

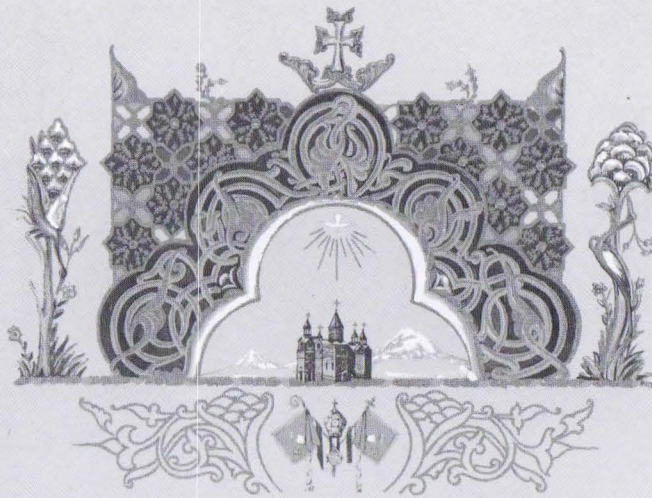


**FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY  
WOMEN'S GUILD  
HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH  
UNION CITY, N.J.  
SUNDAY - OCTOBER 7, 1984**



*THE CATHEDRAL OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN*  
*Erected 301 A.D.*





VASKEN SERVANT OF CHRIST AND BY THE MERCY OF  
GOD AND WILL OF THE NATION PRIMATE AND  
CATHOLICOS OF ALL ARMENIANS AND SUPREME  
PATRIARCH OF THE PREEMINENT NATIONAL APOSTOLIC  
MOTHER SEE OF ARARAT AT HOLY ETCHMIADZIN.

PATERNAL GREETINGS AND PATRIARCHAL BLESSINGS  
TO THE WOMEN'S GUILD OF HOLY CROSS CHURCH OF  
UNION CITY, N.J., OUR FAITHFUL DAUGHTERS OF THE  
MOTHER SEE OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN.

*With feelings of warm gladness, we greet your Women's Guild who labor for the well-being of the Church, on the occasion of their fifty long years of dedicated activities, sending to you our Paternal love and appreciation from the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin.*

*We are aware that your Guild, since its inception to the present has remained supportive of the Parish Councils and has always brought its constructive participation to all church undertakings. You have sponsored affairs and have contributed the proceeds for the beautification of your House of Worship.*

*With heartfelt appreciation for your spiritually uplifting service, and in response to the request of the Primate of the Eastern Diocese of North America, His Grace Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, I direct this Pontifical letter to all the members of the Women's Guild with Patriarchal encouragement and blessings, wishing you all endless enthusiasm, a steadfast spirit and total success to all your endeavors.*

*May Almighty God always keep our Apostolic Mother Church illuminated and unshaken.*

*May you remain safe and strengthened by the Holy Spirit and always blessed by the Lord and by us. Amen.*

Vasken I  
Catholicos of All Armenians

*This Gontag was issued in the year of our Lord October 21, 1983, and was per the Armenian calendar 1432 at the monastery of Holy Etchmiadzin.*







*HIS HOLINESS, VASKEN I  
130th Catholicos of All Armenians*





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Ի՞նչ արժանիքներ կարգունենք ձեր եկեղեցին  
 համարձեռն շնորհ երկար քարտեղիս ժողովուրդանոց  
 գոյմանկությունը, յո՞վում ձեռք բարբառ Մեր հայ  
 րանիսն սիրելու գեղեցիկները Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ  
 Էջմիածին:

Մեր իսկ ծանօթ է, որ ձեր հիմնական իր  
 կարևորիս թուականն է՛նչև՛ այսօր պարավար  
 կանգնած է եկեղեցու ծրարան Սարգսյանի, իր  
 օգրակար հասակադասիսն ընթաց եկեղեցու  
 բոլոր շենքերիսն, կարևորագույն է հանդիսանում  
 և անոց կարևոր նախագծի Արշիպի Տան արջմարտիսն:

Մարտի գեղեցիկները ձեր հոգեկն ծառայու  
 թիսն ենք, և բնականաբար Վրաստանի Ամերիկայի  
 արևելյան թե՛ առաջնորդ Գեորգիոս Տ. Սարգսյան  
 արքեպիսկոպոս Սանտիսանի հեղուկություն, այն  
 Մեր կանգնած կը յո՞վնք Տիկանց եկեղեցուսն  
 Միությանը բոլոր անդամներուն Մեր հայրապետա  
 կան քաջամարտիկ արևմտյանները, հոգեկն անկողնու  
 անպար եսանք, շարաքրությունն ուրիշ է ձեր արարա  
 ծանցանց գոյմանց կրակաբար շարաքրություն:

Քարի Աթոռում թող յա՛նք անասան և կրաստար  
 պահանջի Առաքելական Մեր Մայր եկեղեցին:

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 ԿՈՒՆԻՍՏԱՆԻ ՏԵՄԱԿԵՒՄ Ե՛՛ ՄԵՆ՝ ԱՄԷ՛:



*Արշիպի*

ԱՌՈՒՄ ԿԱՐԱՆԻՍ ԿԱՐԱՆԻՍ ԵՎ ԵՐԵՎԱՆԻ

Տարածված է 1983 թվականից  
 և է համարվում հայոց ՕՐԱԿ  
 է հայրապետ Մայր եկեղեցին:







*HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN  
Primate, Armenian Church of North America, Eastern Diocese*





# ԱՌԱՋՆՈՐԴՈՒԹԻՒՆ ՀԱՅՈՑ

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

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ԱՌ ԵՌԻՆԻԸՆ ՍԻԹԻԻ Ս. ԽԱԶ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՈՅ  
ՏԻԿՆԱՆՑ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԱՍԻՐԱՑ ՄԻՈՒԹԻՒՆ

Ուրախութեամբ կը շնորհաւորենք ետևիըն Սիթիի Ս. Խաչ Եկեղեցւոյ Տիկնանց Եկեղեցասիրաց Միութիւնը՝ իր կազմութեան 50-ամեակին առթիւ:

Մենք մօտէն ծանօթ ենք Տիկնանց Միութեան կէս դարեայ երախտաշատ զործունէութեան: Միութիւնը նուիրումով ծառայած է իր Եկեղեցւոյ եւ ժողովուրդին՝ եւ իր զործօն մասնակցութիւնը բերած է անոնց պայծառութեան, յառաջդիմութեան ու բարգաւաճումին, անտեսելով ամէն խոչընդոտ ու դժուարութիւն:

Տիկնանց Եկեղեցասիրաց Միութեան կատարած աստուածահաճոյ, Եկեղեցանուէր ու ազգանուէր աշխատանքները տուած են իրենց օգտակար ու բարերար արդիւնքները, եւ արժանի են համայնքի իւրաքանչիւր անդամի անվերապահ գնահատանքին ու երախտագիտութեան:

Որպէս Առաջնորդ Ամբրիկայի Հայոց, կը գնահատենք ետևիըն Սիթիի Ս. Խաչ Եկեղեցւոյ Տիկնանց Եկեղեցասիրաց Միութեան կատարած Եկեղեցաշէն ծառայութիւնը, կ'օրհնենք Միութեան իւրաքանչիւր անդամը, եւ կ'աղօթենք որ Տէրը իր յաւիտենական լոյսերուն մէջ հանգչեցնէ հիմնադիր եւ մահացած անդամներուն բարի հոգիները:

Սիրոյ ողջունիւ

ԹՈՐԳՈՄ ԱՐՔԵՊԻՍԿՈՊՈՍ  
Առաջնորդ

Յունիս 7, 1984  
Նիւ Եորք, Ն.Ե.





*Our Former Pastor  
HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP VATCHE HOVSEPIAN  
Primate, Armenian Church of North America, Western Diocese*



Հայաստանի Եկեղեցի Հայրապետի Առաջնորդ  
(Արքեպիսկոպոս Թեոս)

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA WESTERN DIOCESE

ARCHBISHOP VATCHE HOVSEPIAN, Primate

August 24, 1984

Rev. Fr. Carnig Hallajian  
Pastor  
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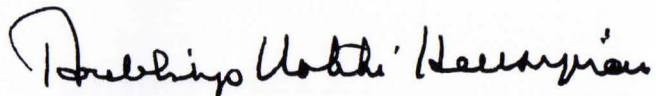
To The Women's Guild of the Holy Cross Armenian Church - my warm and sincere greetings on this memorable occasion - your 50th Anniversary!

