success. Members of the Men's Club and the Parish Council were on hand to help out and to insure the enjoyment of all parishioners and guests. Special thanks are in order to Mr. Arpiar Arpiarian for his supervision in cooking the shish kebab; and to Mrs. Bertha Pashoyan, Mrs. Helen Boghosian and Mrs. Sirarpie Dorian for their long hours of kitchen duty.

B. HOLY CROSS WEEK - Perhaps the most ambitious project undertaken by our church during the year was the celebration of "Holy Cross Week", October 28-November 4, 1973. The event was in celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the founding of our Parish and all the festivities conducted during the week received full support from all our parishioners. It was an event for which our church can truly be proud.

General Chairmen Harold Azmelian and Nubar Dorian mobilized the talent within the Parish and the following committee members were made:

Secretary:	Ann Dadaian
Treasurer:	Armen Kalbian
Opening Day Reception:	John Hovsepian, Chairman Parish Council Members

Fashion Show:	Vivian Hovsepian, Chairman Wives of Parish Council Members
Game Night:	Charles Kuzujian, Chairman Men's Club Members
Bazaar:	Dr. Richard Altounian Arax Atamian George Atamian
Banquet:	Edward Turnamian, Chairman Diocesan Delegates & their wives
Booklet:	Lud Shahbazian, Chairman Nubar Dorian Anne Hachadoorian Josephine Shahbazian
Tickets:	Deran Chopoorian
Publicity:	Richard Kalbian
Banner:	Charles Apkarian
Pledge:	Anne Hachadoorian Richard Hachadoorian

1. Opening Day Reception - Sunday, October 28, 1973 -

This event was held to honor Past Parish Council Members and Delegates who have served our church. Among the special guests present were Union City Mayor William Meehan and his commissioners and Weehawken Mayor Stanley Iacono and his commissioners. We were also honored by the presence of New Jersey State Senator William Musto. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were served by the ACYOA members.

2. Fashion Festival - Wednesday, October 31, 1973 -

This show was presented by the wives of the Parish Council Members. Fashions were by Adele's Boutique of Ridgefield and Paul Servo of Union City. Our thanks to them for donating their time and services. The professional runway (built by Harold Azmelian, Deran Chopoorian and Zaven Hovsepian) and beautiful decor created a perfect atmosphere for a successful show. Champagne and sandwiches were served, music was provided by Bart Sarkisian and Raymond Hortian.

3. A Night at the Races - Friday, November 2, 1973 -

Racing aficionados had their turn this evening. Shouts of "win, Place and Show" resounded through the church center in the spirit of fellowship and good fun. Chairman Charles Kuzujian and representatives of the Men's Club did an outstanding job to make this affair a success. Our thanks also to Kohar Arpiarian and Florence Kuzujian for their time and work and to M.C. Charles Genjian.

4. Annual Bazaar - Saturday, November 3, 1973 -

Bazaar '73 was one of the main events of "Holy Cross Week" and proved to be a very successful endeavor. This was largely due to the untiring efforts of committee members, George and Arax Atamian, Richard and Alice Altounian, Jack and Trudy Takakjian, Paul and Marie Takakjian, the Ladies Aid, The Ladies Educational Society, and the Men's Club. In addition to the booths, raffles, delicious food and music, this year's highlights were Armenian folk dancing and an exhibit of paintings by our parishioners. Congratulations and many thanks to all involved!

5. Gala Banquet - Sunday, November 3, 1973 -

The activities of "Holy Cross Week" were culminated by the Grand Banquet at which His Grace Archbishop Torkom Manoogian was Guest of Honor. In his address to the capacity crowd, the Primate paid tribute to the many accomplishments and achievements of the church. The program was emceed by Lud Shahbazian and the main speakers of the day were Nubar Dorian, Harold Azmelian and Banquet Chairman Edward Turnamian. This event was a gratifying end to a busy week.

C. NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION - Balloons, noise makers, streamers, two bands, plenty of good food and drink -- all added to the merriment of those in attendance at our Church's New Year's Eve Celebration. Thanks to the hard work of Co-Chairmen Thomas Dabakian and Bart Sarkisian and their committee, this affair proved to be very successful. Special thanks to Richard Assoian, Herbert Takakjian and Paul Takakjian for their assistance in decorating the center.

