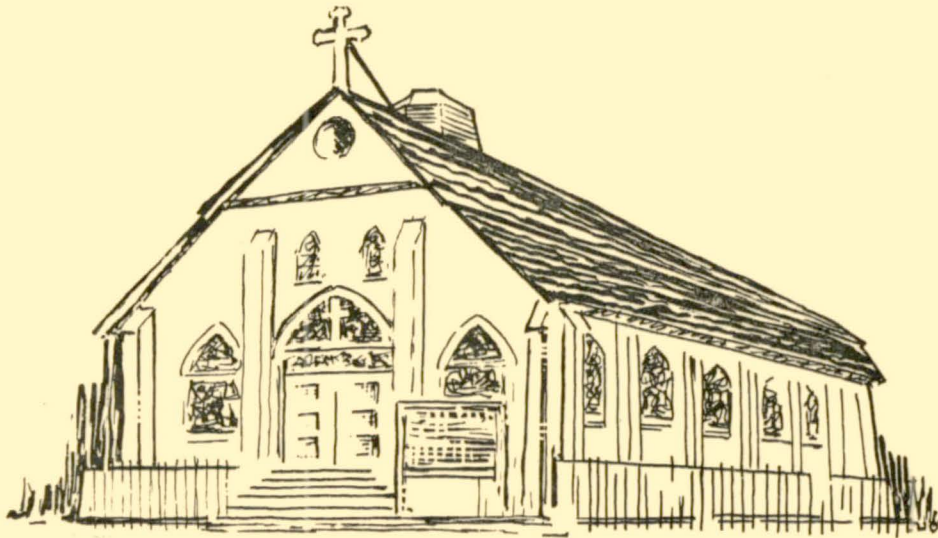


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Holy Cross Armenian Church

UNION CITY, N. J.

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AGENDA FOR PARISH ASSEMBLY

JANUARY 26, 1975

1. Prayer and Opening of Meeting
2. Balloting for Elections:
 - Parish Council: 6 members
 - Diocesan Delegates: 5 members
 - Nominating Committee: 3 members
 - Auditing Committee: 3 members
3. Reading of Minutes of last Assembly after lunch
4. Report of Pastor and Parish Council
5. Reports of Church Organizations
6. Auditing Committee Report
7. Consideration of the Proposed Budget for 1975
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Closing Prayer

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

REV. FATHER VARTAN MEGHERIAN	PASTOR AND PRESIDENT
VARTAN SARKISIAN	CHAIRMAN
DR. HARRY SHENLOOGIAN	VICE CHAIRMAN
CHARLES APKARIAN	RECORDING SECRETARY
ARAM ARAMIAN	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
ANNE HACHADOORIAN	TREASURER
THOMAS DABAKIAN	ASST. TREASURER
GEORGE ATAMIAN	ADVISOR
HAROLD AZMELIAN	ADVISOR
LEON BOGHOSIAN	ADVISOR
GREGORY SHENLOOGIAN	ADVISOR
HERBERT TAKAKJIAN	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, NEW JERSEY

JANUARY 27, 1974

The Annual Meeting of the Holy Cross Armenian Church of Union City, New Jersey was called to order by Mr. John Hovsepien, Chairman of the Parish Council, at 1:45 PM on Sunday, January 27, 1974 in the Church Center in the presence of 71 parishioners. Rev. Fr. Vartan Megherian, Pastor, opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Hovsepien 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 Mrs. Mary Chertaf 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 PM.

Chairman suggested first order of business to be the reading of Minutes of the previous meeting. Motion made to limit said reading to commence on page 7, beginning with the annual report. Motion seconded and carried.

2. MINUTES OF LAST ASSEMBLY - The Chairman asked the Secretary of the Parish Council, Mr. Richard Kalbian to partially read minutes of the 1973 Parish Assembly. 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.

4. REPORT OF PARISH COUNCIL - Mr. Kalbian was called upon again to read the Annual Report of the Parish Council.

5. AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT - Mr. Armen Kalbian presented the report of the Auditing Committee.

6. LADIES AID REPORT - Mrs. Tukmanian was called upon and presented the Annual Report of the Ladies Aid.

7. LADIES EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY - Motion was made and carried to waive reading of report and accepted.

8. MEN'S CLUB - The Chairman read the report of the Men's Club.

9. ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 1974 - Mr. Armen Kalbian read the Annual Budget for 1974.

10. SUNDAY SCHOOL - Yeretzgin reported on the Sunday School - its progress and success.

11. CHOIR ANNUAL REPORT - Motion carried to waive reading of Choir Annual Report.

12. Charles Sarajian submitted the following figures, which were incorporated in the Minutes:

Profit from New Year's Eve Affair 1972	- \$ 476.21
Profit from Anniversary Dinner 1973	- 1,592.31
Profit from Picnic 1973	- 1,183.00

13. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS -

A. Motion made and carried requesting that a proposal be submitted from the Holy Cross Armenian Church to the Diocesan Assembly that Bingo be permitted as a means of raising funds for the Church property.

B. Motion made to increase ANTICIPATED INCOME by adding to the same thereto, a line labeled "Stewardship" \$2,000, as additional income.

C. On last year's motion to spend up to but not to exceed \$3,000, motion made to increase repair and paint to interior of church from \$1,500 to \$3,000, to take care of repairs and any other requirements necessary for repairs to be completed. Motion carried.

14. ELECTIONS - The Nominating Committee consisted of Richard Assoian, Zaven Hovsepian and Paul Takakjian. 95 ballots were cast and the results were reported as follows, each for a two-year term:

PARISH COUNCIL - ELECTED

Thomas Dabakian	73
Herbert Takakjian	62
Charles Apkarian	62
Dr. Harry Shenloogian	56
Anne Hachadoorian	50

ALTERNATES

Paul Takakjian
Hagop Kradjian
Ronald Buruchian
Robert Borgersen
Anna Marie Dallakian

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Richard Assoian
Ann Dadaian
Charles Sarajian

ALTERNATES

Zaven Hovsepian
Richard Kalbian
Virginia Shenloogian

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Armen Kalbian
Philip Arpiarian
Richard Hachadoorian

ALTERNATES

Jack Takakjian
Artemis Koundakjian
Alice Altounian

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

Der Hayr made his closing remarks.

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 Mrs. Chertaf for recording the minutes.

The Meeting adjourned at 5 PM with Der Hayr's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Chertaf

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1974 տարուան ընթացքին, մեր ծուխը, իբրև մէկ մարմին, բոլորեց, ըստ բաւականի, արդիւնաւէտ կեանք մը: Այդ մարմնին բոլոր զործարանները, իւրաքանչիւրը իր կարգին, կատարեցին իրենց պաշտօնը, որ նշանակ է անոր առողջութեան եւ բարեկեանքը: Թեմը ցնցող դէպքեր չպատահեցան թէեւ, բայց, մեր Եկեղեցին ջամբեց հոգեւոր, ընկերային եւ մշակութային սնունդ՝ մեր համայնքին: Կազմակերպութիւնները ունեցան իրենց ձեռնակները այս տարի ամէն տեսակէտէ՝ յաջող: Անոնց տարեկան տեղեկագիրները կը հաստատեն զայդ: Այս տարին, ուրախ եմ ըսելու, որ Ձեր հովիւը առիթ ըրաւ իրեն աւելի մօտէն ճանչնալու իր ծուխը եւ ասիկա պատճառ եղաւ հովիւին եւ ծուխին միջեւ կապի գործցման եւ, հետեւաբար, անդամներուն ի մի զգալուն եկեղեցւոյ կեանքին մէջ:

Հոգեւոր տեսակէտէ՝ բացի արծակուրդի երկու կիրակիներէն, անխափան կատարուած են իմ կողմէ Ս. Պատարագ եւ քարոզ, ամէն կիրակի եւ այլ տօնական օրերուն՝ ինչպէս ծնունդի եւ Ջատկի ճրագալոյցներուն, Յունուար 6 ին, Ս. Վարդանանց, Աւագ Հինգաբլիին եւ Համբարձման: Կատարած ենք նաեւ Արեւազալի եւ Հսկումի ժամերգութիւնը Մեծ Պահքի կիրակիներուն եւ Չորեքշաբթի երեկոներուն: Այս առիւ կը փափաքիմ իմ շնորհակալութիւններս յայտնել Եկեղեցւոյս Աւագ Սարկաւագ Տօթ. Գրիգոր Մազուտեանի, անոր ոչ միայն պաշտամանց մասնակցութեան, այլ նաեւ ատեն ատեն քարոզախօսութեամբ ինձի օգնած ըլլալուն համար: Իմ գնահատանքս նաեւ Եկեղեցւոյս ղարապետին էնն Տէտէեանի, իր օգնական Արփինէ Սպարապրօի, երգեհոնը նուագողներուն՝ Լուսի Սվաճեանի, Տօն ֆրունճիի, Վարդան Սարգիսեանի եւ Դարաց Դասի անդամներուն եւ ինչպէս նաեւ Ս. Խորանի սպասարկողներուն՝ Ուրարակիրը Մ. Խաթունակեանի, Գ. Պէնտեանի, Յ. Յովսէփեանի եւ Թ. Տապաքեանի որոնք ամէն կիրակի ներկայ ըլլալով պայծառացուցին Ս. Եկեղեցին: Այս առիւ շնորհակալութեան խօսք ունիմ նաեւ նուպար Տօրեանի, ֆիլիփ Արփիարեանի, Ջաւէն Յովսէփեանի եւ Լուծֆիկ Շախազեանի, որոնք, ընդ առաջ երթալով խնդրանքիս, ինձի եւ Գրիգոր Սրկ. Մազուտեանի հետ, իրենց կարգին, հոգեւոր մտածականներ ըրին Մեծ Պահքի հսկումի արարողութեանց:

Այս տարուան ընթացքին, իմ ձեռամբ կատարուած են Եկեղեցւոյ մէջ 4 մը կրտուծիւն, 10 պսակ եւ 29 թաղում: Նշմարելի է որ այս տարի աւելի եղած են մկրտութիւնները եւ պսակները անցեալ տարուան վրայ: Ասիկա ուրախութիւն առթող երեւոյթ է մեր բոլորին համար:

Այս տարի ունեցած եմ աւելի թիւով հոգեւոր երաաստուութեան պահեր: Այս արդիւնք է անշուշտ ծխականներուն՝ հովիւը աւելի մօտէն ճանչնալուն: Ասկէ գտն, անդրանիկ պարտականութիւն նկատած եմ այցելութիւններով եւ ս. հաղորդութիւն մատակարարումով միխթարել ծուխիս հիւանդները թէ հիւանդանոցներու եւ թէ տուններու եւ ինչպէս նաեւ էմբրսընի Հայ ծերանոցի մէջ:

Մշակութային տեսակէտէ՝ ինձի պաշտօն նկատած եմ բանախօսութիւններ ընել Հայոց եւ Եկեղեցւոյ մասին կազմակերպութիւններուն: Հրաւիրած եմ Օժանդակ կազմակերպութեանց ժողովներուն եւ ձեռնարկներուն այլ անձեր՝ խօսելու եւ մշակութային խումբեր՝ ներկայացնելու, օրինակ Արշին Մալալան, Տիկնանց Կրթասիրացի իբրեւ ձեռնարկ, եւ Անի Երգի եւ Պարի Անսամպլը՝ Եկեղեցասէր Տիկնանց Միութեան 40 ամեակի հանդիսութեան, ի խնդիր համայնքիս մշակութային կեանքի հարստացման:

1974 տարուան ընթացքին, յանձն առած եմ տնօրէնութիւնը Եկեղեցւոյս Հայ Դպրոցին եւ դասաւանդած եմ մեծ դասարանին հայերէն եւ քերականութիւն ինչպէս նաեւ հայոց պատմութիւն՝ դպրոցի աշակերտներուն: Ի դէպ է յիշել այստեղ որ ամէն ջանք կատարած ենք մեր կիրակնօրեայ դպրոցի յառաջդիմութեան համար: Այս առիւ շնորհակալութիւն կը փափաքիմ յայտնել տեսչուհի երեցկին Եւզին Մկրեանի եւ Կիրակնօրեայի բոլոր պաշտօնէականներուն, ինչպէս նաեւ հայ դպրոցի ուսուցիչներուն, իրենց նուիրումին համար:

Վարչական տեսակէտէ՝ իմ ներկայութիւնս Հոգաբարձութեան ժողովներուն եւ կազմակերպութիւններուն՝ կազմած է մաս իմ գործիս: Ասկէ զատ պահած եմ տոմարները խորհրդակատարութեանց եւ թղթակցութիւնները գրասենեակէն ներս: Այս առթիւ իմ շնորհակալութիւններս կը յայտնեմ էնն՝ Տէտէեանի, Սիլվիա Պոզոեանի եւ Ջարմի Մկրեանի, որոնք սիրայօժար եւ կամաւոր անձնուիրութեամբ կը կատարեն գրասենեակի գրենական գործերուն յանձնացումը: Ասոնցմէ զատ, մեր եկեղեցւոյ թերթիկին՝ Վիժէնի խմբագրութեան գործը ամբողջութեամբ իմ պարտականութիւնս նկատած եմ: Այս առթիւ իմ գնահատանքս կ'երթայ Տիկ. էնն Հաքատուրեանի, որ ինծի կ'օգնէ համայնքի լուրերը գրելով: Վիժէնի տպագրութեան եւ ծալելու գործերը, իմ խնդրանքիս վրայ, հակառակ որ մեր եկեղեցւոյ չեն պատկանիր, ձրիօրէն յանձն առած են Պրն. Եփրեմ Բէօրեան եւ Պրն. Տոմինիք, որոնց կը յայտնեմ Ձեր կողմէն ալ, հրապարակաւ եւս իմ խոր շնորհակալութիւններս: Վերջին երկու թիւերուն, ինչպէս նաեւ յետ այսու ալ հնար եղածին չափ, անգլերէն տպագիր գիրերով շարուածքը կը նուիրէ Հարրիտ Բարակեան, որուն նաեւ՝ մեր շնորհակալութիւնները:

Ինծի համար հաճոյք էր աշխատիլ մեր կազմակերպութեանց հետ, որոնց նուիրումը իրենց սուրբ եկեղեցիին, ամէն գնահատանքէ վեր է: Եկեղեցասէր Տիկնանցը կը կազմէ սիւնը եկեղեցւոյ. Կրթասիրացը փարած է հայ դպրոցին. այդ տիկիներուն հպարտութիւնն է միշտ բաց պահել հայ դպրոցը: Այրերու խումբը այս տարի շատ յաջող յայտագրով գործունէութիւն մը ունեցաւ, իրենց տիկիներն ալ հրաւիրելով ժողովներուն եւ ձեռնարկներուն: Երիտասարդաց Կազմակերպութիւնը նոյնպէս գործունեայ տարի մը բոլորեց: Կարժէ յիշել սուրբ պատարագէն ետք իրենց տուած սուրճի սպասարկութիւնը, որ տարուկ ընկերակցութիւն ստեղծելու կը ծառայէ: Իմ խոր շնորհակալութիւններս մեր եկեղեցւոյ կազմակերպութիւններուն, Աստուծոյ վարձատրութիւնը կը հայցենք իրենց: Մեր գնահատութիւնը կ'երթայ նաեւ Հոգաբարձութեան եւ մեր թեմական պատգամաւորներուն՝ որոնք ս. եկեղեցւոյս բերին իրենց բոլորանուէր ծառայութիւնը:

Առ հասարակ մարդեր յաջողութիւնը կը չափեն դրամական : : : եկամուտով: Փառք Աստուծոյ որ տնտեսական տագնապ չունինք այլեւս. բայց, ինծի համար մանաւանդ կարեւորը այն հոգեւոր մթնոլորտն է որուն մէջ եկեղեցւոյ զաւակները կ'եղբայրանան: Մեր եկեղեցին այցելող հիւրեր ինծի ըսած են որ, հակառակ մեր համայնքի փոքրութեան, աւելի հաւատացեալներ տեսած են եւ հոգեւորապէս հարստացած եւ ներշնչուած զգացած են ամէն անգամ որ ներկայ եղած են մեր եկեղեցւոյ պաշտամանց: Այս վկայութիւնը կը նկատեմ իմ ամենամեծ վարձատրութիւնս:

Կ'աղօթեմ որ Աստուած ինք ընդունելի ընէ մեր սրտէն իրեն տուածները եւ մեր եկեղեցին իր պաշտօնը կատարէ լիով ի ի փառս իրեն եւ ի հոգեւոր շինութիւն համայնքիս հայոց:

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PASTOR'S REPORT

1974

During 1974 our parish, as a whole, rounded out another year of productive living. Each of the organs of that body performed its functions in its own way, which is indicative of its health and well-being. Although no spectacular events took place, our church gave spiritual, social and cultural nourishment to our community. The organizations of the parish achieved successful results in every way this year; their annual reports confirm this statement. I am happy to say that your pastor used this year to know his parish more closely, and this became a cause for stronger ties to exist between pastor and parish, hence a feeling of oneness.

In the area of spiritual activities, Divine Liturgy was celebrated and sermon delivered by me every Sunday (with the exception of vacation time) and on various feasts which fell on weekdays; namely, the eves of Theophany and Easter, Theophany (January 6), St. Vartanantz, Maundy Thursday and Ascension Day. Lenten Arevakal services and Wednesday eve peace and rest services were also held. This year, again, Christmas Eve Candlelight service was held in English which was well received and well attended. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to our Arch-deacon, Dr. Krikor Maksoudian, not only for his participation in the services, but also for his help to me in delivering sermons from time to time. My appreciation goes also to our Choir-master, Ann Dadaian, her assistant, Arpena Sbarbaro, our organists, Lucy Soovajian, Dawn Foronjy, Vartan Sarkisian, and to all the choir members, as well as to the altar servers, Stolebeareres, Mardiros Katoonagian, Krikor Bendian, Hagop Hovsepian and Tom Dabakian, who, being present every Sunday at the worship services, added to the embellishment thereof. I have words of thanks also to Nubar Dorian, Philip Arpiarian, Zaven Hovsepian and Lud Shahbazian who, according to my request, shared with me and Deacon Maksoudian the devotionals given on consecutive Wednesdays during the Lenten services.

During 1974, I have performed 4 Baptisms, 10 weddings and 29 funerals. It is significant that we have had more baptisms and weddings this year than we had last year. This is gladdening and promising to me, and I am sure, to you also. I have had more occasions for pastoral counseling this year as a result of our parishioners getting to know their pastor more closely. I have been able to assist them in making arrangements for social service. In addition, I have considered it a paramount duty to console our sick and elderly by visiting them and by administering Holy Communion, either at the hospitals, in the homes, or at the Armenian Home for the Aged in Emerson.

In the field of cultural activity, I have considered it part and parcel of my work to give talks to the organizations of the parish, enlightening them on Armenian traditions and church doctrines. I have also been instrumental in in seeing to it that invited guests also gave talks on performances, such as "Arshin Malalan" sponsored by the Ladies Educational Society and The Ani Song and Dance Ensemble at the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the

Women's Guild. During 1974, I assumed the supervision of the Mesrobian Armenian School, as well as serving as teacher of the oldest pupils, and I have given Armenian history lessons to the entire student body.

It is fitting to mention here also that every effort has been made for the progress of the church Sunday School. I take this opportunity to express my thanks to Superintendent Yerezgin Yefkin Megherian and to the staff of the Sunday School, as well as to the teachers of the Armenian School for their dedication.

In the area of administrative activity, my presence at the meetings of the Parish Council and Parish auxiliaries has been a part of my work. The daily routines of the office work, including record keeping and correspondence have been done regularly. On this occasion, I would like to thank Ann Dadaian, Sylvia Bozoyan and Zarmi Megherian, who willingly and voluntarily carry out the secretarial tasks of the office. In addition, I have taken on the responsibility of editing our church paper, VISION. My thanks goes to Mrs. Anne Hachadoorian for regularly providing Community items. The offset printing and folding jobs have been done gratis, upon my request, by Mr. Ephriam Keurian and Mr. Dominick Capodiferro, who, although not members of the parish, nevertheless deserve our public thanks once again. The English typesetting of the last two issues and as many future ones as possible, is the contribution of Mr. Harold Paragian of our parish whom we thank on this occasion.

It has been a pleasure to work with our Church Organizations whose devotion and sacrifice to our Holy Church deserve our every appreciation. The Women's Guild form the pillar of our church. The Ladies Educational Society is devoted to the Armenian School and takes pride in seeing to it that the school remains always open. The Men's Club had a well-programmed successful activity during 1974, inviting their wives also to their meetings and events. The ACYOA also completed a year full of activities. It is worthy to mention their coffee hour after the Divine Liturgy every Sunday which serves to create a warm fellowship among the parishioners. My appreciation and praise goes to all our parishioners and organizations, especially to our hard-working and devoted ladies as well as to the Parish Council members and Diocesan Delegates; may God reward them all for their efforts and dedication on behalf of our church.

In general, people measure success by monetary income. Thank God we no longer have a financial crisis. However, for me the importance lies in having a spiritual atmosphere in which the children of the church feel brotherly love toward each other. Visitors to our church have expressed to me that, despite the small numbers of our parish, they have seen more faithful worshipping, and they have felt spiritually enriched and inspired everytime they attended our worship services. This testimony I consider my greatest reward.

May the Lord Himself illumine our paths so that we, with full appreciation of our duties, may walk toward the future and toward His glory.

FATHER VARTAN MEGHERIAN

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

1974

At the General Membership Meeting of the Holy Cross Armenian Church held on January 27, 1974, five(5) Parish Council members were elected and with the Primate's approval, the following officers were elected:

Chairman	Vartan Sarkisian
Vice Chairman	Dr. Harry Shenloogian
Recording Secretary	Charles Apkarian
Corresponding Secretary	Aram Aramian
Treasurer	Anne Hachadoorian
Assistant Treasurer	Thomas Dabakian
Advisor	George Atamian
Advisor	Harold Azmelian
Advisor	Leon Boghosian
Advisor	Gregory Shenloogian
Advisor	Herbert Takakjian

During 1974, the Parish Council met 17 times on a monthly and semi-monthly schedule to attend to the parish needs. Mr. Vartan Sarkisian and Rev. Fr. Vartan Megherian made the following committee assignments:

Bazaar:	Charles Apkarian, George Atamian, Jack Takakjian
Picnic:	Herbert Takakjian, Leon Boghosian, Gregory Shenloogian
Ways and Means:	Aram Aramian, John Hovsepien
Building Maintenance:	Deran Chopoorian, Chairman George Atamian, Charles Apkarian
Inventory:	Thomas Dabakian
Altar Care:	Vartan Sarkisian, Chairman Hagop Hovsepien, Mardiros Katoonagian
Publications & Public Relations:	Anne Hachadoorian, Chairman Nubar Dorian, Ann Dadaian, Father Vartan Megherian and a representative from each church organization.
Gifts & Honoraria:	Harold Azmelian, Chairman Thomas Dabakian, Vartan Sarkisian

Youth Activities:	Aram Aramian, Chairman
Women's Guild Liaison:	Vartan Sarkisian
ACYOA Liaison:	Aram Aramian
Choir Liaison:	Thomas Dabakian
Sunday School Liaison:	George Atamian
Armenian School Liaison:	Charles Apkarian

A. ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC - under the fine leadership of Herbert Takakjian, Leon Boghosian and Gregory Shenloogian the picnic was very successful in spite of the inopportune rain that prevailed.

