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**HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH**

**UNION CITY, N.J.**

**AGENDA FOR PARISH ASSEMBLY**

**FEBRUARY 7, 1988**

1. Prayer and Opening of Meeting
2. Election of Assembly Officers
3. Election of 5 Parish Council  
3 Auditing Committee  
3 Nominating Committee
4. Report of the Pastor
5. Report of the Parish Council
6. Report of the Church Organizations
7. Report of the Auditing Committee
8. 1988 Budget
9. Old Business
10. Commemorative Souvenir of Holy Cross
11. Armenian School Finances
12. Rental of Center
13. ACYOA Library/Annex
14. Audio Visual History of Holy Cross
15. Endowment Fund Investment
16. New Business
17. Closing Prayer

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH  
1986 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING  
FEBRUARY 1, 1987

The Annual Meeting of the Parish of the Holy Cross Armenian Church of Union City was called to order following church services on Sunday, February 1, 1987. A motion was made and seconded that Mr. Harold Azmelian and Miss Virginia Hajeian serve as Chairman and Recording Secretary of the Parish Assembly respectively. Motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00PM in the Church Center. A motion was made to close the balloting at 1:30PM which was seconded and carried. Mr. Philip Arpiarian, Kohar Arpiarian and Matilde Kalbian were chosen to count the ballots.

From a total dues-paying membership of 105, 49 members were present. The Assembly approved that the number of participants be considered a quorum so that the meeting could proceed legally.

Fr. Diran Papazian read the Pastor's Report for 1986 and Mr. Nubar Dorian, Chairman of the Parish Council, read the Parish Council Report. Both reports were accepted as read.

The Chairman, Harold Azmelian, reviewed the financial reports for the Assembly. A motion was passed to transfer the accumulated interest from the Endowment Fund for 1986 of \$10,261.35 into the unrestricted cash fund. Also, the Zero Coupon Bonds should be \$39,180.01. For the 1987 Proposed Annual Budget Anticipated Income from Other Donations (auxiliary organizations, etc.) should be \$10,000 instead of \$6,000, with the deletion of center rentals of \$3,000, for a Total Anticipated Income of \$98,200. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Financial Report.

The Chairman then asked the other organizations to give their respective comments. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept all organization reports as submitted in the Annual Report booklet.

Mr. Armen Kalbian, Auditing Committee Chairman, reported that the Treasurer's Reports for the various organizations were in good order. A motion was made and passed to accept the Auditing Committee Report.

Mrs. Arpena Sbarbaro, Chairperson of the Women's Guild, presented the Chairman with a check to the Parish Council in the amount of \$5,000 for which Mr. Harold Azmelian thanked her. She also commended her Executive Committee and the church women for their efforts and dedication.

The Chairman mentioned that everyone was happy to have Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian present at the meeting this year.

Mr. Nubar Dorian thanked Miss Mary Shalakian for her informative and interesting newsletter on behalf of the Women's Guild.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Although we have a fine association with the Yeshiva School, the building is for sale and our parking privileges will continue through June 1987, when other arrangements will have to be made. The Parish Council is considering using Scheutzen Park on Kennedy Boulevard for parking with a taxi or van to be rented as a shuttle for approximately two hours each Sunday.

A 100-page History of Dikranagerd has been written in Armenian by Bishop Arsen Berberian from Sweden. A motion was made, second and carried to evaluate the advisability of sponsoring this project, having it translated into English and printed and distributed by Holy Cross.

Mr. Nubar Dorian suggested having a commemorative souvenir in recognition of Holy Cross being the oldest Church in America. A motion to have a study committee consider this possibility for our 85th Anniversary was made, seconded and carried.

Mr. Nubar Dorian also recommended having an audio visual history of Holy Cross such as the Armenians of Fresno, California, have done. A committee will also study this proposal.

With regard to Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian's 35th Anniversary ordination celebrations, the Chairman reported that Holy Cross sent a congratulatory telegram. It was also suggested that an article be written about this occasion in the VISION advising them of the special Endowment Fund which has been set up in his name in the Western Diocese.

The Parish Council has asked Mr. Richard Bohajian to form a young adult group for ages 19 to 35 as a separate entity from ACYOA. A motion was made, seconded and carried to form such a group.

Miss Mary Shalakian recommended having a Rally Day for the children - like a pre-registration party for Armenian and Sunday Schools with balloons and games.

Mr. Philip Arpiarian, Member of the Nominating Committee, announced the election results as follows:

**PARISH COUNCIL:**

- Robert Borgersen
- Artin Keuroghlian
- Arpena Sbarbaro
- Charles Shenloogian
- Richard Tarzian
- Alice Yigitkurt
- Steven Shenloogian

1st Alternate:

2nd Alternate:

**DELEGATES:**

- Nubar Dorian
- Zaven Hovsepian
- John Hovsepian

1st Alternate:

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

**Philip Arpiarian  
Harold Azmelian  
Mary Shalakian**

**AUDITING COMMITTEE:**

**Philip Arpiarian  
Armen Kalbian  
Herbert Takakjian**

The Chairman thanked Der Hayr and the various committees for all their efforts.

Mr. Nubar Dorian thanked Mr. Harold Azmelian for his many dedicated services to Holy Cross.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 PM.

Der Hayr in his closing remarks thanked the outgoing officers and welcomed the newly elected members of the Parish Council, Diocesan Delegates and the other standing committees; he also thanked the chairman and the secretary of the day and praised the chairman of the day for his ability of running the meeting smoothly and constructively. With a prayer and the singing of Hayr Mer, the meeting was concluded.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Virginia Hajeian  
Recording Secretary**

**Harold Azmelian  
Chairman**

*Diran Papazian*  
**Rev. Diran Papazian  
Pastor-President**



## PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT - 1987

Submitted to the Parish Assembly

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH  
Union City, New Jersey

Sunday, February 7, 1988.