D. SACRAMENTS AND PRAYERS - The following sacraments have been celebrated by Father Vartan and have been duly recorded in our Parish Registry for 1973:

1. Baptisms and Confirmations - 2
2. Weddings - 2
3. Funerals - 25
4. Home Blessings also were performed according to the needs and requests of the parishioners

E. RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES - During the year, Father Vartan presented lectures on the Armenian Church to the Men's Club and the ACYOA. As part of the Diocesan program of Religious Education, Father Arnak Kasparian of St. Thomas Armenian Church, Tenafly, N.J., appeared at our church as a visiting clergyman. Seminarians Michael Chevian and Hagop Rustemian of St. Nersess Seminary participated in church services and addressed the congregation regarding their studies and The Armenian Church.

F. PUBLICATIONS - OFFICE WORK - Our Parish Paper, the VISION was published ten (10) times during the year. The editorial work was done by Der Hayr while Miss Ann Dadaian did the typing. In addition, we have mailed out numerous special bulletins, announcements and invitations. An average of 600 addresses received our publications.

The Parish Council welcomes the assistance of all parishioners who would like to help in the publication work of the church office and urges all church organizations to submit articles for publication in the VISION.

Along with the preparation of all news publications, Der Hayr spent office hours keeping correspondence both in English and Armenian. Much time was also spent preparing sermons in English and Armenian.

G. VISITATIONS - Throughout the year, Der Hayr made an effort to visit parishioners on different occasions and administered to the needs of the sick at the following hospitals: North Hudson Hospital, Christ Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, Hackensack Hospital, Englewood Hospital, Bergen Pines Hospital, Mountainside Hospital and Holy Name Hospital. Der Hayr also visited the sick at their homes. In addition, he was helpful in finding housing and legal help for parishioners who required such assistance and assisted in handling hospitalization problems.

H. ENVELOPE SYSTEM - There are now 94 parishioners who are making weekly contributions through the Envelope System in 1973. Through this system, the Church has realized the sum of \$2,114.60.

I. PARISH CENSUS - Under the Chairmanship of Carnig Nersesian, the Census Committee developed and mailed a questionnaire to all parishioners. Results of the survey are being analyzed and it is hoped that this information will help us better serve the needs of our parishioners.

J. CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS - Throughout the year, the following organizations worked with dedication and in harmony to enrich the life of our Parish: The Ladies Aid, Ladies Educational Society, Sunday School, ACYOA, Men's Club and the Choir. We thank all the Executive Officers and their respective memberships for their continuous dedication.

K. DIOCESAN DELEGATES - Together with Der Hayr and Parish Council Chairman, John Hovsepian, our Diocesan Delegates, Deran Chopoorian, Nubar Dorian, Richard Hachadoorian, Lud Shahbazian and Edward Turnamian attended the Annual Diocesan Assembly held May 2-3, 1973 at Worcester, Massachusetts, and reported to the Parish Council. On many occasions, they have also attended Parish Council meetings and have made many useful contributions for which we thank them.

L. BUILDINGS AND MAINTENANCE - Mr. Deran Chopoorian, Chairman of the Building Maintenance Committee, made certain that proper upkeep was maintained on all Parish facilities; our caretaker, Mr. Pablo Taura, has been outstanding in carrying out his duties.

M. WORSHIP - Church Services and Divine Liturgy were held every Sunday. During Lent, Evening Services were conducted on Wednesdays. The sermons were delivered in both Armenian and English. On Sunday, November 4, 1973, the Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, celebrated Divine Liturgy in our church and granted the privilege of wearing the "oorar" to our two faithful Altar Servers, Thomas Dabakian and Hagop Hovsepien.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We express our deep and sincere gratitude and obedience to His Grace The Rt. Rev. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America.

Special thanks to all Chairmen and Chairladies of all our Church Organizations: Mrs. Sirarple Dorian of the Ladies Aid; Mrs. Alice Najarian of the Ladies Educational Society; Mr. Richard Assolian of the Men's Club; Mr. Zaven Hovsepien and Yeretzgin Yeŕkin Megherian of the Sunday School; Mr. Ronald Assolian of the ACYOA; Mrs. Arpena Sbarbaro of the Choir; to Miss Lucy Soovajian, Organist; to Miss Dawn Foronjy and Mr. Bart Sarkisian, Assistant Organists; to our Deacons Messrs. Krikor Bendian and Mardiros Katoonagian, Thomas Dabakian and Hagop Hovsepien; to Arch-Deacon Krikor Maksoudian; and to Mr. Hagop Kradjian for assisting on the Altar.

Our deep gratitude to Miss Ann Dadaian who, in addition to her duties as Choirmaster, has spent so much time in assisting our Pastor in parish office activities.

We gratefully acknowledge the services of Mrs. N. Soovajian, Mrs. M. Seiradarian and Mrs. H. Apkarian for preparing the Mas.