I witnessed, when I was amongst you, the exemplary and unselfish dedication of the members of the Guild. They spent a great many hours, sometimes sacrificing their own family responsibilities, to work toward the growth of Holy Cross Church.

During my years as your pastor, I was happy to come in contact with many dedicated souls, many of whom have since rested in peace, and many who still carry on in their devotion to the organization. It is through your unique leadership and sacrifice that the Holy Cross Armenian Church has been able to sustain and perpetuate itself.

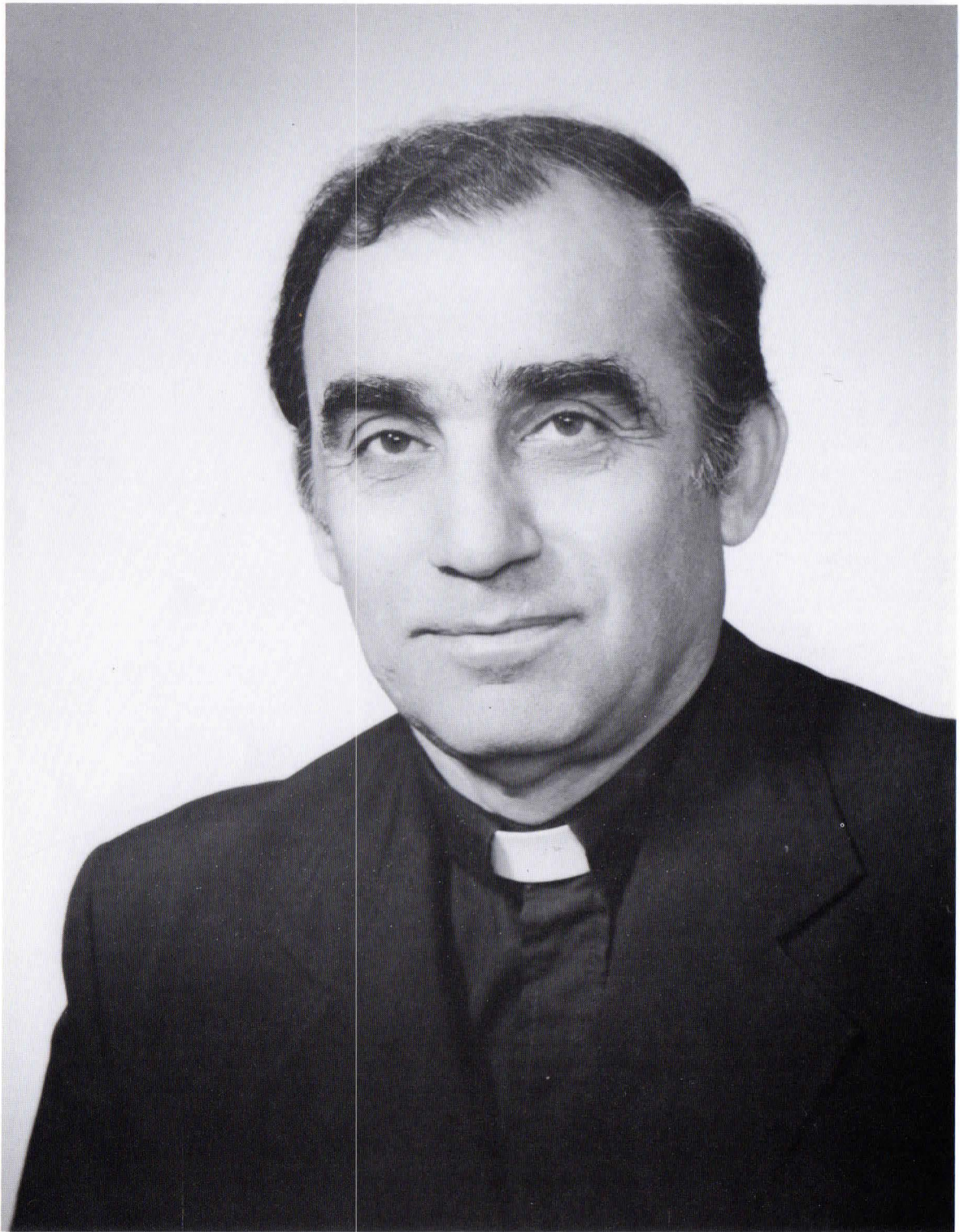
God bless each and everyone of you. I congratulate you and pray for your good health so that you may continue to serve our Lord and our people.