Once again the time has come to submit our annual report to the parish assembly.

With the grace of God, we completed another year in our parish life and we closed the book of our activities with considerable satisfaction. With the close of 1987, your pastor productively completed his second full year in this parish. He is now better acquainted with his parishioners and their needs; he is more aware of the working conditions and surroundings of this metropolitan area.

Following, I present a brief account of my pastoral activities and accomplishments in the context of the major activities of the parish.

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Our Sunday worship service consists of morning services (matins), Holy Badarak, and in most cases Hokehankisd (Requiem services). Two sermons are generally presented - one in English and one in Armenian. The duration of the Church services is 9:30 - 12:15. We try to adhere to this time frame.

Every Sunday Holy Badarak was celebrated in our Church with the exception of two Sundays during which I was on vacation. In lieu of Badarak, Senior Deacon Hagop Hovsepian, with the participation of our other deacons and our choir, celebrated morning service and Jashou service. On the two remaining Sundays of my vacation, we were fortunate in having Very Rev. Vazken Karayan celebrate Badarak on Nov. 29th and Der Carnig Hallajian on Dec. 6th.

During the summer, we had the privilege of hosting 50 young adult students from St. Nersess who worshipped with us and received Communion in our Church. On that occasion, Fr. Mardiros Chevian, Rector of the Seminary, was our guest celebrant.

Throughout the liturgical year, all the Church seasons were properly observed and on major feast days traditional ceremonies were conducted.

### SACRAMENTS, RITES & PASTORAL CALLS

The sacraments and rites that were performed throughout the year are duly recorded in our Parish Registry as follows: Baptisms, 3; Weddings, 4; Funerals, 16.

Several engagement ceremonies were also performed and grave blessings were conducted on request. Sick calls were a top priority and pastoral visitations were payed whenever possible.



## VISION AND OFFICE WORK

Our parish newspaper, Vision, was published throughout the year in an 8-page format per issue. Despite sincere efforts to publish on a monthly basis, we were not able to do so. One major problem was our search for a new printer; thanks to Richard Tarzian, this problem has been resolved. Another factor that inhibits us from timely publication is our lack of an editorial staff.

Office responsibilities are broad and time-consuming enough to keep me constantly busy. Ann Dadaian, our voluntary church secretary contributes much time, effort, and sweat to doing church work.

The weekly Sunday bulletins are prepared with timely messages in both Armenian and in English. The Bulletin contains notices of Hokehankisd and other announcements.

## CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

As you all know, we have a number of active, auxiliary church organizations that keep the parish alive.

The WOMEN'S GUILD, made up of a staff of dedicated women replenish the church treasury with their varied programs.. Their annual Lenten Luncheon, Palm Sunday Women of the Year Dinner, and Fall Bazaar continue to remain attractions to a great number of people. The successful operation of the flea market in our Church Center - run throughout the year - is an innovative way to bring substantial income to the Church. Arpena Sbarbaro is the dynamic leader of the Women's Guild.

Our LADIES EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY is dedicated to the promotion of the Armenian language in our parish. For the last 80 years, it has given active support to the Mesropian Armenian parish school. The society, although much reduced in membership, still continues to sponsor such functions as Lenten Luncheon, Ascension Day "vijag", Armenian cultural affairs, and a card party to support the Armenian School. Alice Najarian is the dedicated leader of this society.

The MESROPIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL meets on Saturdays from 10:30-12:30 during the school year. The students participate from time to time in parish programs, but their greatest hit is on their year-end "hantes" (closing exercises). The school is in operation because of the dedicated teachers headed by Alice Yigitkurt.

Our HOLY CROSS CHURCH CHOIR, DEACONS AND ALTAR SERVERS participate in Liturgy every Sunday. Because of the devotion of the members, our Badarak is beautifully sung. Our choir leaders are Ann Dadaian and Arpena Sbarbaro and our talented organists are Mary Shalakian and Dawn Foronjy. Our two senior deacons are Hagop Hovsepian and Mardiros Barsamian. Richard Bohajian faithfully attends the Church and serves on the Holy Altar. During the year three more altar servers were recruited to serve on the Holy Altar under the tutelage of Deacon Hagop Hovsepian: Hacik Sariminassian, John Hovsepian, and Hagop Kradjian. Additionally, John Malool, a former stole bearer is now serving

on the Altar. Also along with them, Arthur Manoogian, a high school senior, is serving the altar and learning the deacons part.

St. Nersess assigned two seminarians to our parish on Sundays for both the '86-87 school year and the '87-88 school year. For 1987-1988, Michael Fundukian and Vartan Ajamian attend church services and help on the Holy Altar twice a month.

Our SENIOR CITIZENS organization serves the needs of our older parishioners. Every Tuesday our elders gather together in the Church annex and socialize. A board consisting of dedicated members tend to the needs of this group. Mary Seraydarian is the devoted chairperson.

The PARISH YOUNG ADULTS along with the ACYOA are in their formative stage and are being developed into an organization, mainly through the efforts of Richard Bohajian and Richard Tarzian. We hope that this will be a dynamic force in the parish structure.

Through the efforts of the PARISH COUNCIL the special annual functions of the parish were promoted and successfully accomplished. Their intensive efforts included the Church picnic (June 7), Gold Raffle (June 12) and Church Bazaar (in conjunction with the Women's Guild, October 30-31).

#### COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Armenian Home of the Aged in Emerson was twice visited by the pastor accompanied by women from our Women's Guild, led by Bertha Najarian. The first visit was a birthday party at which time a number of residents were given corsages. On the second visit, the pastor conducted a special service and about 50 residents received Holy Communion.

Other activities are too numerous to relate, but in fact your pastor has participated in Clergy Conference and Diocesan Annual Assembly, among other functions.