Many thanks to Mrs. Helen Assolian for her loving and dedicated work as Advisor to the ACYOA. Thanks also to Junior Advisors Miss Dawn Foronjy and Messrs. Nish Bozoyan and Steven Shenloogian.

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A grateful thank you goes to Mr. Charles Apkarian for making and donating the Banner which extended proudly across New York Avenue during Holy Cross Week.

We express thanks to Mr. Deran Chopoorian, in addition to his duties as Diocesan Delegate, he has devoted a great deal of time and effort in caring for and maintaining the Parish facilities.

We would like to acknowledge the untiring efforts of Anne and Richard Hachadoorian in the collection of pledges from parishioners and friends of our church.

The Parish Council would like to acknowledge the faith and trust of the parishioners in supporting their objectives. Our thanks for the guidance and understanding on the part of the Parish Priest, Rev. Vartan Megherian, and our most sincere and fondest hopes that the Holy Cross Armenian Church will continue to grow in the service of God.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD KALBIAN
Secretary

REV. FR. VARTAN MEGHERIAN
Pastor-President

JOHN HOVSEPIAN
Chairman

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

1973

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1972</u>
Membership dues, pledges & plate collections	\$ 4,417.30	\$ 4,549.40
Donations:		
Christmas	2,772.00	4,341.00
Easter	3,537.00	3,641.00
Ladies Aid	1,000.00	1,500.00
Ladies Educational	2,000.00	-
Men's Club	-	500.00
Sunday School	-	500.00
Church Improvements - Stained Glass windows	1,600.00	400.00
Other occasional donations	269.00	1,095.00
Christenings, Weddings and Funerals	975.00	1,240.00
In Lieu of Flowers	4,384.00	5,351.71
Candleabras and Candles	915.87	912.25
Sacraments and Prayers	1,873.00	1,590.85
Building Fund - Renovation of Church Center	250.00	1,302.00
Dividends and Interest	226.02	284.67
Net Proceeds from Picnic, Bazaar, New Year's Eve 65th Anniversary and Holy Cross Week	15,283.54	5,069.26
Center Rentals	430.00	280.00
Miscellaneous	-	425.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$39,932.73	\$32,982.14

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries and Travel	\$14,675.85	9,658.55
Diocesan Dues and Assessments	5,534.00	3,195.84
Insurance	3,615.76	3,499.88
Gas, Electric and Water	1,494.21	1,942.06
Fuel Oil	860.51	828.02
Building Maintenance and Improvements	2,178.23	1,213.98
Church Improvements - Stained Glass Windows	2,674.78	3,636.06
Office Expense and Postage	1,006.85	807.45
Telephone	652.00	457.18
Looma to Diocese	200.00	200.00
Church Supplies	440.63	1,106.67
Newsletter and Parish Publications	284.40	279.05
Honorariums and Visitations	-	50.00
Christmas Gifts	-	225.00
Sunday School Teachers Gifts and Diplomas	85.00	120.00

Center Expenses

1,150.00

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<u>DISBURSEMENTS (cont.)</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1972</u>
Religious Seminar - Student Expense	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00
Altar Flowers	106.75	-
Purchase of Bond for Der Hayr (Parish Council Portion)	175.00	-
Miscellaneous	<u>289.01</u>	<u>94.00</u>
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	 \$35,722.98	 \$28,163.74
 EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES	 4,209.75	 4,818.40
CASH BALANCE, JANUARY 1	<u>7,907.86</u>	<u>3,089.46</u>
 CASH BALANCE - December 31	 <u>\$12,117.61</u>	 <u>\$ 7,907.86</u>

ANALYSIS OF CASH BALANCE - December 31

Checking Account - Garden State National Bank	\$ 9,332.61	\$ 5,122.86
Savings Account - Garden State National Bank	285.00	285.00
Time Deposit - Atlantic Bank	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
	<u>\$12,117.61</u>	<u>\$ 7,907.86</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Sarajian
Treasurer

ASSETS OF HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

(other than Real Estate)

December 31, 1973

<u>PARISH COUNCIL HOLDINGS</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1972</u>
Time Deposit Atlantic Bank of N.Y. Cert. 2347	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Checking Account	9,332.61	5,122.86
Savings Account	285.00	285.00
* 47 shares Public Service E&G Co.	*	*
* 100 shares Mass. Investors Trust	*	*
<u>LADIES AID</u>		
Checking Account	1,328.61	974.55
U.S. Government Bonds	3,000.00	3,000.00
Savings Account	1,723.47	865.33
Petty Cash	55.04	19.40
<u>LADIES EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY</u>		
Checking Account	894.94	1,431.00
Savings Accounts (2)/Time Deposit	6,002.82	5,450.00
U.S. Government Bonds	1,000.00	3,000.00
<u>HOLY CROSS CHURCH CHOIR</u>		
Checking Account	707.54	423.94
<u>HOLY CROSS CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>		
Checking Account	676.61	626.53
<u>HOLY CROSS CHURCH MEN'S CLUB</u>		
Checking Account	140.10	258.53
<u>HOLY CROSS ACYOA</u>		
Checking Account/Cash on Hand	*	282.97
Savings Account	*	583.65
	<u>\$27,646.74**</u>	<u>\$24,823.76**</u>

* These figures will be reported when they become available.