With fatherly prayers,



Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian  
Primate

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*REV. FR. CARNIG HALLAJIAN*  
*Pastor, Holy Cross Armenian Church*





# ՍՈՒՐԻ ԽԱՉ ԿԱՅԱՍՏԱՆԵԱՅՅ ԵԿԵ ՂԵՑԻ

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REV. FR. CARNIG HALLAJIAN, Pastor

Հոկտեմբեր, 1984

Սիրելի Անդամուհիներ Տիկնանց Եկեղեցասիրացի,

Որպէս Հովիւր Եռնիւրն Սիթիի Ս. Խաչ Եկեղեցւոյ, բախտաւոր կը նկատեմ ինքզինքս որ իմ հովուական շրջանիս կը գուզադիպի տօնակատարութիւնը Տիկնանց Միութեան 50 ամեակի եւ ես բաժնեկից կը դառնամ ձեր ուրախութեան:

Իսկապէս հրճուալի է առիթը: Ու վստահաբար բոլորիդ ալ սրտերը լեցուած է ուրախութեամբ եւ հպարտութեամբ, ի տես այն բոլոր ծառայութեանց որ ձեր սիրելի կազմակերպութիւնը մատուցած է անցնող 50 տարիներու ընթացքին:

Անհաշիւ են ձեր կազմակերպութեան իրագործումները Ս. Խաչ Եկեղեցւոյ պայծառութեան համար կատարուած: Արդարեւ, Տիկնանց Եկեղեցասիրաց Միութիւնը մշտական նեցուկը եղած է եկեղեցւոյս ծխական Խորհուրդին եւ մեծ բաժին բերած է ծխական գործերու մէջ:

Այսօր, աւելի քան երբեք, Ս. Խաչ Եկեղեցին պէտք ունի Տիկնանց Եկեղեցասիրացի աջակցութեան եւ գործակցութեան, որպէս զի կարելի ըլլայ հոգատարել ծուխին հոգեւոր, մշակութային եւ ընկերային պէտքերն ու պահանջները:

Կը խնդրենք Ամենակալէն որ բոլորդ ալ զօրացնէ մանաւանդ ձեր հոգեւոր կեանքին մէջ, որպէս զի կարողանաք որպէս իսկական եկեղեցասէրներ շարունակել ձեր բոլորանուէր ծառայութիւնը Եռնիւրն Սիթիի Ս. Խաչ Եկեղեցւոյ պայծառութեան եւ Աստուծոյ յաւիտենական փառքին համար:

Աղօթարար

Գառնիկ Բհնյ. Հալլաճեան



*HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP MAMPRE CALFAYAN  
PASTOR AT THE TIME OF THE WOMEN'S GUILD ORGANIZATION. It was while his Grace Archbishop Mampre Calfayan, former Primate of the Diocese of North America, was a young pastor at Holy Cross Church in the early thirties that he lent a most helpful and guiding hand toward the organization of the Women's Guild.*



*FIRST EXECUTIVE BOARD (1934) OF WOMEN'S GUILD. Seated are Makroohie Kazazian, Father Vatche Hovsepian (who was the pastor at the time this photograph was taken), Alice Kurkchian. Standing are Asdghig Karageosian, Tuma Froonjian, Yeranig Shaterian and Baidzar Tarzian. Missing from picture are Haiganoosh Atashian, Lucy Hajeian, Ovsanna Kassabian and Sara Shamlian.*



## THE WOMEN'S GUILD

We've come a long way ladies! Since our 45th Anniversary Celebration, the past five years have been extremely gratifying. Under the guidance of our pastor, Rev. Fr. Carnig Hallajian, the Women's Guild has made tremendous progress and has become a dynamic moving force in our parish keeping it more vibrant and alive than ever.