During the year, the most memorable of all events was of course the pontifical visit of His Holiness L. L. Vazken I, Catholicos of Armenians. This visit is destined to be inscribed in the annals of our communities in a special way for the great impact it created. Many of our parishioners attended services presided by His Holiness.

#### EPILOG

I feel that I performed my pastoral and religious duties diligently and with utmost care. Every single function was done with meticulous conscientiousness.

In conclusion, I would like to touch on some issues of concern to all of us. It is apparent to me that Holy Cross is no longer the thriving church that it used to be. The reasons for this change stem primarily from a changing neighborhood compounded by a lack of parking facilities and the emergence in the last 20 years or so of Armenian churches in closer proximity to the Armenian communities in New Jersey.

No amount of wishing and scape-goating will change this fact. In order to see the Church live and/or even grow, we have to look at the problems honestly and ask ourselves some hard questions.

Can we do more to attract the new Armenian immigrants from Turkey and the rest of the Middle East?

Should we put pressure on ourselves and on others to make larger annual contributions to keep the Church running?

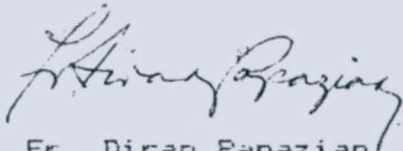
Can we establish more productive relationships with the traffic police so that they allow our congregants to park nearer the Church on Sundays?

Can we create a transportation service for our congregants who find it difficult to get to Holy Cross?

These are the challenges we face over the next years. We must come to terms with a community that is dwindling.

I would like to end this report by expressing my admiration for all those people who with their heroic dedication and zeal keep this parish alive. I appreciate all those kind people who ease my burden with their understanding, with their help and with their smiles. We are all in God's business and it is our sacred duty to keep the torch of our faith ever-burning by keeping Holy Cross parish alive.

Prayerfully,



Fr. Diran Papazian  
Pastor

January 31, 1988  
Union City, N.J.

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Մեր Սիրեցեալ ծխական ժողովուրդին,  
Աք. Խաչ Հայց. Եկեղեցւոյ,  
Իւնիըն Սիթի, Նիւ Ճըրզի,

Մենք ներկայացուցած ենք մեր տարեկան գեկոյցը՝ Անգլերէնով, իր ընդհանուր գիծերուն մէջ: Այսու կը փափաքինք բանի մը բառով անդրադառնալ մեր Հոգևական գործունէութեան եւ ներկայացնել սոյն ամփոփ գեկոյցը՝ Հայերէնով:

Գոհութիւն Ամենակալին Աստուծոյ որ մեզ շնորհեց որ տարին վերջացնենք զոհացուցիչ արդիւնաւորութեամբ: 1987-ի փակումով մեր երկրորդ ամբողջական տարին աւարտած կըլլանք:

ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՈՅ ՕՅԱՆԴԱԿ ՄԻՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐԸ մեծ ջանասիրութեամբ յառաջ տարին իրենց վստահուած գործերը եւ եղան աջ բազուկը մեր ծխական խորհուրդին՝ իրենց արդիւնաւոր գործունէութեամբ: Ծուխին զոյգ դպրոցները՝ Մեսրոպեան Հայ վարժարան եւ Ս. Խաչի Կիրակնօրեայ դպրոց՝ պէտք է բոլորիս զուրգուրանքին առարկայ դառնան, որովհետեւ իոն էր ծուխիս մանուկներուն տոմարին դաստիարակութիւն կը ջամբուի, մեր կրօնքին եւ մեր լեզուին զուգեակ ծամբաներով, շնորհիւ խումբ մը անձնուէր ուսուցիչներու:

ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՈՅ ՊԱՇՏԱՄՈՒՆՔԸ: Կատարուեցաւ անխափան, տարւոյն բոլոր կիրակիներուն, մեծ վայելչութեամբ: Զարդները տրուեցան երկլեզուեան՝ Հայերէնով եւ Անգլերէնով, ջանալով զոհ ձգել մեր հայախօս եւ անգլիախօս զանգուածներ միանգամայն հաւասարապէս: Եկեղեցւոյ բոլոր տօնակատարութիւնները կատարուեցան հանդիսաւորութեամբ, եւ ծիսական եղանակը նշուեցաւ ըստ հնաւանդ մեր կարգերուն:

ԽՈՐՀՐԴԱԿԱՏԱՐՈՒԹԵԱՆՑ ԵՒ ԾԻՍԱԿԱՏԱՐՈՒԹԵԱՆՑ ընդհանուր թիւը կը ներկայացնէ հետեւեալ պատկերը. - ՄԿՐՏՈՒԹԻՒՆ ԵՒ ԴՐՈՇՄ՝ 3, ՊՍԱՆ՝ 4 եւ ԹԱՂՈՒՄ՝ 16: Կատարուած են նաեւ մի քանի նՇԱՆԱԴՐՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐ:

ԸՆԴՀԱՆՈՒՐ ՀՈՎՈՒԱԿԱՆ ԳՈՐԾԵՐՈՒ ՄԷՋ, մենք կատարած ենք մեր հոգեւոր, կրօնական, վարչական եւ ընկերային պարտականութիւնները մեծ խղճմտութեամբ: Մենք զոհունակութիւնը ունինք տարին փակելու նկատելի արդիւնաւորութեամբ, սուեալ պայմաններու մէջ: Աւելիին՝ ի հարկէ կը ցանկանք, բայց միւս կողմէ՝ կացութեան իրատեսութեամբ մօտենալով՝ կատարուած գործը երբէք արհամարհելի չենք գտներ, ընդհակառակը զայն զոհունակութեամբ կը դիմաւորենք:

ԳՆԱՀԱՏԱՆՔ.- Մեզի կը մնայ մեր խոր գնահատանքը յայտնել բոլոր անոնց որոնք իրենց օրինակելի ծառայասիրութեամբ եկեղեցւոյ ջանը վառ պահեցին: Ենտրեցաւ ենք բոլոր անոնց որոնք իրենց բարեացակամութեամբ թեթեւցուցած են մեր բեռները: Մենք հիացում ունինք հանդէպ այն հոյլ մը անձերուն որոնք միշտ եղած են առաջին շարքերու վրայ երբ պարտականութեան կոչը հնչած է:

ՎԵՐՋԱԲԱՆ.- Յիշենք որ՝ Եկեղեցւոյ գործը՝ որ կամաւորական գործ մըն է յատկապէս, որպէս զի յաջողի, կը պահանջէ զոհողութիւն, աշխատանք եւ համագործակցութիւն: Եթէ մենք հետեւինք այս ծամբուն, այն առեն անպայման կը յաջողինք, որքան ալ խոչընդոտներով պաշարուած ըլլանք:

2 Փետրուար, 1988  
Իւնիըն Սիթի, Ն.Ճ.

Աղօթարար՝  
*Մ. Մկրտչեան*  
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Հոգիւ



HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

PARISH COUNCIL - ANNUAL REPORT

1987

At the Annual Parish Assembly meeting held on February 1, 1987 the following parishioners were elected to serve as Diocesan Delegates, Parish Council members as well as Nominating and Auditing Committee:

Delegates:	Nubar Dorian Zaven Hovsepian John Hovsepian
Alternate:	
Parish Council:	Robert Borgersen Arpena Sbarbaro Charles Shenloogian Richard Tarzian Armand Tuncarslan Alice Yigitkurt Steven Shenloogian Levon Manoukian
1st Alternate:	
2nd Alternate:	
Nominating Committee:	Philip Arpiarian Harold Azmelian Mary Shalakian
Auditing Committee:	Philip Arpiarian Armen Kalbian Herbert Takakjian

The Parish Council held eleven monthly meetings with a quorum present at each meeting. At its first meeting, attended by former as well as newly-elected members, the following Executive Committee was elected:

Chairman	Nubar Dorian
Vice-Chairman	Gary Kulhanjian
Treasurer	Ann Dadaian
Recording Secretary	Richard Bohajian

Mr. Harold Azmelian, who once again volunteered to assist the Treasurer, was invited to attend all Parish Council meetings.

The Chairman then made the following assignments for various committees:

Membership/Pledge	Ann Dadaian, Arpena Sbarbaro
Vision	Gary Kulhanjian
Picnic	Robert Borgersen
Bazaar	Richard Bohajian, Richard Tarzian
Gold Raffle	Philip Arpiarian
Maintenance:	Deran Chopoorian, Harold Azmelian

Liaisons with Church Organizations:

Women's Guild	Arpena Sbarbaro
Senior Citizens	Rev. Diran Papazian
Choir	Ann Dadaian
Armenian School	Alice Yigitkurt

ACYOA  
Christmas Party  
Sunday School

Richard Bohajian  
Charles Shenloogian  
Gregory Zarifian

During its meetings the Parish Council discussed all matters relating to the needs of our church and made efforts to successfully discharge its responsibilities. The following items are the highlights which Parish Council believes is of importance to Holy Cross Church members:

PICNIC, BAZAAR, GOLD RAFFLE: These three functions are the main source of our income and we are grateful to the chairpersons and their committees who worked diligently to make these activities profitable.

VISION: The Parish Council regrets that the frequency of the VISION has been poor. No member of the Council is satisfied with the untimely and delayed publication of our VISION. The recommendation is that the new Parish Council make the overall improvement of the VISION a priority, recognizing that we do not have a full time secretary.

MAINTENANCE: The recent death of Deran Chopoorian leaves a great void. For years Deran was in control of the maintenance of our properties and he will be greatly missed. Fortunately in 1987 we did not have the extensive repairs and both Harold Azmelian and Deran Chopoorian attended to our all maintenance needs.

MEMBERSHIP: Three meetings were held with the leadership of recent arrivals of Armenians living in the Hudson and Bergen Counties. Plans are under way to have a Dinner-Dance on February 13, 1988 with a short program which Parish Council hopes will create the opportunity to recruit new church members. It is sad to report however, that our membership has declined.

PRIMATE'S VISIT: The Parish Council invited the Primate, Abp. Torkom Manoogian, to celebrate Divine Liturgy on April 10, 1988 and grant stole bearing privileges to certain members of our church who serve the altar. A banquet with an appropriate program will follow. Mr. & Mrs. Carnig Shenloogian have accepted to co-chair the committee.

YOUTH GROUP: Mr. Richard Bohajian has been instrumental in bringing the youth of our parish together. They are presently reviewing the possibility of starting an ACYOA Senior group.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Due to our financial condition, the enviable custom of having a free Christmas Party for members of our parish had to be cancelled. The Parish Council wanted to have such an affair at a nominal admission fee. Mr. Charles Shenloogian was not available to run this affair and since we could find no volunteers no party was held. We hope that the new Parish Council will be more successful in insuring the annual Christmas Party.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: All Holy Cross Church family members remain committed to help our venerable church to continue her sacred mission. However, special thanks and recognition are extended publicly to the following:



All the Chairpersons of our Church organizations: Women's Guild, Arpena Sbarbaro; Ladies Educational, Alice Najarian; Sunday School, Joyce Henning and Sylvia Bozoyan; Armenian School, Alice Yigitkurt; Choir, Ann Dadaian assisted by Arpena Sbarbaro and Dawn Foronjy and organist Mary Shalakian.