** These figures will vary when the PSE&G Co., Mass. Investors Trust shares and ACYOA financial data are added.

PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET

PARISH COUNCIL FOR 1974

ANTICIPATED EXPENSE

ANNUAL DUES

Diocese and Looma (See Note) \$ 9,400.00

SALARIES AND TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

14,950.00

BUILDING OPERATING EXPENSES

Maintenance & Repairs (Church
Parish house) \$ 1,200.00
Gas, heat, light & water 3,100.00
Church Center expense 4,000.00
Insurance 2,600.00 10,900.00

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

Interior Painting (Church) 3,000.00
1,500.00

OFFICE EXPENSES

Office expense and postage 1,100.00
Newsletters & Parish publications 300.00
Telephone 700.00
Church supplies 500.00 2,600.00

MISCELLANEOUS

600.00

TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENSE

~~\$39,950.00~~
41,450.00

ANTICIPATED INCOME

Membership dues, plate collections & holiday donations \$10,500.00
Pledges 6,000.00
Christenings, weddings and funerals 1,000.00
In lieu of flowers 4,500.00
Hokehankids and prayers 1,700.00
Candleabras and candles 900.00
Dividends and interest 400.00
Net proceeds from Bazaar, Picnic and other affairs 5,500.00
Donations (other than Christmas and Easter) 1,000.00
Miscellaneous 500.00

donations 2,000.00
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME ~~\$32,000.00~~
34,000.00

ANTICIPATED DEFICIT

To be financed from existing cash balances and donations
from other Church Organizations \$ 7,950.00

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NOTES TO BUDGET

NOTE -- BREAKDOWN OF ANNUAL DUES:

Looma	\$ 200.00
1974 Diocesan Dues	3,816.00
1972 Diocesan Special Assessment	1,584.00
1971 Diocesan Emergency Drive (total assessment \$2,200; paid \$400 in 1971)	1,800.00
1973 Stewardship Program	<u>2,000.00</u>
	<u>\$9,400.00</u>

Submitted by,

Budget Committee

Armen P. Kalbian
Philip Arpiarian
Charles Sarajian

to Parish Council

MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL REPORT

The Executive Officers for the year 1973 were:

Richard Assolian	Chairman
Zaven Hovsepian	Vice Chairman
Philip Arpiarian	Recording Secretary
Herbert Takakjian	Corresponding Secretary
Paul Takakjian	Treasurer
Armen Kalbian	Advisor
Charles Sarajian	Advisor

The Men's Club continues to have partial success. Approximately 15 members are active and can be counted upon to perform when called. The balance of the membership continues to be inactive and uninterested.

Eight meetings were held during the year. Of special interest were the Wine Tasting in June and Mr. A. Tarzian's informative talk on Armenian stamps and coins in November. A theater party was also held -- all three of these events were attended by the wives.

Last year, the Men's Club continued its sponsorship of the church basketball. The representative at the Armenian Sports Association was Mr. R. Borgersen and the coaches for the year were Aram Aramian for the Seniors and R. Borgersen for the Juniors.

One of the most enjoyable activities of the year is the Bowling Club which meets every Tuesday at Bowler City. This year's chairman is Zaven Hovsepian and the Secretary/Treasurer is Philip Arpiarian.

As in the past two communion breakfasts were served at Easter and at Christmas. The Men's Club assisted the Parish Council in its various activities such as the Picnic, Holy Cross Week and the Bazaar.