During the past five years we have been fortunate in having the following women serve on our Executive Committee:

Chairpersons: Arpena Sbarbaro  
Vice Chairpersons: Virginia Shenloogian, Nector Kalustian  
Secretaries (Recording & Corresponding): Bertha Najarian,  
Ann Dadaian, Diana Burggraf, Agnes Kirkorian  
Treasurers: Artemis Koundakjian  
Asst. Treasurers: Grace Genjian  
Advisors: Sirarpy Dorian, Satnig Radoian, Victoria  
Tukmanian, Alice Foronjy, Bertha Najarian, Areknaz Sarajian  
Mary Shalakian.

Many new projects were initiated for the continual cultural, social and spiritual nurturing of our Holy Cross family.

The concept of the traditional Mother's Day dinners, which were held on or around Mother's Day, was changed to the Women of the Year dinner. These dinners are held each year on Palm Sunday. As Women of the Year the following were honored 1980-1984: Manoushag Aramian, Rose Sabonian, Lucy Zulumian, Baidzar Pashayan, Ann Damurjian, Gladys Bagdasarian, Victoria Tukmanian, Nevart Soovajian, Virginia Nishanian, Eleanor Krikorian, Zuvart Serabian, Rose Tamalian, Khatoon Yaldizian, Virginia Shenloogian, Alice Shahinian, Josephine Shahbazian and Ann Dadaian.

The Guild has been holding its monthly meetings on the last Monday night of the month; however, this year meetings were changed to Wednesday afternoons. Annual activities and affairs, such as the Lenten Dinner, Women of the Year Dinner, yearly anniversary celebrations, bazaars and picnics, as well as interesting educational and cultural programs after each meeting are planned. Whenever called upon the Guild is ready and willing to support the Parish. As examples, we prepare the Armenian Christmas breakfast after Holy Badarak on January 6, the raffle drawing cocktail party refreshments, Maundy Thursday luncheon and Parish Annual Meeting luncheon to name a few.

One project which has become a rewarding experience because it invites our Guild to be a part of the community at large, is "Project Share." Baskets, placed in the Church Annex are filled with non-perishable food and other household items. These items are eventually distributed, through the Social Services Department of Hudson County, to needy families with children in the area.





**WOMEN'S GUILD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Left to Right: Seated: Diane Burggraf, Nector Kalustian, Rev. Fr. Carnig Hallajian, Arpena Sbarbaro, Artemis Koundakjian. Standing: Grace Genjian, Alice Foronjy, Areknaz Sarajian, Mary Shalakian. Missing Agnes Kirkorian**

**CHAIRMAN**  
Arpena Sbarbaro

**VICE CHAIRMAN**  
Nector Kalustian

**RECORDING SECRETARY**  
Diane Burggraf

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**  
Agnes Kirkorian

**TREASURER**  
Artemis Koundakjian

**ASSISTANT TREASURER**  
Grace Genjian

**ADVISORS**  
Areknaz Sarajian  
Alice Foronjy  
Mary Shalakian



Several times a year the Guild visits the Home for the Armenian Aged in Emerson. Choreg and other pastries are prepared and taken to the elderly. They appreciate our visits, and we in return enjoy their company and enthusiasm.

Financially, the Women's Guild has assisted the Church enormously. Our treasury keeps growing in leaps and bounds even though we have generously donated in helping finance major renovations in the Church as well as the Church Center and Church Annex. Our monthly flea markets and the two Rummage Sales held in the Fall and Spring are great fund raisers. We thank all our friends and parishioners for their participation.

One of the truly innovative and invaluable additions to our Guild has been our Newsletter. It contains witty comments, original poetry and news of the Guild as well as the community. The newsletter has become the voice of the Guild disseminating the goals of our organization to our members. It has inspired women and encouraged them to join the Guild and has reached out to those who are unable to attend meetings due to distance or illness.

The Women's Guild has also been involved in activities outside its immediate community. On the Diocesan level we have participated in the One World Festival, have hosted the Armenian Women's Saint's Day in the Cathedral, Strawberry Festival, regional and diocesan level conferences.