Thanks is never really enough to Ann Dadaian, who in addition to her duties as Parish Council Treasurer and Choirmaster, spends enormous amounts of energy, time and talent on behalf of our church. Without her exemplary dedication, support and effort our church would face unsurmountable hardship.

To Deacon Hagop Hovsepien for his consistently dedicated service. Also to Deacon Mardiros Barsamian, acolyte R chard Bohajian and Arthur Manoukian for their services.

To Harold Azmelian for sharing his time and experience with the Parish Council and for his leadership role in the stewardship of our Endowment Fund. In spite of market conditions our Endowment Fund continues to do well. Mr. Azemlian has been of inestimable help by attending Parish Council meetings and giving it his wise recommendations and full support.

To Armen Kalbian who for many years has given of his time and talent to examine and audit the statements of the Parish Council and all other church organizations.

To Richard Assoian who printed several of this year's VISIONS and Christmas Card. And to Aram Aramian for printing various items for our office.

To Pablo and Sonia Taura and their family for doing more than their assigned responsibilities to our church.

The members of the Parish Council would like to express its thanks to Nubar Dorian who, despite his and his wife's illness this year, came back to chair the Parish Council and affod us his leadership and wise souncil.

To Rev. Diran Papazian for presiding over all Parish Council meetings and celebrating Divine Liturgy and attending to the spiritual need of our parish.

And, finally, Deran Chopoorian whose recent death will create a significant void. He was the folunteer, the action man, the helper. For decades he served his beloved church in every capacity possible and endeared himself to young and old alike. The Annual Parish Assembly prayerfully wishes easy repose to his soul.

; Respectfully submitted,

NUPAR DORIAN  
Chairman

REV. DIRAN PAPA'ZIAN  
Pastor-President

RICHARD BOHAJIAN  
Secretary



HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH  
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS DEC. 31, 1986/1987

	1987	1986
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RECEIPTS		
Membership Dues, Pledges & Envelopes Plate Collection	\$ 18078.25	\$ 12979.00
Donations:		
Christmas	\$ 4728.00	\$ 5750.00
Easter	\$ 5660.00	\$ 5310.00
Christmas Cards	\$ 1840.00	\$ 1435.00
Women's Guild	\$ 10000.00	\$ 8000.00
Senior Citizens	\$ 700.00	\$ 0.00
Other Donations	\$ 2150.00	\$ 1638.00
Affairs:		
Bazaar	(1985 Net Profit - \$7,953.28) (1986 Net Profit - \$7,276.16) (1987 Net Profit - \$6,012.84)	\$ 11196.90
Picnic	(1985 Net Profit - \$2,169.95) (1986 Net Profit - \$1,665.34) (1987 Net Profit - \$ 888.46)	\$ 3206.95
Gold Raffle	(1985 Net Profit -\$15,137.13) (1986 Net Profit -\$14,339.08) (1987 Net Profit -\$14,357.00)	\$ 29300.00
Communion Breakfast		\$ 272.00
In Lieu of Flowers	\$ 6830.00	\$ 6525.00
Hokehankisds & Prayers	\$ 4097.00	\$ 3660.00
Candles & Candelabra	\$ 2275.48	\$ 1907.98
Christenings	\$ 215.00	\$ 615.00
Weddings	\$ 375.00	\$ 425.00
Funerals	\$ 1135.00	\$ 900.00
Interest & Dividends	\$ 862.52	\$ 1451.27
Center Rental	\$ 960.00	\$ 720.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 502.00	\$ 574.00
	\$104383.20	\$101356.84
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HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH  
STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS DEC. 31, 1986/1987

	1987	1986
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Salaries, Travel and Housing	\$ 35426.68	\$ 35426.68
Diocesan Dues and Looma	\$ 7500.00	\$ 8008.00
Insurance (including Clergy Medical Insurance)	\$ 4965.40	\$ 3752.44
Clergy Pension	\$ 1000.00	\$ 1000.00
Gas, electric & water (Church & Parish House)	\$ 6666.98	\$ 8436.21
Church Center Expense (excluding insurance)	\$ 8331.76	\$ 9333.03
Building Maintenance Improvements:		
Concreting of rear yard	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Purchase of snow blower	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Replacing fire extinguishers	\$ 140.00	\$ 0.00
Purchase of kitchen equipment	\$ 0.00	\$ 11553.25
New roof on Parish House	\$ 0.00	\$ 1100.00
New roof kitchen Church Center	\$ 1500.00	
Masonry work on north Church wall	\$ 0.00	\$ 4800.00
Replacing of front steps	\$ 0.00	\$ 3200.00
Other maintenance	\$ 3186.93	\$ 1667.77
Office supplies, postage, Etc.	\$ 2656.13	\$ 3799.26
Purchase of computer	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Purchase of mimeograph machine	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Purchase of office desk chair	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Purchase of video machine for Sunday School	\$ 0.00	\$ 259.95
Purchase of office air conditioner	\$ 0.00	\$ 475.00
Restoration St. Hovhanness Historical Church	\$ 500.00	
Telephone	\$ 870.14	\$ 755.42
Church Supplies	\$ 315.36	\$ 995.53
Vision	\$ 1430.00	
Honorariums & visitations	\$ 775.00	\$ 450.00
Gifts	\$ 487.00	\$ 487.00
Flowers/Altar, Palms, Easter & Mother's Day	\$ 564.00	\$ 753.00
Donation to St. Neresess Seminary	\$ 3000.00	\$ 3000.00
Legal expense	\$ 0.00	\$ 515.00
Parking lot expense	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00
Expenses of affairs:		
Bazaar	\$ 5184.06	\$ 3876.43
Picnic	\$ 2317.59	\$ 2107.66
Gold Raffle	\$ 14943.00	\$ 15060.92
Communion Breakfast	\$ 364.50	\$ 226.11
Christmas Party	\$ 0.00	\$ 1084.73
Miscellaneous	\$ 2921.45	\$ 2384.44
	<u>\$105245.98</u>	<u>\$124506.83</u>