The future of the Men's Club will be dependent on its ability to attract stronger leadership and a more interested membership. Our goal for the coming year is to increase attendance at the membership meetings, and we would appreciate the support and participation of all young men 18 and over. Join us.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Arpiarian
Recording Secretary

MEN'S CLUB FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND - January 1, 1973 \$ 258.53

INCOME

Dues	\$ 120.00
50/50 Raffles	378.00
Donations	167.60
Sports	44.00
Return of deposit of theatre tickets	<u>25.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME 734.60

ORIGINAL BALANCE PLUS INCOME \$ 993.13

DISBURSEMENTS

Flowers	\$ 66.00
Postage	40.00
Refreshments (Wives' Night)	113.64
Sports	232.75
Communion Breakfasts	150.64
Miscellaneous	<u>250.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 853.03

CASH BALANCE - December 31, 1973 \$ 140.10

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Takakjian,
Treasurer

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ՏԵՂԵԿԱԳԻՐ ----- 1973

Ս. Խաչ Եկեղեցւոյ Եկեղեցասէր Տիկ. Միութիւնը բոլորեց արդիւնաւէտ տարի մը եւս թէ նիւթապէս եւ թէ ըտրոյապէս: Ան ունեցաւ ամէն ամիս ան դամական եւ վարչական ժողովներ, 25 - 35 անդամներով, նախագահութեամբ Եկեղեցւոյս Հովիւին, Արժ. Տ. Վարդան ԶԻՆՅ. Մկրտանի:

1973 Յունուար 24 ին տեղի ունեցաւ Վարչական Դիւանի ընտրութիւնը ըստ հետեւեալի.

Սիրարբի	Տօրեան	Ատենապետուհի
Վիքթորիա	Թուխմանեան	Փոխ ատենապետուհի
Արիքնազ	Սարամեան	Ատենադպրուհի
Մէրի	Էրմօեան	Փոխ ատենադպրուհի
Արտեմիս	Գունտարճեան	Գանձապահուհի
Էնն	Չոփուրեան	Փոխ գանձապահուհի
Զեփիւր	Պանտազեան	Բարտերու ատեն.
Լուսի	Տիրատուրեան	Հիւրասիրութիւն
Վիվիըն	Փայուճեան	,,
Մէրի	Զէնեան	Խորհրդական
Անահիտ	Յակոբեան	,,

Միութիւնս ունեցաւ 6 ձեռնարկներ անցեալ տարուան ընթացքին:

Պահոց ճաշ, Մարտ 7 ին. Ճաշի պատրաստութեան յանձնախումբը էին Տիկը. Պայծառ Բաշաեան եւ Վիքթորիա Թուխմանեան իրենց օգնականներով:
ԱնձԳ ՀԻՆԳՇԱՅԻ, Ապրիլ 19 ին. Ս. Պատարագէն եւ օրուան Հաղորդութեան Ենն ետք տեղի ունեցաւ ԶՈՒՅԻ ՃԱՇ. պատրաստութեան յանձնախումբը էին Վ. Թուխմանեան եւ Պայծառ Բաշաեան:

ՄԱՅՐԵՐՈՒ ՕՐ, Մայիս 16 ին. տօնեցինք Մայրերու Օրը լառաւոր ճաշով մը, լանջածաղիկով պատուելով տարուան մայրերը՝ Տիկը. Մարիցա Չուլճեան եւ Պէաթրիս Չուլճեան: Ասոնց կենսագրութիւնը կարդաց Տիկ. Արիքնազ Սարամեան: Վարչութեան ղաղարեալ անդամները՝ Տիկնայք Արշալոյս Բարակեան, Լուսին Չուլճեան եւ Ռոզ Թամալեան, ստացան ըլաք այս առթիւ:

ՊԸՍՈՎ ԵՐՋԱՊՏՈՅՑ Յունիս 13 ին, ղէպի Ազպերի Փարք. տիկնանց զբոսապտոյտը կեդրոն ունեցաւ Վարուժան Ասլանեանի պանդոկը:

ՏՕՆԱՎԱՃԱՌ -- ՊԱԶԱՐ, Տիկ. Միութիւնը այս տարի եւս իր բաժինը բերաւ Եկեղեցւոյս Պազարին, կերակուրներու պատրաստութեամբ, ատենապետութեամբ ֆրլիշա նալպանտեանի եւ Վիքթորիա Թուխմանեանի:

ՄԻՈՒԹԵԱՆՍ ՏԱՐԵԴԱՐՉԸ, Դեկտ. 2 ին, տօնուեցաւ Ճոխ ճաշով մը եւ կուկիկ բազմութեան մը ներկայութեամբ ք: Միութեան 39 երրորդ տարեդարձին առթիւ, վեց անդամներ. ստացան ոսկէ խաչեր իրենց ծառայութեան համար. Տիկնայք Ռոզ Շամլիեան, Պայծառ Ստանպուլեան, եւ Վրճինիա Սահակեան՝ 25 տարուան. Արուսեակ Թոնամեան՝ 10 տարուան. Նուարդ Սվամեան եւ Պայծառ Փուսիկեան՝ 5 տարուան:

ՄԱՍԻ Յանձնախումբի Տիկիները՝ Նուարդ Սվամեան, Հեղինէ Աբգարեան եւ Մէրի Սէրայտարեան, այս տարի եւս շարունակեցին իրենց այս վեհ գործը: Այս տարի ուրախութեամբ ողջուներցինք մեր մէջ երկու նոր անդամներ յանձին Տիկ. Վրճինիա ֆուռուճեանի եւ Տիկ. Սաթենիկ Դաւիթեանի:

1973 տարուան ընթացքին, ցաւով կ'արձանագրենք մահը մեզմէ յաւէտ բաժնւրւած մեր հաւատացեալ անդամուհիներուն՝ Տիկնայք Նուարդ Ուզունեան, ֆլարէնս Փինամեան, Արմենուհի Տիրատուրեան եւ Մարիցա Ոսկիեան. եւ այս առթիւ երախտագիտութեամբ կը յիշենք անոնց մահուան առթիւ փոխան ծաղկեպսակի նուէրներէն Միութեանս յատկացուած բաժինը:

Միութիւնս, ըստ կանոնագրի, իր եկամուտէն յանձնեց 1000 տոլար ծր-
խական խորհուրդին, այս տարի: Ս. ծնունդի առթիւ ալ, Կիրակնօրեայ
Վարժարանի ուսուցիչներուն եւ Միութեանս օգտակար հանդիսացող անձե-
րուն նուէրներ բաշխեց:

Հոկտ. 17 ին, վերընտուեցաւ Միութեանս Վարչական Կազմը 1974 տարուան
համար:

Եզրափակելէ առաջ Եկեղեցասէր Տիկնանց Միութիւնը, այս առթիւ, կուգայ
յայտնել իր խոր շնորհակալութիւնները բոլոր անոնց որոնք իրենց նուէր-
ներով եւ կամ այլ կերպերով օգնեցին այս տարի եւս Եկեղեցւոյս կան-
թեղները մշտավառ պահելու մեր գործին մէջ. ի մասնաւորի մեր ժրաջան
հոգեւոր Հովիւին, Արժ. Տէր Վարդան Քոնյ. Մկրեանին որ միշտ մեզի հետ
եղած է եւ տուած իր հայրական յորդորները:

Ի դիմաց Եկեղեցասէր Տիկնանց Միութեան

Ատենադպրուհի
ԱՐԻՔՍԱԶ ՍԱՐՃՃԱՍՏ

Ատենապետուհի
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LADIES AID FINANCIAL REPORT 1973

BALANCE - December 31, 1972 \$ 1,859.28

INCOME

Lenten Dinner	\$ 860.06	
Maundy Thursday Luncheon	128.01	
Mother's Day Luncheon	67.86	
Bus Ride	31.40	
39th Anniversary Luncheon & Mini-Fair	517.63	
Dues	559.00	
Interest on Bonds	156.84	
Interest on Savings Account	55.70	
Received in lieu of flowers	520.00	
Donations	151.00	
Profit on refreshments - membership meetings	<u>23.80</u>	<u>3,071.30</u>
TOTAL		\$ 4,930.58

DISBURSEMENTS

Transfer of funds to Parish Council	\$ 1,000.00	
Our portion of \$500 Bond to Der Hayr Megherian	100.00	
Floral Crosses - deceased members	186.00	
Printing	81.00	
Postage, cards and telegrams	54.22	
Miscellaneous	162.24	
Christmas Gifts to Pastor, Ann Dadaian and Caretaker	100.00	
Christmas Gifts to Sunday School Teachers and Sunday School	<u>140.00</u>	<u>1,823.46</u>

BALANCE - December 31, 1973 \$ 3,107.12

United States Savings Bonds 3,000.00

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 6,107.12

Savings Account	Hudson United Bank	\$1,723.47
Checking Account	Hudson United Bank	1,328.61
Petty Cash	Hudson United Bank	<u>55.04</u>
		\$3,107.12

LISTING OF BONDS

	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
April 23, 1959	\$1,000.00	M-791-240-H
April 23, 1959	1,000.00	M-792-241-H
April 23, 1959	1,000.00	M-793-242-H

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Artemis Koundakjian, Treasurer

LADIES EDUCATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE - January 1, 1973

Checking Account	\$ 1,431.00
Savings Account	5,450.00
Bonds	3,000.00

RECEIPTS

Dues, Tuition, Books	\$ 166.00
In lieu of flowers	379.00

Donations:

Luncheons	\$ 44.25	
Christmas	33.00	
Easter	83.00	
Other	<u>160.00</u>	320.25

Interest:

Savings Bond	128.30	
Savings Account	<u>552.82</u>	681.12

Hantess & Socials (Net Income)

Lenten Lunch	394.59	
St. Vartanantz	39.86	
Vijag	290.46	
Hantess	395.85	
Card Party	<u>550.16</u>	<u>1,670.92</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS

3,217.29

TOTAL RECEIPTS PLUS ASSETS

\$ 13,098.29

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	1,155.00
Transportation	1,270.00
Flowers	125.50
Printing, Books, Stationery, Postage	191.50
Telephone	196.72
Christmas Party & Gifts	197.74

Donations:

Parish Council	2,000.00	
Diocese	<u>32.50</u>	2,032.50

Miscellaneous

31.57

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

5,200.53

TOTAL ASSETS REMAINING - December 31, 1973

\$ 7,897.76

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Ladies Educational Financial Report

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ANALYSIS OF BALANCE

Savings Account	\$ 6,002.82	
U.S. Bonds	1,000.00	
Checking Account	<u>894.94</u>	\$ 7,897.76

Respectfully submitted,

Felicia Nalbandian
Treasurer

ACYOA ANNUAL REPORT

With the opening of the year of 1973 our ACYOA was ready to continue in the interest of good fellowship towards its members and sister chapters. Our regular meetings continued to be held the second Sunday of each month, while the interchapter meetings were held the first Sunday of each month by the executive board of each chapter. Inter-chapter activities included the ski weekend, dance and picnic.

We started the new year by attending services and Communion breakfast. Afterwards we went ice skating at Rockefeller Plaza. We had our annual Valentine's Day social which proved to be a success. This year we initiated a very profitable fund-raising candy sale.

With the beginning of Spring, we continued our tradition of acting as Parish Council members on Palm Sunday. Following services, a cake sale was held with a substantial profit. For our April activity, we went bike-riding and rowing in Central Park and a good time was had by all. Our annual picnic at Interstate Park was held in May. Past members attended and some of our activities included basketball, volleyball, softball, hiking and an invigorating water fight.

We participated in our church picnic with games and a small raffle. We also held our second beach party at Belmar and Asbury Park. In spite of inclement weather, we still had a roaring time. At our final meeting in June, our elections were held for the upcoming year. The results were as follows:

Chairman	Ron Assolan
Vice Chairman	Kevork Yedibalian
Treasurer	Gloria Kaloustian
Corresponding Secretary	Andrea Arpiarian
Recording Secretary	Seta Tavitian

Also in late June, the ACYOA, along with the Parish Council, sponsored six of our members so that they could attend the Bible Study Program in Elberon. The six were very grateful to both organizations for giving them the opportunity to learn about the Armenian Church and have the Christian fellowship with the other youngsters who attended.

Acting in the interest of our fellow Armenians, the ACYOA continued to sponsor two Armenian orphans abroad. After receiving letters of gratitude from these orphans, we decided to continue our donations to the same individuals each year.

After returning from the summer vacation, we resumed our meeting by having a membership drive and accepting four new members into our organization. We resumed the tradition of serving coffee and cookie refreshments after Divine Liturgy on Sunday.

Last year in the month of October, our activities included a day of horseback riding and a treat at Burger King. For our participation in Holy Cross Week, we donated our services at the cocktail party and two members acted as models for the fashion show. Our members, in conjunction with Sunday School teachers, entertained the youngsters of our parish with a Halloween Party of games and fun. It was also decided that a pledge of \$100.00 will be made towards Holy Cross Week.

In November, we had an annual ACYOA Candlelight Service for Installation of New Officers and Initiation of new members, after which Communion was received by all members.

Concluding the 1973 year, we had our annual alumni Christmas Party which was attended by 40 members of past and present.

On behalf of the ACYOA, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to all those who were involved in making the ACYOA a more learned and prosperous organization. I would also like to personally thank Der Hayr and our faithful advisor, Mrs. H. Assolian and our assistant advisors, Dawn Foronjy, Steve Shenloogian and Nish Bozoyan for their precious time and contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Assolian,
Chairman

ACYOA FINANCIAL REPORT

The ACYOA Financial Report will be

furnished and published

at a later

date.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

The Sunday School (1973) has to date a registration of 76 pupils. In September, 1973, Father Vartan appointed Yeretzgin Megherian and Zaven Hovsepien to serve as co-superintendents. The rest of the Staff consists of the following teachers and assistants and numbers 13 in all.