B. ANNUAL BAZAAR - Thanks to the continued diligence and untiring efforts of Co-Chairmen George Atamian and Charles Apkarian, a record \$9,500. was raised. Imaginative sidewalk sales and unique contributions were instrumental in adding to the magnificent cuisine prepared by the Women's Guild and Ladies Educational Society. Special thanks are in order for each volunteer who worked in merchandise, food and game booths, raffle sellers, ticket distributors and refreshment booths. Particular remembrance to Mary Ann Baruchian, Aram Atamian and Dolores Apkarian who prepared 450 lahmajouns by themselves with the assistance of the Toufayan Bakery. Vay Najarian must be singly cited for his very timely and generous contributions.

C. SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS - The following Sacraments have been celebrated by Father Vartan and have been duly recorded in the 1974 Parish Registry:

1. Baptisms - 4 and 1 adult
2. Weddings - 10
3. Funerals - 29
4. Home blessings were also performed according to the needs and requests of the parishioners.

D. RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES. During the year, Father Vartan presented lectures on the Armenian Church to the auxiliary organizations. During Lent, Wednesday evenings, devotionals were given by our Der Hayr, Dr. Krikor Maksoudian, Nubar Dorian, Zaven Hovsepian, Philip Arpiarian and Lud Shahbazian.

E. PUBLICATIONS & OFFICE WORK. Our Parish Paper, the VISION was published eleven times (11) during the year. The editorial work was done by Der Hayr and Mrs. Anne Hachadoorian who worked cooperatively preparing news items as they became current while Miss Zarmi Megherian did the typing. In addition, many special bulletins, announcements and invitations were mailed to some 600 recipients.

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 many office hours keeping correspondence in both English and Armenian.

F. VISITATIONS. Throughout the year, Der Hary 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.

G. ENVELOPE SYSTEM - There are now 81 parishioners who are making weekly contributions through the Envelope System in 1974. Through this system, the Church has realized the sum of \$1,964.95.

H. PARISH CENSUS - Under the supervision of Richard Hachadoorian, the Census Report was thoroughly and completely prepared, New policy regulations were recommended by the committee and adopted as guide lines by the Parish Council to determine the best methods of servicing our church community.

I. CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS - Throughout the year, the following organizations worked with dedication and in harmony to enrich the life of our Parish: The Women's Guild, 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.

J. DIOCESAN DELEGATES - Together with Der Hayr, our Diocesan Delegates Deran Chopoorian, Nubar Dorian, Richard Hachadoorian, Lud Shahbazian, and Edward Turnamian attended the Annual Diocesan Assembly held May 3 and 4 at the Diocesan Headquarters in New York, N. Y., 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.

K. 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.

L. 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. During the absence of our Der Hayr, who was away on vacation, guest clergy, Very Rev. Muron Gurjikian and Rev. Artoon Sempadian, officiated in our church on July 27 and August 4.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We express our deep and sincere gratitude and obedience to His Grace The Most 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. Sirarpie Dorian of the Women's Guild; Mrs. Alice Najarian of the Ladies Educational Society; Mr. Richard Assolian of the Men's Club; Mr. Kevork Yediballian of the ACYOA; Mrs. Arpena Sbarbaro of the Choir; to Miss Lucy Soovajian, Organist; to Miss Dawn Foronjy and Mrs. Bart Sarkisian, Assistant Organists; to our Deacons Messrs. Krikor Bendian and Mardiros Katoonagian, Thomas Dabakian and Hagop Hovsepian; to Arch-Deacon Krikor Maksoudian; and to Sarkis Boghosian and 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 as well as to Miss Sylvia Bozoyan for doing valuable service in the office work during the year.

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.

Thanks to Mr. Ephrem Kevrian of Alexander Offset Co., New York and Mr. Domenick Capodiferro of Apollo Bindery Company, College Point, N. Y., for offsetting and folding of the VISION.

We must also thank Mr. Lud Shahbazian for his design of the flyers for the church picnic and annual bazaar.

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. Fr. 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,

CHARLES APKARIAN
Secretary

REV. FR. VARTAN MEGHERIAN
Pastor-President

VARTAN SARKISIAN
Chairman

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

1974

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>
Membership dues, pledge envelopes and plate collections	\$ 4,196.30	\$ 4,417.30
Donations:		
Christmas	3,789.00	2,772.00
Easter	3,513.00	3,537.00
Ladies Aid	1,500.00	1,000.00
Ladies Educational	-	2,000.00
Affairs:		
Picnic	2,469.75	2,640.00
Bazaar/Holy Cross Week	9,122.20	12,888.03
Holy Cross Week Pledges	7,545.00	6,990.00
New Year's Eve	982.50	2,251.27
Church Improvements - Stained Glass Windows	500.00	1,600.00
Christenings-weddings-funerals	1,730.00	975.00
In lieu of flowers	3,445.50	4,384.00
Candelabras and candles	1,077.15	915.87
Sacraments and prayers	2,011.00	1,873.00
Dividends and Interest	397.35	226.02
Center Rentals	760.00	250.00
Building fund-Renovation Church Center	-	250.00
Other donations	890.00	-
Miscellaneous	40.00	-
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<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>\$43,968.75</u>	<u>\$49,418.59</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries and travel	\$14,080.80	\$14,675.85
Diocesan dues and assessments	7,694.94	5,534.00
Insurance	2,599.90	3,615.76
Gas, Electric and water	1,963.68	1,494.21
Fuel Oil	1,628.30	860.51
Building Maintenance and Improvements	1,422.86	2,178.23
Church Improvements - stained glass window - Church door	501.00	1,150.00
Office expense and postage	795.54	1,006.85
Telephone	619.46	652.00
Looma to Diocese	200.00	200.00
Church supplies	35.80	440.63
Newsletters-Parish publications-other	56.19	284.00
Honorariums and Visitations	100.00	175.00
Christmas Gifts	560.00	-
Sunday School teachers; diplomas and gifts	460.45	85.00

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<u>DISBURSEMENTS (continued)</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>
Religious Seminar-student expenses	\$ 185.00	\$ 300.00
Flowers, Altar, Easter, Palms, Mothers' Day	112.75	106.75
Miscellaneous	158.13	289.01
Candles	624.46	-
Center Expenses ?	3,444.84	2,674.78
Expenses of Affairs		
Bazaar expenses	3,011.58	-
Picnic expenses	1,623.25	1,500.03
New Year's Eve expenses	728.31	1,194.54
Holy Cross Week expenses	23.61	6,791.29
Equipment-Addressograph Mailer	525.00	-
Donations	110.00	-
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<u>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>\$43,265.85</u>	<u>\$45,208.84</u>
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER DISBURSEMENTS	702.90	4,209.75
CASH BALANCE, JANUARY 1	<u>12,117.61</u>	<u>7,907.86</u>
CASH BALANCE, DECEMBER 31	<u><u>\$12,820.51</u></u>	<u><u>\$12,117.61</u></u>

ANALYSIS OF CASH BALANCE - December 31, 1974.