We are determined to carry on the work started fifty years ago. . . imagine 50 years! During the pastorate of Very Rev. Mampre Calfayan, who was later to become Primate of the North American Diocese, a group of ladies met at the home of Makroohie Kazazian to lay the groundwork for the present Women's Guild. Also present were Ovsanna Kassabian and Hyganoosh Atashian. On October 11, 1934, the first organizational meeting was formally held at the home of Mrs. Atashian. The 25 women present at this meeting were: Makroohie Kazazian, Hyganoosh Atashian, Ovsanna Kassabian, Lucy Hajeian, Mabel Boyajian, Mooshkenaz Krikorian, Baidzar Tarzian, Mary Shamsey, Azniv Ashjian, Zora Dinkjian, Hyganoosh Shahinian, Yeranig Shaterian, Asdghig Karageosian, Ovsanna Dilberian, Oghida Takakjian, Tuma Froomjian, Manooshag Mgrdichian, Maritza Radoian, Cadar Kaljian, Sara Shamlan, Alice Kurkchian, Mary Soghomonian, Makruhe Nalbandian, Rose Kalfayan and Rose Donchian.

The Ladies Aid, as it was called at that time, elected its first officers: They were: President, Hyganoosh Atashian; Vice President, Baidzar Tarzian; Secretary, Tuma Froomjian; Second Secretary, Alice Kurkchian; Treasurer, Lucy Hajeian; Advisors, Yeranig Shaterian, Asdghig Karageosian, Ovsanna Kassabian and Sara Shamlan.

From the original membership of 25, the Women's Guild has grown into a strong and vigorous organization of 157 members.

Words cannot express our gratitude to all those women who have worked so selflessly throughout these 50 years to keep the spirit of Holy Cross Church alive for our future generations. They have passed the torch to us, and it is up to us to keep their memory ever-burning as we, like they, continue their service and dedication for the perpetuation of our faith and the Holy Cross Church.





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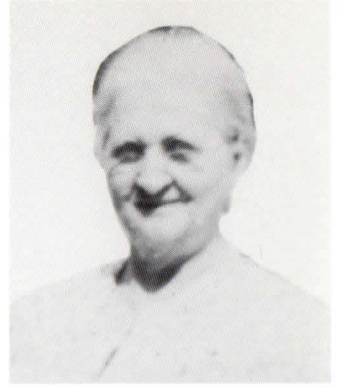
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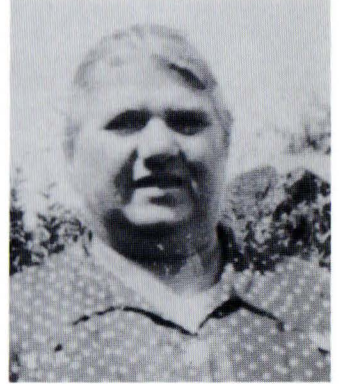
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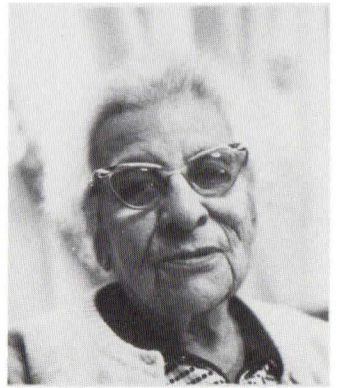
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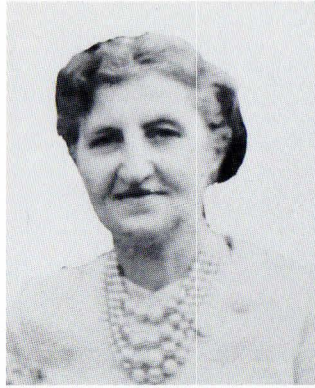


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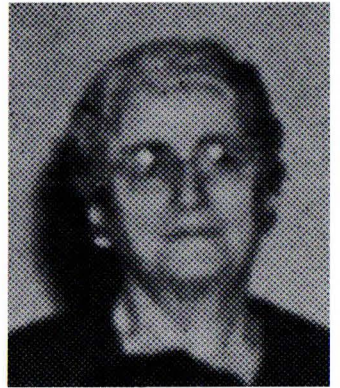
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