HOLTY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH  
STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER 31, 1987

UNRESTRICTED CASH

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RECEIPTS 1987 \$104,383.20

DISBURSEMENTS 1987 \$105,245.98

DISBURSEMENTS  
OVER RECEIPTS (862.78)

UNRESTRICTED CASH  
BALANCE 12/31/86 \$ 14,719.80

\$ 13,857.02

TRUST FUND INTEREST  
TRANSFERRED 3/2/87 \$ 10,261.35

UNRESTRICTED CASH  
BALANCE 12/31/87 \$24,118.37

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CASH POSITION 12/31/87

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT  
UNION CITY SAVINGS \$ 19,647.39

SAVINGS ACCOUNT  
FIDELITY UNION BANK \$ 1,070.98

CAR LOAN TO REV. PAPAIZIAN \$ 3,400.00

\$24,118.37

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HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET

PARISH COUNCIL 1988

ANTICIPATED INCOME

Membership Dues, Plate Collections & Pledges	\$18,000
Holiday Donations	10,500
Christenings, Weddings & Funerals	2,000
In Lieu of Flowers	7,000
Hokehankisds and Prayers	4,000
Dividends and Interest	1,500
Net Proceeds from Affairs (Bazaar, Picnic, Raffle)	24,200
Other Donations (auxiliary organizations, etc.)	13,000
Candles and Candelabra	2,000
Christmas Greeting	2,000
Center Rental	1,000
Anniversary Celebration	1,000

TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME \$ 86,200

ANTICIPATED EXPENSE

Diocesan Dues and Looma	\$ 7,500
Salaries, Travel, Housing and Pension	37,000
Building & Operating Expenses:	
Maintenance & Repairs - Church & Parish House	5,000
Gas, Electricity, Fuel Oil & Water	8,000
Church Center Expenses: Gas, Heating, Light, Water & Supplies	9,000
Insurance (All properties, Workmen's Comp. & Clergy Insurance)	5,000
Property Improvement:	
Parish House, Church Center and Church	2,000
Equipment Replacement Fund	1,250
Other Expenses:	
Vision	1,500
Office Expense & Postage	3,000
Telephone	1,000
Church Supplies and Candles	1,000
Honorariums and Religious Seminars	1,000
Flowers & Miscellaneous	750
Seminary Donations	3,000
Parking	200

TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENSE \$ 86,200



HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

Union City

WOMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL REPORT - 1987

General Membership Meetings were held on the last Wednesday of each month with the exception of July and August. Executive Committee meetings were held monthly at various times. This year's Executive Committee members were:

Chairperson	Arpena Sbarbaro
Vice-Chairperson	Nector Kalustian
Recording Secretary	Diana Burggraf
Treasurer	Artemis Koundakjian
Assistant Treasurer	Alice Foronjy
Advisors:	Victoria Bohajian
	Bertha Najarian
	Areknaz Sarajian
	Virginia Shenloogian

Standing Committees:

Programs/Visitation	Bertha Najarian
Flea Markets:	Nector Kalustian
	Diana Burggraf
	Mary Shalakian
Sunshine/Hospitality	Alice Foronjy
Rummage Sales	Dora Boorjian

We continue to make our visitations to the Armenian Home as part of the Volunteer Bureau of all the Armenian Churches in the Hudson/Bergen County area. Each time we take our special chorag to the residents of the Home. We also continue to fill our baskets of staples and unperishable items for Project Share for distribution through the Division of Youth and Family Services to families with children.

Our FLEA MARKETS and RUMMAGE SALES continue to be financially successful and we wish to thank the many members of our Women's Guild who faithfully devote their time and energies to these projects.

The Women's Guild, as you can see from our financial report, was able, because of their efforts, to donate \$10,000.00 to our Parish.

Once again we held a "MEMBERS ONLY" Flea Market wherein for a nominal fee our members can rent tables to sell their own merchandise. There are no outside dealers allowed at this time--in this small way we can allow our own members who donate their time to sell.

On May 8, 1987 our delegates, Arax Chirkinian, Virginia Hajeian, Mary Shalakian and Arpena Sbarbaro attended the Women's Guild Assembly which took place in Springfield, Mass. This was the first year the Women's Guild was organized under a Central Council.

Our thanks to:

ALICE FORONJY for hostessing each of our meetings. The coffee's perking and the cakes are always waiting for us.

NECTOR KALUSTIAN and her family for putting up with all those Flea Market calls for another year.

MARY SHALAKIAN who stepped off the Executive Committee to "make room for others" but who, at the Chairperson's request attends Executive Committee meetings.

ANN DADAIAN for always graciously attending to our many mailings and myriad chores for our Guild.

REV. DIRAN PAPAIZIAN for his guidance and support of our organization.

WOMEN'S GUILD Calendar of Activities 1987

January	6	Christmas Badarak - Served light breakfast
February	7	Retreat: Living the Scriptures given by Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian
	1	Parish Assembly - Served lunch
	4	Bible Study - Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian
	18	General Membership Meeting
March	4	Annual Lenten Luncheon
	11	Armenian Women Saints Day participation at St. Leon
	14	Flea Market
	25	General Membership Meeting - Lenten Reflection by Rev. Papazian
April	1	Bible Study - Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian
	4	Flea Market
	12	Women of the Year Dinner
	16	Maundy Thursday Badarak - Served lunch
	22	General Membership Meeting - Arthritis - William Seeliger, M.D.
May	16	Flea Market
	20	General Membership Meeting
	29 & 30	Rummage Sale
June	7	Church Picnic
	13	Flea Market
	17	Closing Luncheon
	26 & 27	Members-Only Flea Market
September	12	Flea Market
	23	General Membership Meeting - lunch served
	30	Visitation to Armenian Home, Emerson
October	4	53rd Anniversary - Partaking Holy Communion, Presentation of pins, hokihankist services, reception.
	10	Flea Market
	21	General Membership Meeting
	30 & 31	Bazaar '87
November	5	Bus Ride
	7	Flea Market
	11	General Membership Meeting/Set-Up Rummage Sale
	13 & 14	Rummage Sale
	12	Flea Market
	16	Visitation to Armenian Home, Emerson