Checking account - Garden State National Bank	\$ 4,421.59	\$ 9,332.61
Savings Account - Garden State National Bank	5,898.92	285.00
Time deposit - Atlantic Bank, New York, N.Y.	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
	<u><u>\$12,820.51</u></u>	<u><u>\$12,117.61</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hachadoorian
Treasurer

ASSETS OF THE HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
(OTHER THAN REAL ESTATE)

DECEMBER 31, 1974

<u>Parish Council Holdings</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>
Time Deposit-Atlantic Bank, N.Y. Cert. #2347	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Checking Account	4,421.59	9,332.61
Savings Account	5,898.92	285.00
*55 shares Public Service Electric&Gas Co.	*	*
*135 shares Mass. Investors Trust	*	*
<u>WOMEN'S GUILD</u>		
Checking Account	1,537.02	1,328.61
U.S. Government Bonds	3,000.00	3,000.00
Savings Account	2,283.24	1,723.47
Petty Cash	39.61	55.04
<u>LADIES EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY</u>		
Checking Account	762.42	894.94
Savings Accounts (2/Time Deposit)	6,362.12	6,002.82
U.S. Government Bonds	1,000.00	1,000.00
<u>CHURCH CHOIR</u>		
Checking Account	819.54	707.54
<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>		
Checking Account	793.98	676.61
<u>MEN'S CLUB</u>		
Checking Account	681.66	140.10
<u>ACYOA</u>		
Checking Account/Cash on Hand	233.99	*
Savings Account	208.74	*
Petty Cash	51.45	*
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	\$30,594.28**	\$27,646.74**

* These figures will be reported when they become available.

** These figures will vary when the PSE&G Co., Mass. Investors Trust shares and ACYOA (1973) financial data are added.

PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET

PARISH COUNCIL - 1975

ANTICIPATED EXPENSE

Annual Dues

Diocese and Looma (See Note) \$ 11,340.00

Salaries and travel allowances 14,800.00

Building and Operating Expenses

Maintenance and repair of Church and
Parish House \$ 1,500.00
Gas, heat, light and water 4,000.00
Church Center expenses 4,000.00
Insurance (includes Clergy insurance) 2,600.00 12,100.00

Property Improvement

Interior Painting (Church and Altar) 1,700.00

Office Expenses

Office expense and postage 800.00
Newsletters and Parish publications 100.00
Telephone 700.00
Church supplies and candles 700.00
Honorariums and religious seminars 960.00
Miscellaneous 300.00

TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENSES \$ 43,500.00

ANTICIPATED INCOME

Membership dues, plate collections and
holiday donations \$ 11,000.00
Pledges and stewardships 6,800.00
Christenings, weddings and funerals 1,500.00
In lieu of flowers 3,000.00
Hokehankists and prayers 2,000.00
Candelabras and prayers 1,000.00
Dividends and interest 450.00
Net proceeds from Bazaar, Picnic and other affairs 7,000.00
Donations (other than Christmas and Easter) 750.00
Miscellaneous-Center rentals 500.00

TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME \$ 34,000.00

ANTICIPATED DEFICIT:

To be financed from existing Cash Balances
and donations from other Church Organizations \$ 9,500.00

(continued...)

NOTES TO BUDGET:

NOTE: BREAKDOWN OF ANNUAL DUES:

1975 - Looma	\$ 200.00	
1975 - Diocesan Dues	4,640.00	
1975 - Stewardship	2,000.00	
1971-1972-1973 Unpaid obligations consisting of 1972 Diocesan Special Assessment, 1971 Emergency Drive and 1973 Stewardships	<u>5,200.00</u>	\$ 12,040.00
Prior years' Stewardship credits		<u>700.00</u>
		<u>\$ 11,340.00</u>

PROGRESS REPORT ON HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN
CHURCH WEEK PLEDGES MADE FOR
1973 THROUGH 1976

Total amount pledged during Holy Cross Week		\$21,225.00
Payments made in 1973 -	\$6,771.67	
Payments made in 1974 -	<u>7,545.00</u>	<u>14,316.67</u>
BALANCE DUE		\$ 6,908.33

Balance to be paid as follows:

1975 -	\$6,233.33	
1976 -	<u>675.00</u>	
	<u>\$6,908.33</u>	\$ <u>6,908.33</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Hachadoorian
Chairman, Pledge Committee

MEN'S CLUB - ANNUAL REPORT

The Executive Officers for the year 1974 were:

Richard Assoian	Chairman
Zaven Hovsepian	Vice Chairman
Philip Arpiarian	Recording Secretary
Herbert Takakjian	Corresponding Secretary
Paul Takakjian	Treasurer

Many changes were made in the Men's Club in 1974. For the first time our wives were invited to every meeting and a sincere effort was made to make each meeting an entertainment success.

Responsibility for the various events was shared by six different chairman, one for each meeting. Our attendance was good to excellent and our new officers recently elected have chosen to follow the same format.

Our outstanding events of the year were horse racing, wine tasting, gourmet dinner and Christmas party. The Men's Club continued to sponsor the church basketball team under the direction of Aram Aramian.

The Bowling Club which meets every Tuesday at Bowler City in Hackensack is still a complete success and is thoroughly enjoyed by all who participate. This year's President is Zaven Hovsepian and Dr. Richard Altounian, Secretary.

As in the past, the Men's Club prepared Communion breakfast at Christmas and Easter and assisted the Parish Council in its various activities throughout the year.

The future of the Men's Club seems brighter this coming year. Interest in its activities is on the rise and a strong program for 1975 under our newly elected chairman, Mr. Charles Kuzujian, promises to keep the full support of our members.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Assoian
Chairman

MEN'S CLUB FINANCIAL REPORT - 1974

BALANCE ON HAND - January 1, 1974 \$ 140.10

INCOME

Dues	\$ 400.00
50/50 Raffles	306.00
Donations	30.00
Bingo Night	62.00
Night at the Races	652.00
Other Affairs	<u>62.10</u>

TOTAL INCOME \$ 1,512.10

OPENING BALANCE PLUS INCOME \$ 1,652.20

DISBURSEMENTS

Flowers	\$ 79.75
Postage	65.00
Communion Breakfasts (excess expense over income)	96.98
Refreshments	139.00
Armenian Church Sports Association	250.00
Printing 50/50 tickets	37.00
Night at Races	188.50
Bingo Night	45.27
Other Affairs	<u>69.04</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 970.54

CASH BALANCE - December 31, 1974 \$ 681.66

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Takakjian
Treasurer

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1974 ՏԱՐԵՇՐՁԱՆԻ ՏԵՂԵԿԱԳԻՐ

Եկեղեցասէր Տիկնանց Միութիւնը բոլորեց արդիւնաւէտ տարի մը եւս, շնորհիւ իր բոլոր ժրաջան անդամներուն օգնութեան, եւ նիւթական եւ բարոյական զոհաբերութեանց: Միութիւնս ունի մօտ 150 անդամներ: Այս տարի ունեցած է 8ը անդամական եւ 4 վարչական ժողովներ, նախագահութեամբ Եկեղեցւոյս Հովիւ Արժ. Տ. Վարդան Քինյ. Մկրեանի:

Միութիւնս ունեցաւ 6 ձեռնարկներ անցեալ տարուան ընթացքին:

1.- ՊԱՆՈՑ ԺԱՇ, Փետր. 27ին. կերակուրի պատրաստութեան յանձնախումբ ընտրուեցան Մարիցա Զուլմեան եւ Նուարդ Սվաճեան իրենց օգնականներով:

2.- ԱԻԱԳ ՀԻՆԳՇԱԲԹԻԻ ՆԱԽԱՃԱՇ, Ապրիլ 11ին, Սուրբ Պատարագէն եւ օրուան հաղորդութենէն ետք:

3.- ՄԱՅՐԵՐՈՒ ՕՐ, Մայիս 8ին, տօնեցինք փառաւոր ճաշով մը եւ լանչաճաշով պատուեցինք տարուան մայրերը՝ Տիկ. Պայծառ Թէրզեան եւ Տիկ. Ազնիւ Շաքարճեան: Անոնց կենսագրութիւնը կարդաց Արինքնագ Սարաճեան:

4.- ՊԸՍՈՎ ԵՐՁԱՊՏՈՅՏ, Յունիս 12ին, դէպի Էլպրայնի Ս. Աստուածածնի Հայց. Եկեղեցին, ուր մեզ հիւրասիրեցին կէսօրուան եւ իրիկուան ճաշով:

5.- ՏՕՆԱՎԱՃԱԽ Պագար, նոյ. 1 եւ 2 ին. Միութիւնս այս տարի եւս բերաւ իր մեծ բաժինը Եկեղեցւոյս Պագարին: Կերակուրներու պատրաստութիւնը յանձն առին խումբ մը ժրաջան տիկիններ, որոնք բոլորն ալ հաւատարմօրէն աշխատեցան եւ պսակեցին պագարը յաջողութեամբ:

6.- ՄԻՈՒԹԵԱՆՍ 40 ԱՄԵԱԿԻ ՀԱՆԴԻՍՈՒԹԻՒՆ, Դեկտ. 8 ին, Կիրակի օր. ունեցանք ծաշկերոյթ եւ Յայտագիր: Այս առթիւ Անի Երզի եւ Պարի Անսամպլը բեմադրեց մեզի համար: Օրուան առենապետն էր Տիկ. Ճօզէֆին Շահբազեան որ քաղուածներ ըրաւ Միութեան անցեալ եւ ներկայ կեանքէն: Այդ օր ոսկի խաչեր ստացան 9 անդամներ 25 տարուան, մետալներ՝ 3 անդամներ 10 տարուան եւ 8 անդամներ 5տարուան ծառայութեանց համար:

Ունեցանք նաեւ երկու ուրիշ ձեռնարկներ Մշակոյթի օրուան եւ Ս. Ծնունդի առթիւ Տիկնանց Կրթասիրացի հետ:

Հոկտեմբեր 20 ին տեղի ունեցաւ ընտրութիւն: Տիկ. Սիրարփի Տօրեան, առենապետը Միութեանս, չէր կրցած ներկայ գտնուիլ: Ըսուեցաւ որ ան հրրաժարած է: Բայց Տէր Հօր խնդրանքին վրայ ան պիտի շարունակէ իր ծառայութիւնը իբրեւ առենապետ մինչեւ իր շրջանի լրումը: Տիկ. Վիզթորիա Թուխմանեան պիտի շարունակէ օգնել առենապետին: 1975 տարուան Վարչութեան մէջ պիտի ծառայեն նաեւ Տիկնայք Զեփիւր Պանտազեան՝ Փոխ-առենապետ, Արինքնագ Սարաճեան՝ Առենադպիր, Փլորէնս Թագագճեան՝ Թղթակցող հիւանդներու Լուսի Տիրատուրեան՝ քարտուղար, Արտեմիս Գունտագճեան՝ Գանձապահ, Էնն Զոփուրեան՝ Փոխ-գանձապահ, Ռոզ Թամալեան՝ Հիւրասիրութիւն, Սաթենիկ Դաւիթեան՝ Հիւրասիրութիւն, Մէրի Էրմօեան եւ Էլսի Միլթըն՝ Խորհրդականք:

Միութիւնս այս տարի իր եկամուտէն 1500 տուար յանձնեց ծխական Խորհուրդին: Սուրբ Ծնունդի առթիւ, Կիրակնօրեայ Վարժարանի ուսուցիչներուն եւ Միութեանս օգտակար հանդիսացող անձերու նուէրներ բաշխեց:

ՇՆՈՐՀԱԿԱԼԻՔ-- Միութիւնս շնորհակալութիւններ կը յայտնէ բոլոր անոնց որոնք իրենց նուէրներով եւ կամ այլ կերպերով օգնեցին այս տարի եւս Եկեղեցւոյս կանթեղները մշտավառ պահելու: Մասնաւոր շնորհակալութիւններ կը յայտնենք մեր ժրաջան եւ զոհաբերող հոգեւոր հովիւ Արժ. Տէր Վարդան Քինյ. Մկրեանին, որ միշտ մեզի հետ եղած է եւ տուած է իր հայրական յորդորները:

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WOMEN'S GUILD - HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

FINANCIAL REPORT - 1974

BALANCE - December 31, 1973 \$ 3,107.12

INCOME

Profit Parish Assembly Meeting	\$ 118.46	
Lenten Dinner	747.26	
Maundy Thursday Luncheon	51.51	
Mother's Day Luncheon	58.88	
40th Anniversary Luncheon	323.04	
Dues	774.00	
Interest on Bonds	169.50	
Interest on Savings Account	74.56	
Received in lieu of flowers	690.00	
Donations	170.00	
Profit on refreshments - membership meetings	<u>12.97</u>	<u>3,190.18</u>

TOTAL \$ 6,297.30

DISBURSEMENTS

Transfer of funds to Parish Council	\$ 1,500.00	
Floral crosses - deceased members, etc.	175.00	
Printing	101.00	
Postage, cards & telegrams	29.47	
Gold Vrosses	141.00	
Meat grinding machine	150.00	
Loss - Bus Ride	38.00	
Miscellaneous	67.96	
Christmas gifts to Pastor, Ann Dadaian and Caretaker	100.00	
Christmas gifts to Sunday School Teachers and Sunday School	<u>135.00</u>	<u>2,437.43</u>

BALANCE - December 31, 1974 \$ 3,859.87

United States Savings Bonds \$ 3,000.00

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 6,859.87

Savings Account - Hudson United Bank	\$2,283.24
Checking Account - Hudson United Bank	1,537.02
Petty Cash	<u>39.61</u>
	\$3,859.87

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,

Artemis Koundakjian, Treasurer

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1974 ՏԱՐԵՇՐՁԱՆԻ ՏԵՂԵԿԱԳԻՐ

Տիկնանց Կրթասիրաց Միութիւնը, ըստ սովորականի, կեցած է պաշտօնին զլուխը եւ անխոնջ ջանքերով կը շարունակէ մատակարել Հայ Դպրոցի ան-
համար ծախսերը: Միութեանս նպատակն է Հայ Դպրոցը բաց պահել եւ հայ
մանուկին հայերէն լեզուն սորվեցնել:

Ներկայիս ունինք 48 աշակերտ: Պըսի սպասարկութիւնը կանոնաւոր կերպ
պով կը շարունակուի: Ներկայ ուսուցչական կազմը կը բաղկանայ 9 տեւե-
տաւներէն.- Հոգեշ. Հոգեւ Տէր Վարդան Միլոեանի տեսչութեամբ, Պրն. Յա-
րութ Սասունեան, Օր. Սեդա Դաւիթեան եւ Օր. Սիլվիա Պոզոեան, որոնք
ընթացք կուտան դասաւանդութեանց: Տէր Հայրը ստանձնած է բարձրագոյն
դասարանի հայերէնի եւ քերականութեան դասաւանդութիւնը: Միջոց մը
Տէր Հայրը հայոց պատմութիւն ալ կուտայ դպրոցին:

1974ի շրջանին ունեցած ենք 10 անդամական եւ 5 վարչական ժողովներ:
Հոկտեմբեր եւ Դեկտեմբեր ամիսներուն, Եկեղեցասէրին հետ միասին խրախ-
ժանքի հաւաքոյթ ունեցած ենք, Մշակոյթի ամսուան եւ ծնունդի Տօնի առ-
թիւ:

Վարչութեանս ներկայ կազմն է .-- Ալիս Նամարեան՝ Ատենապետ, Սրբու-
հի Եալտզմեան՝ Փոխ-ատենապետ, Ֆիլիշա Նալպանտեան՝ Գանձապահ, Անն Ասա-
տուրեան՝ Փոխ-գանձապահ, Վիքթորիա Թուխմանեան՝ Ատենադպիր, Արշալոյս
Արփիարեան՝ Փոխ-ատենադպիր եւ Անթառամ Թուխմանեան, Խաթուն Եալտզեան,
Թրուտի Թագազմեան, Վիգթորիա Գասապեան՝ Խորհրդականք:

- Դպրոցի ծախսերը ապահովելու համար ունեցած ենք զանազան ձեռնարկներ:
- 1.- Վարդանանց Տօնին առիթով Ս. Պատարագ եւ ճաշ՝ ձրի՝ մանուկներուն:
 - 2.- Մեծ Պահոց ճաշ՝ Միջինքին: 3.- Համբարձման Տօնին՝ Ս. Պատարագ եւ
ճաշ. Տարուան Մայրերն էին Հայկանուշ Պասամեան եւ Պայծառ Հօմրն: Այս
առթիւ Տիկ. Եալտզմեանի պատրաստած դերը ներկայացուեցաւ ներկաներուն:
 - 4.- Հայ Դպրոցի ամսական շնորհքն է ճաշ: 5.- Բարտ Բարթի, Սեպտեմբերին
որ այս տարի չափազանց յաջող ձեռնարկ մը եղաւ Տիկ. Ալիս Նամարեանի ան-
խոնջ աշխատանքին շնորհիւ:

Զանազան առիթներով ունեցած ենք աշակերտական հաւաքոյթներ՝ ինչպէս
ծնունդին, ուր կը բաժնենք նուէրներ աշակերտներուն, ուսուցիչներուն, հո-
վիւնին, ժամկոչին եւ օգնականներուն: Ինչպէս նաեւ Դպրոցի բացումին՝ ուր
թեթեւ ճաշով կը պատուենք արձանագրուած աշակերտները եւ ծնողները:

Մեր խորին շնորհակալութիւնները կը յայտնենք այն բոլոր սգաւորներուն
որ իրենց կսկիծի ցաւին մէջ կը յիշեն հայ դպրոցը բաժին հանելով փոխան օ
ծաղկեպսակի նուէրներէն հայ դպրոցին: Շնորհակալ ենք նաեւ ամէն անոնցմէ
որ կը քաջալերեն հայ դպրոցը թէ նիւթականով եւ թէ իրենց գործունէութեամբ:
Շնորհակալութիւն նաեւ մեր հովիւին ք. մեր ժողովներուն իր տուած յոր-
դորներուն եւ հայ դպրոցին ջամբած իր գուրգուրանքին եւ աշխատանքներուն
համար: Աղօթենք Աստուծոյ որ առաւել յաջողութիւն տայ մեր բոլոր գործե-
րուն որ կարողանանք նոյն եռանդով շարունակել մեր գործը ի նպաստ մեր
զաւակներուն հայեցի դաստիարակութեան:

Ի Դիմաց Տիկնանց Կրթասիրաց Միութեան
ՎԻԳԹՈՐԵԱ- ԹՈՒՆՄԱՆԵԱՆ, Ատենադպիր

LADIES EDUCATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORT

1974

BALANCE - January 1, 1974

Checking Account	\$ 894.91
Savings Account	6,002.82
Bonds	1,000.00

RECEIPTS

Dues, Tuition, Books	\$ 159.00
In lieu of flowers	210.00

Donations:

Luncheons	\$ 14.66	
Other	<u>409.00</u>	423.66

Interest:

Savings Bond	57.50	
Savings Account	<u>359.30</u>	416.80

Hantess & Socials (Net
Income):

Lenten Lunch	486.94	
St. Vartanantz	32.10	
Vijag	178.36	
Hantess	557.99	
Card Party	600.31	
Play - Arshin Malalan	<u>172.30</u>	<u>2,028.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 3,237.46

TOTAL RECEIPTS PLUS ASSETS \$11,135.22

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$ 970.00
Transportation	1,323.00
Flowers	118.00
Printing, Books, Stationery, Postage	159.70
Telephone	204.23
Christmas Party & Gifts	199.46
Miscellaneous	<u>36.29</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 3,010.68

TOTAL ASSETS REMAINING - December 31, 1974 \$ 8,124.54

(continued...)

Ladies Educational Financial Report (continued)

ANALYSIS OF BALANCE

Savings Account	\$ 6,362.12	
U.S. Bonds	1,000.00	
Checking Account	<u>762.42</u>	\$ 8,124.54

Respectfully submitted,

Felicia Nalbandian
Treasurer

ACYOA ANNUAL REPORT

With the opening of the year of 1974, our ACYOA was ready to continue in the interest of good fellowship towards its members and sister chapters. Our regular meetings were held the first Sunday of each month, while the inter-chapter meetings were held sporadically by the executive boards of each chapter. Inter-chapter activities included the ski weekend, dance, picnic and attending a rock concert, the Chicago group.

We started the new year by attending services and Communion breakfast. 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 Van Suan Park was held in May. Past members attended and some of our activities included basketball, volleyball and softball.

We also held our third beach party at Belmar and Asbury Park. A roaring time was had by all. At our final meeting in June, our elections were held for the upcoming year. The results were as follows:

Chairman	Kevork Yedibaitan
Vice Chairman	Seta Tavitian
Treasurer	Edward Sarkisian
Corresponding Secretary	Gloria Kaloustian
Recording Secretary	Andrea Arpiarian

Also in late June, the ACYOA, along with the Parish Council, sponsored five of our members so that they could attend the Bible Study Program. The five 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. After completing three consecutive years of the program, our five members received certificates of graduation. The Bible Study Program was held at the St. Vladimir Seminary in New York State.

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

In November, we had an annual ACYOA Service for Installation of New Officers, after which Communion was received by all members. A successful cake sale followed church services.

ACYOA Report (cont...)

Our plans for a progressive dinner finally became a reality on the first day of December when twenty members and advisors set out to visit four houses and eat whatever was prepared. The result of this adventure was evident on the gleeful faces of everyone present. This wouldn't have been possible without the cooperation of the members and their parents. We thank the parents who participated from the bottom of our hearts. Concluding the 1974 year, we had our annual Christmas party with thirty-five members and alumni present. This was another successful event.

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. Helen Assoian, and our assistant advisors for their precious time and contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevork Yediballian
Chairman

ACYOA FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance - January 1, 1974 \$ 296.87

INCOME:

Miscellaneous (sources not recorded in record book)	\$ 105.42	
Coffee, cake sale, refreshments, etc.	75.00	
Interest	5.14	
Dues	6.00	
Candy money	<u>403.26</u>	
Total Income		<u>594.82</u>
		\$ 891.69

DISBURSEMENTS:

Armenian Reporter	\$ 9.00	
Purchasing of candy for sale	309.95	
Disbursements for checks	55.00	
ACYOA - for conference	10.00	
ACYOA - individuals paid for conference	40.00	
Beach Party Refreshments	<u>25.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>448.96</u>
Balance - December 31, 1974		\$ 442.73

Savings Account	-	\$208.74
Checking Account	-	233.99
Petty Cash	-	<u>51.45</u>
Total Assets		\$494.18

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Sarkisian
Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL

1974

Enrollment - The Church Sunday School has to date an enrollment of 68 pupils for this report period who are divided into 10 classes from pre-school through eleventh grade.

