

ANNUAL REPORT

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Holy Cross
Armenian
Church

UNION CITY, N. J.

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HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

UNION CITY, NJ

AGENDA FOR PARISH ASSEMBLY

FEBRUARY 19, 1989

1. Prayer and Opening of Meeting
2. Election of Assembly Officers
3. Election of Parish Council, Auditing
and Nominating Committees
4. Pastor's Report
5. Parish Council Report
6. Auditing Committee
7. Endowment Fund
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Closing Prayer

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
1987 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 1988

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 8, 1988. Motion was made and seconded for Mr. Harold Azmelian and Mrs. Claire Hovsepien to serve as Chairman and REcording Secretary, respectively, of the Parish Assembly. The meeting then was adjourned for lunch.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:15 p.m. with a short prayer by Fr. Diran Papazian. A total of 54 parishioners were in attendance representing a quorum. Motion made and seconded to close the ballots at 1:30 p.m.

Harold Azmelian, Chairman, requested a moment of silence in memory of two recently departed extremely active members of our church, Mrs. Victoria Tukmanian and Mr. Deran Chopoorian. Also, Mrs. Arpena Sbarbaro read a short touching letter written by Mr. Levon Manoukian to Mr. Chopoorian when he was hospitalized several years ago.

Fr. Diran Papazian read the Pastor's report for 1987, putting special emphasis on the fact that each year the number of funerals are at least double the amount of weddings and baptisms combined. This presents a challenge to the parishioners to think of ways of increasing our church membership.

Mr. Hagop Hovsepien requested that future reports (especially the Pastor's) be printed both in English and Armenian.

The Parish Council Chairman was asked to present the Parish Council report. The assembly was asked to raise only relevant questions at this time. Other points raised would be reviewed under the heading of "old business" and "new business" after the reports of the various organizations were read.

The reports of the various organizations were read and accepted as submitted. Mrs. Arpena Sbarbaro, Chairlady of the Women's Guild, presented the Chairman with a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 for which Harold Azmelian thanked her profusely.

Mrs. Alice Najarian, Chairlady of the Educational Society, asked that we insert in the record the fact that the Armenian School held a Cultural Day this past year which included a light luncheon and Yerezkin Rosalie was the principal speaker.

Mr. Armen Kalbian, Auditing Committee Chairman, reported that the Treasurer's reports for the various organizations were in good order. He had not audited the Senior Citizen organization nor the Choir, as they had limited financial activity.

Mr. Kalbian made a point of stating that the financial status of the Church is deteriorating and suggested that the first step should be to try to get an increase in pledges from the parishioners.

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Mary Shalakian asked that in future financial reports of the Church, the heading of salaries show a breakdown as to amount and to whom paid. This was duly noted.

Motion was made and carried to accept the auditing committee report.

Mr. Philip Arpiarian, Chairman of the nominating committee, announced the election results as follows:

PARISH COUNCIL: Philip Arpiarian Harold Azmelian
Nubar Dorian Hiran Gulian
Zaven Hovsepien

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Robert Borgersen Ann Dadaian
Mary Shalakian

AUDITING COMMITTEE: Juliet Borgersen Dawn Foronjy
John Hovsepien

54 votes were cast - everyone unanimously elected.

Nubar Dorian asked for nominations from the floor for an alternate to be designated for the parish council. Motion was made and seconded to select Mr. Mardiros Barsamian as an alternate. Motion unanimously carried.

The proposed budget of the Parish Council was adopted as amended. The budget for 1988 is \$84,700.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. With regards to the 100 page history of Degranagerd by Bishop Arsen Berberian from Sweden: Parish Council investigated and decided the project to be too costly and not very scholarly. Matter tabled.

B. With regard to Abp. Vatche Hovsepien's 35th Anniversary of ordination - congratulatory telegram was sent also a special endowment fund has been established in his name in the Western Diocese.

C. Rally day for the Armenian and Sunday School children - this event has not taken place - matter tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Commemorative Souvenir of Holy Cross Church: Parish Council had no thoughts on this proposal. Richard Kalbian suggested tabling at this time because of shortage of excess funds.

B. Nubar Dorian asked the assmely to consider transferring the funds of the Armenian School to the Parish Council and have the Parish Council be responsible for the financial needs of the school. After much heated discussion, this proposal was defeated.

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C. Rental of Church Center: Suggested Parish Council study the feasibility of renting the center as a commercial enterprise - taking into consideration the possibility of losing our tax exempt status. Council will submit their findings.

D. Assembly approved the proposal of instituting a library in the Church Annex for the AGYOA Seniors to enable them to rent books on Armenian history and culture.

E. Regarding the proposal for an audio-visual history of Holy Cross Armenian Church - it was decided to table this matter at present in view of the fact that it appears to be a major project.

F. Endowment Fund: The diocese has approached Holy Cross with the proposal that we turn over our endowment fund to them so they may invest it for us. Parish Council asked the assembly for their comments. It was unanimously decided to maintain our present status of investing our own funds.

G. Mary Shalakian will form an independent committee to investigate ways of financing the purchase of a new church organ. Report will be made to Parish Council.