Respectfully submitted,

Arpena Sbarbaro, Chairperson



HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

WOMEN'S GUILD - - FINANCIAL REPORT 1987

BALANCE - December 31, 1986 \$11,695.85

INCOME:

Lenten Luncheon	\$ 1,420.58	
Maundy Thursday Luncheon	100.29	
Women of the Year Dinner	800.39	
Flea Markets (9)	5,645.18	
Rummage Sales (2)	2,053.26	
Atlantic City Trip	471.00	
Dues	624.00	
Interest on Money Market Savings Account	592.59	
Received in lieu of flowers	295.00	
Donations	49.00	
Miscellaneous	201.87	<u>\$12,253.16</u>

TOTAL INCOME AND OPENING BALANCE \$23,949.01

DISBURSEMENTS

Transfer of funds to Parish Council	\$10,000.00	
Parish Assembly Meeting expenses	90.12	
Floral Crosses - deceased members, etc.	205.00	
Postage, cards, etc.	42.04	
Women's Guild Central Council Convention	602.00	
Women's Guild Central Council Dues	140.00	
Retreat Expenses	97.98	
Christmas Gift to Caretaker	50.00	
Christmas Gift to Father Diran Papazian	100.00	
Miscellaneous	543.19	<u>\$11,870.33</u>

BALANCE - December 31, 1987 \$12,078.68

TOTAL ASSETS:

Money Market Savings Acct. - HUB	\$11,626.93
Checking Account - Hudson United Bank	266.21
Petty Cash	180.54
Bazaar Account - Hudson United Bank	5.00
	<u>\$12,078.68</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Ardemis Koundakjian  
Treasurer



HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

LADIES EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY - ANNUAL REPORT 1987

The Ladies Educational Society continues to serve the needs of the Mesrobian Armenian School.

This year the Executive Committee members were:

Chairperson/Treasurer	Alice Najarian
Vice Chairperson/Secretary	Victoria Tukmanian
Assistant Treasurer	Ann Assadourian
Advisors	Alice Muhibian
	Bertha Najarian
	Gladys Baghdasarian
	Agnes Tomasian
	Dora Boorojian

The Armenian school presently has 16 students and 3 teachers; Mrs. Alice Yigitkurt, Miss Maggie Nazarian Mrs. Sela Nazarian. Rev. Diran Papazian is always available to assist. The school hours are Saturday mornings 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mr. Hacı Garipian has graciously made his station wagon available to Mrs. Alice Yigitkurt so that she can transport the children to Armenian School. We are very thankful to him for his generosity. We would also like to thank Mrs. Nina Bogosian who is also transporting children to Armenian School.

The following affairs were held during the year:

Vartanantz Celebration at the Diocese at which our children danced.  
Vartanantz in our church with recitations and songs by our children.  
Mid-Lenten Luncheon  
Easter - The students made a Spring visit to the Diocese for Mesrob Mashdotz Day. One of our students recited.  
Ascension Day - Vijag - Church services followed by a luncheon.  
This year all members and mothers were honored.  
School Hantes - We had a beautiful dinner and program and our beautiful children recited, sang songs and performed as cheer leaders.  
School Registration - This was a party for the children  
Annual Card Party - This turned out to be both a social and financial success.  
Vehapar's Visit - the children went to the Diocese to welcome Vahapar and receive his blessings.  
Christmas Party - Children received gifts from "Santa."

Many thanks again to Bertha Najarian and Mrs. Agnes Tomasian who transport our members and friends to our functions. We wish to thank Miss Ann Dadaian for always being there when needed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who support our Mesrobian Armenian School both socially and financially. Our thanks to the families of the deceased members who make in lieu of flower donations to the organization in their memory.

Armenian School is open to all who wish to learn the language and culture--children, grandchildren and parents.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Najarian, Chairperson/Treasurer

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

LADIES EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY - FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1987

OPENING BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1987 \$ 2,719.26

INCOME:

Income from Affairs	\$ 2,385.40	
Donations	269.00	
Dues	75.00	
Tuition & Books (1986)	475.00	
Interest on Treasury Bond	75.00	
In Lieu of Flowers	<u>245.00</u>	<u>5,066.62</u>

TOTAL INCOME AND OPENING BALANCE \$ 6,243.66

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries and Transportation	3,105.00	
Expenses for affairs	821.52	
Diocesan Book Store (1987)	207.00	
Flowers and Memorials	100.00	
Cards and Postage	86.81	
Christmas Gifts	120.00	
Christmas & Miscellaneous (1986-1987)	<u>550.42</u>	

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 4,990.75

CLOSING BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1987 \$ 1,252.91

ANALYSIS

Checking Account - Hudson City Savings	\$ 1,252.91
Special Time Deposit - Hudson City Savings (matures 1/28/88 (See Note))	10,927.51
U.S. Treasury Bond	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
	<u><u>\$13,180.42</u></u>

Note: Includes 1987 interest income of \$643.03

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE NAJARIAN  
Treasurer

# HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

1987

The Sunday School used the new curriculum with full-color textbooks - WE BELIEVE (Copyright 1987) - of the Department of Religious Education (DRE) of our Diocese. We have an enrollment of 12 students with 3 classes and 3 staff members.