Staff - The staff numbers 13 with superintendent, treasurer, clerk and 10 teachers.

Yeretzgin Megherian	- Superintendent
Zaven Hovsepian	- Treasurer and Advisor
Ronald Assolian	- Clerk

Teachers:

Philip Arpiarian	David Kalbian
Alice Bozoyan	Zarmi Megherian
Sylvia Bozoyan	Rae Metjian
Mary Ann Buruchian	Arlene Sarkisian
Barbara Chooljy	Linda Tynan

Teachers who served during the 1973-74 school year, but who are not serving at present include:

Nubar Dorian	Barbara Nakashian
Alice Doudoukjian	Debbie Takakjian
Joyce Henning	

Pupil Activities

1. Special attention has been given this year to training and teaching our pupils about participation in and understanding of the Divine Liturgy. It is gratifying to report that progress is being made in this effort.
2. Pupils of the graduating class are participating in the Divine Liturgy directly by reading in English from the prophets and the apostles during the lections preceding the Havadamk. They have also done readings as part of the Christmas Eve service on December 24.
3. Boys from the Sunday School have participated in the Washing of the Feet Service on Maundy Thursday night.
4. Pupils have received twice as a group Holy Communion at Christmas and at Easter.
5. They have enjoyed Halloween refreshments on the occasion of that holiday and held their own small program with refreshments and gifts from the church on the occasion of Christmas during Sunday School hours.

Sunday School Report (cont...)

6. During the Lenten period, the Sunday School children made a special offering of \$51.17 for the benefit of the Tarkmanchatz School in Jerusalem. They also became more aware of their spiritual lives by reading daily from the Bible during Lent. Each child kept a record of his devotions, and ten pupils were able to complete all these readings faithfully.

7. On the occasion of Easter, all pupils received begonia plants, a symbol of new life and growth.

Teacher Activities:

1. Members of the staff have attended two conferences during the year:

- a) a Lenten Retreat Convergence at Pawling,
New York - March 15-16
- b) a Convocation of Church School Teachers
May 4 at the Diocesan headquarters

Both conferences were sponsored by the Council for Religious Education of the Diocese.

Financial Status - The Church Sunday School has turned over a sum of to the Church and now has a balance of \$793.98.

Acknowledgements

The Church Sunday School would like to express thanks to the following people and groups:

1. Our pastor, Father Vartan, for giving his guidance, counsel and assistance whenever and wherever needed by the Church School and its staff throughout the year.
2. Men's Club, for preparing and providing for the Sunday School and its parents and friends delicious breakfasts at Christmas and Easter.
3. Ladies Aid, for their thoughtfulness in remembering the staff with gifts at Christmas.
4. Our Church and Parish Council for giving gifts to the staff members at Christmas.

As Superintendent, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers whose good attendance and devotion means so much for their pupils who might not otherwise become as knowledgeable in the traditions of their Church and in the spiritual life.

Respectfully submitted,

Yeretzgin Y. Megherian
Superintendent, Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974

CASH BALANCE, January 1, 1974 \$ 676.61

RECEIPTS

Sunday collections and Lenten donations	\$ 770.52	
Donations:		
Ladies Aid	50.00	
Ladies Educational	<u>50.00</u>	<u>870.52</u>

TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE \$ 1,547.13

DISBURSEMENTS

Donation:		
Middle East Schools (sent to Diocese)	\$ 51.17	
Textbooks and supplies	307.70	
Halloween and Christmas Parties and Christmas Gifts	296.28	
Flowers for Sunday School Altar	<u>98.00</u>	<u>753.15</u>

CASH BALANCE - December 31, 1974 \$ 793.98

Respectfully submitted,

Zaven Hovsepian
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 strives to be one of the very best.

The following individuals helped to make our Badarak more beautiful and spiritually gratifying during the past year: Senior Organist, Miss Lucy Soovajian and assistants, Miss Dawn Foronjy and Mr. Vartan Sarkisian; Deacons - Messrs. Krikor Bendian, Mardiros Katoonagian, Hagop Hovsepian, Thomas Dabakian and Assistants at the Altar, Sarkis Boghosian and Hagop Kradjian. Our special thanks to Deacon Krikor Maksoudian for his valuable assistance not only to our choir but to our deacons as well.

One of the primary projects that we have recently become involved in has been the attempt to bring new members into the Choir. We would like to encourage the young people especially of the Sunday School to join the Choir. We are planning to have some activities which will initiate this membership drive.

We wish to acknowledge and thank Der Hayr for his continued support of our activities and his presence and spiritual guidance at our Choir rehearsals. We also thank the Parish Council for remembering all of our Choir members at Christmas.

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 strive toward maintaining the beauty of our Badarak by making it more spiritually rewarding and uplifting.

Respectfully submitted,

Arpena Sbarbaro
Chairman

CHOIR FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE - January 1, 1974		\$ 707.54
 <u>INCOME</u>		
Donations and Collections - Easter	<u>\$112.00</u>	<u>112.00</u>
		\$ 819.54
 <u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>		
None		000.00

 CASH BALANCE - December 31, 1974		 \$ 819.54 =====

Respectfully submitted,

Haig Najarian
Treasurer

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

UNION CITY

CENSUS REPORT

A Community Census was taken to establish the membership of our Church. Approximately 600 letters of inquiry were issued to those on our VISION mailing list with 172 responding affirmatively that they were parishioners of Holy Cross Armenian Church, Union City, New Jersey.

This was not considered final after a review was made of the names of those who did not reply to the inquiry. A cursory review of the names revealed that over 50% were active members of our Church. Therefore, it was deemed advisable to use the results of the Community Census as a nucleus in arriving at an equitable membership list.

Statistics were compiled on Church contributions from 1971 through the first half 1974 which covered Christmas, Easter, Holy Cross Week pledges and our Pledge Envelope system.

Parish Council members were in accord that our parishioners should not be assessed an additional \$15.00 for dues but to apply the first \$15.00 of their yearly contributions to be considered a donation.

If a parishioner did not donate \$15.00 over the year then other factors were taken into consideration, such as senior citizens, active or inactive. In addition to the foregoing, case by case factors over and above each category established below, were taken into consideration in arriving at our Church membership.

The following categories were developed and used as a guideline in reviewing the 1971-1974 contribution statistics thereby arriving at a reasonable conclusion as to the membership of our Church.

Categories:

1. Parishioners who have donated Christmas, Easter, Holy Cross Week Pledge and Pledge system and have contributed an amount equal to or exceeding their dues. = (257)
2. Parishioners who have donated substantial amounts far in excess of their dues which also adequately covers their son and/or daughter (18 or over) membership. = (51)

3. Parishioners who have donated less than amount required for dues, however, attend Church occasionally and contribute by means of plate collection. = (19)
4. Parishioners who did not donate at anytime but attend Church regularly and contribute by means of plate collection. = (0)
5. Parishioners who in the 1972 census responded affirmatively as to their membership in our Church, however, did not contribute at any time, their donations limited to plate collection. = (0)
6. (Senior Citizens) - Parishioners who have contributed nominally over the years and attend church regularly contributing by means of the plate collection. = (48)
7. Parishioners who have donated periodically over the past four (4) years, donations nominal, attend church occasionally and participate in plate collection. = (55)

Note: Category 3 - Parishioners' donations larger than Category 7 and for this reason the separate category.

Total Number Parishioners - 430.

In the event the report, as submitted, is not acceptable, then the only recourse is to stay strictly within the Diocesan By-Laws and assess each member \$15.00 dues if they desire to participate in the Annual Church Assembly with the right to vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Hachadoorian