Joyce Henning, Supervisor - Primary Department

Teachers:

1. Phillip Arpiarian
2. Alice Bozoyan
3. Sylvia Bozoyan
4. Mary Ann Buruchian
5. Barbara Chooljy
6. Alice Doudoukjian
7. Zarmi Megherian
8. Rae Metjian
9. Barbara Nakashian
10. Debbie Takakjian

David Kalbian, Assistant

Ronald Assolian, Assistant

In the year 1973 we had six graduates of which two are now with Sunday School serving as Assistants: David Kalbian and Ronald Assolian.

The Sunday School participated in two Communion services, a Halloween and Christmas Party. During Holy Cross Week our pupils donated \$51.65 to the church.

On behalf of the Sunday School Teaching Staff and myself, I would like to express our thanks to the Parish Council and Ladies Aid for their gifts at Christmas. To the Men's Club for the Breakfasts they serve us after Communion. To the teachers go my thanks for coming Sunday after Sunday and giving their time to teach our children in Sunday School.

The year 1973 has been a year of re-organization. The second half of the year Yeretzgin Megherian re-classified all the students by grade instead of by age, as has been the practice in our school, and it proved to work out very well.

To Der Hayr goes our thanks for his help throughout the year.

Our thanks to the parents who take the time every Sunday to bring their children to Sunday School.

My thanks go to Yeretzgin for all she has done to advance our Sunday School. And most of all we thank God.

Respectfully submitted,

Zaven Hovsepien,
Co-Superintendent

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

For Year ended December 31, 1973

CASH BALANCE - December 31, 1972 \$ 626.53

RECEIPTS

Sunday Collections and Lenten Donations	\$ 513.29	
Donation from Ladies Aid	<u>50.00</u>	<u>563.29</u>
 TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE		 \$1,189.82

DISBURSEMENTS

Donations:		
Der Hayr's 25th Anniversary	\$ 25.00	
Middle East Schools (sent to Diocese)	71.89	
Textbooks and Supplies	320.43	
Gifts for Sunday School Graduates	26.50	
Flowers for Sunday School Altar	36.00	
Halloween Party Expense	<u>33.39</u>	<u>513.21</u>

CASH BALANCE - December 31, 1973 \$ 676.61

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Joyce Henning,
Treasurer

CHOIR ANNUAL REPORT

The Holy Cross Church Choir continued to serve our Church faithfully during the past year. Under the leadership of Choirmaster, Miss Ann Dadaian and Assistant Choirmaster, Mrs. Arpena Sbarbaro, our Church Choir remains one of the very best, and we are very grateful to them for their efforts.

Rehearsals were held on occasions to prepare for the various Church feast days. Although several attempts have been made to hold choir rehearsals on a regular basis, unfortunately, the attendance has been poor. We are trying to find ways to remedy this situation.

The following individuals were instrumental in making our Badarak more beautiful and spiritually gratifying: Head Organist, Miss Lucy Soovajian and Assistants, Miss Dawn Foronjy and Mr. Bart Sarkisian; Senior Deacons, Messrs. Krikor Bendian and Mardiros Katoonagian, ably assisted by Messrs. Hagop Hovsepian, Thomas Dabakian, Sarkis Boghosian and Hagop Kradjian. This year, we are very honored to have the services of Deacon Krikor Maksoudian whose knowledge of the Church hymns and his beautiful voice are such an asset to us.

On November 4 we were gratified that two of our altar servers, Hagop Hovsepian and Thomas Dabakian were elevated to the rank of "ooraragirs" by His Grace Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate. We congratulate them and are very proud they are a part of our choir.

The Choir has approximately 25 members of which approximately 15 attend Church regularly. This year also, Mr. Sarkis Ohanian was welcomed as a new member of our choir.

The Choir's Executive Committee consists of Mrs. Arpena Sbarbaro, Mr. Levon Jambazian, Mr. Haig Najarian, Mrs. Vivian Hovsepian and Mr. Mardiros Katoonagian. Mr. Thomas Dabakian, Parish Council member was the liaison between the choir and Parish Council.

Our primary goal remains to be of service to God and our church and together with Der Hayr, the Parish Council and the support of all our parishioners, we will continue to do our utmost in dedicating ourselves toward making our Badarak more spiritually rewarding.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Arpena Sbarbaro
Chairman

CHOIR FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE - January 1, 1973 \$ 423.94

INCOME

Donations and Collections	\$ 187.45	
Collections	<u>136.15</u>	<u>323.60</u>
		747.54

DISBURSEMENTS

Purchase of choir music books	15.00	
25th Anniversary Gift for Der Hayr	<u>25.00</u>	<u>40.00</u>

CASH BALANCE - December 31, 1973 \$ 707.54

Respectfully submitted,

Haig Najarian,
Treasurer