The pupils attend church services from 10:20-10:50 A.M. Assembly programs are conducted from 10:55 to 11:05 A.M. followed by class session from 11:05 to 12 noon.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Preschool, Kindergarten, and First	3	-
Grades 2, 3, & 4	6	Sylvia Bozoyan
Grades 7 & 8	3	Joyce Henning

The staff members consist of 2 teachers and treasurer, Alice Bozoyan.

Average weekly student attendance - 40%  
Average weekly student offering - \$6.60

### 1987 Events

January Christmas Holy Communion and breakfast  
Guest Speaker: Parish Council Chairman - Nubar Dorian

February St. Valentine's Day Party  
Guest Speaker: St. Nersess Seminarian - Shaké Ajamian

March Poon Paregentan - Students, parents and teachers attended Divine Liturgy at St. Vartan's Cathedral, had lunch, and enjoyed the festivities/program.  
St. Vartanantz Day  
Lenten Offering  
Guest Speaker: Shaké Ajamian



## Sunday School Report (cont.)

- April            Guest Speaker: Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian
- Holy Week
- EASTER - Holy Communion & breakfast; Easter plants and Easter candy (anonymously donated) were presented to all students.
- Surprise Farewell Party for Isabelle and Virginia Bagdat who are residing in their new home in Livingston.
- May             Surprise Farewell Party for Jennifer, Jeffrey and Jessica Mastroly who moved to their new home in Neptune.
- Closing Day - Holy Communion & breakfast
- September     Opening Day
- October        Guest Speaker: Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian
- Youth Gathering with HIS HOLINESS VASKEN I at St. Vartan Cathedral (NY)
- Divinge Liturgy with HIS HOLINESS VASKEN I at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine(NY)
- November      Divine Liturgy with HIS HOLINESS VASKEN I at St. Vartan Cathedral (NY)
- Guest Speaker: Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian
- Holy Communion & breakfast
- December      Christmas Party - refreshments, carols, & gifts

### Social Activities

1. All students received Holy Communion with their teachers followed by breakfast in the fall and spring semesters.
2. Special assemblies were conducted on Sundays.
3. New articles with pictures were published in the VISION.

Sunday School Report (cont.)

Thanks and Appreciation

Our special thanks to

- Andrew Borgersen for teaching Grades 8 & 9 during 1986 - 1987
- Diane Mastroly for teaching Kindergarten & First Grade during 1986 - 1987
- all those who prepared and served the Christmas and Easter Communion brakfasts.

Our heartfelt thanks to Der Diran Papazian for his guidance in our sacred work. We would like to express our grateful appreciation to our dear parents for bringing their children for religious education. We offer our gratitude to the teachers and staff members for their dedicated service to our Holy Cross Church Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY SCHOOL-FINANCIAL REPORT

1987

CASH BALANCE- January 1,1987 \$ 857.74

RECEIPTS:

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

TOTAL CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31,1987 \$ 312.00

\$ 1169.74

DISBURSEMENTS:

Lenten Donation \$ 46.96

Supplies 108.40

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS DECEMBER 1987 \$ 155.36

CASH BALANCE, DECEMBER 31,1987 \$1014.38

Respectfully submitted,

*Alice Bozoyan*

ALICE BOZOYAN

Treasurer

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

SENIOR CITIZENS

ANNUAL REPORT - 1987

The Executive Committee of the Senior Citizens consisted of:

Mary Seraidarian	Chairperson
Mary Nalbandian	Vice Chairperson
Mary Sahagian	Treasurer
Anna Damurjian	Secretary
Mary Kaprielian	Advisor
John Tarzian	Advisor
Alice Muhibian	Sunshine Girl

Activities of the year:

May - Mother's Day Luncheon  
June - Pie and Ice Cream  
September - Cake and Ice Cream  
December - Christmas Party

Pizza - once a month

Every Tuesday members and guests socialize. Coffee and cake is served by the committee.

Our thanks to Rev. Diran Papazian for his guidance and to our members for their donations on various occasions to our organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Damurjian  
Secretary



HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH  
SENIOR CITIZENS - FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 23, 1987

BALANCE - January 1, 1987 \$ 1,654.79

RECEIPTS:

Admissions \$ 1,090.00  
Donations 185.00  
Dues 180.00  
Sale of Food 113.95  
Savings Account Interest 51.63

1620.58  
1,654.79

TOTAL RECEIPTS

TOTAL RECEIPTS AND OPENING BALANCE

\$ 3,275.37

DISBURSEMENTS:

Donation to Church \$ 700.00  
Meeting Expenses & Miscellaneous 832.54

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

1,532.54

BALANCE, December 23, 1987

\$ 1,742.83

ANALYSIS:

Savings Account Balance \$ 1,642.83  
Cash on Hand 100.00  
\$ 1,742.83

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Sahagian,  
Treasurer

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

CHOIR - ANNUAL REPORT

1987

The Church Choir continues to serve our Church faithfully throughout the year.

Thanks and acknowledgements to our Choirmasters, Ann Dadaian, Dawn Foronjy and Arpena Sbarbaro and to our organist Mary Shalakian; our Deacons Hagop Hovsepian and Mardiros Barsamian; Altar Servers Richard Bohajian, John Hovsepian, John Malool and Arthur Manoukian, Jr. and to all our choir members who serve our church every Sunday with dedication.

We thank our Pastor, Rev. Diran Papazian for his encouragement and support.

Last but not least our sincere thanks to all our parishioners and the Parish Council for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

CHOIR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

CHOIR - FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 1987

CASH BALANCE - January 1, 1987 \$ 928.21

EXPENSES:

Flowers for ill members	\$74.60
Refreshments	22.40
Purchase of Books	<u>25.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 122.00

BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1987 \$ 806.21

Respectfully submitted,

Hacik Sariminasian  
Treasurer