H. With regards to the Holy Cross proposed Annual Budget: Zaven Hovsepien made a motion to decrease the amount of the annual donation to St. Nersess Seminary from \$3,000 to \$1,500.00 per year. Motion carried.

I. Mardiros Barsamian asked the Parish Council to try to plan a celebration (possibly a dinner following church services) of Holy Cross Day (September, October) and to try to have Primate Torkom Manoogian officiate.

J. The assembly was informed of the dinner-dance to be held on February 13th at our Church Center for the purpose of introducing the Bolsahays to our parishioners. Every effort will be made to make them active in our church. Alice Yigitkurt has single-handedly orchestrated this entire function.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Chairman, on behalf of the Assembly, took strong exception to the "Epilogue" of the Pastor's Report. He then read the two "Epilogues" Fr. Papazian had presented in previous reports and pointed out that we have gone in a period of two years, "from marching to a drumbeat towards our centennial celebration, to a drumbeat leading Holy Cross to its grave."

The Chairman asked for comments from the Parish Council regarding their relationship with the Pastor. On behalf of the Parish Council, Mr. Nubar Dorian expressed the council's frustrations due to its inability to work with Pastor Papazian. Among other items he listed several requests of the Parish Council which Pastor did not follow in over 2 years.

1. Adhere to regular office hours, 10AM to 1PM.
2. Arrange the publication of our newspaper, the Vision, monthly and not once in three months.
3. His unwillingness to contact church members by regular visitations.

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4. His indifference to the pleas of the council to attract the Bolsahays living in our area.

A general discussion followed and issues such as parking, dwindling finances and membership were addressed after which the Chairman asked the Pastor to respond.

Father Papazian's answer was that he would discuss all relevant matters with the Parish Council and make efforts to adopt a more amicable and cooperative attitude.

Mr. Nubar Dorian thanked Mr. Harold Azmelian and Mrs. Claire Hovsepien for their services and all members present for their continued interest and dedication to our church.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Hovsepien
Recording Secretary

Harold Azmelian
Chairman

Rev. Diran Papazian
Pastor-President

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1988 - PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

At the Annual Parish Assembly held on February 7, 1988, the following parishioners were elected to serve on the Parish Council, the Nominating and the Auditing Committees:

PARISH COUNCIL:	Philip Arpiarian Harold Azmelian Zaven Hovsepian Nubar Dorian Hrant Gulian
NOMINATING COMMITTEE	Ann Dadaian Mary Shalakian Robert Boergersen
AUDITING COMMITTEE	Julliet Borgersen Dawn Foronjy John Hovsepian

The Parish Council met eleven (11) times during the year with a quorum in attendance. At the first meeting following confirmation of the elections by the Diocese the following executive committee was elected:

CHAIRMAN	Nubar Dorian
VICE CHAIRMAN	Zaven Hovsepian
TREASURER	Harold Azmelian
SECRETARY	Philip Arpiarian

The Chairman made the following committee appointments:

Membership/Pledge	A. Sbarbaro, H. Azmelian
Vision	A. Sbarbaro, A. Dadaian
Picnic	R. Borgersen
Bazaar	A. Yigitkurt, R. Tarzian
Gold Raffle	P. Arpiarian, C. Shenloogian
Maintenance	H. Azmelian

During the Parish Council meetings the Council Members discussed and took action on all matters relating to the needs of the Holy Cross Armenian Church.

The disposition of the motions passed at the last Parish Assembly was as follows:

- a. Pastor's Report - English and Armenian - because we do not have a permanent parish priest as of this date, a Pastor's report is not included in this annual report.
- b. Financial Report should include details on salaries. This year's financial information will reflect the information.
- c. Rental Church Center - there was discussion regarding this issue which resulted in the following conclusions: higher insurance costs and lack of volunteers to assume the management of the center.

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- d. ACYOA Seniors Library - there is no ACYOA activity in our parish at this time. There were no volunteers to undertake this project.
- e. Annual Dinner/Dance - A Valentine's Day affair was held on February 13, 1988 with 300 people in attendance. Under the co-chairpersonship of Alice Yigitkurt and Mardiros Barsamian a very enjoyable and successful affair netted the Holy Cross Armenian Church in excess of \$14,000.

The following represents the significant events which were important to the Holy Cross Armenian Church and its members:

Parish Priest - Regrettably our parish was without a priest when Fr. Papazian left our parish in July. During the annual meeting several issues were raised regarding the performance of the priest. The Parish Council attempted to resolve these issues with Fr. Papazian without success. It was mutually agreed by the Council and Fr. Papazian that it was in the best interest of our Church to sever our relationship. Since July, through the dedicated efforts of Arpena Sbarbaro we have had no interruption in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

The Parish Council has been actively pursuing a replacement with the Priamte. These activities have most recently been interrupted because of the earthquake in Armenia.

Picnic, Bazaar, Raffle - These affairs represent a major source of income for our parish. We are grateful to the chairpersons and their committees who strive to make these activities both enjoyable and profitable.

Vision - The Vision has been published faithfully and on a regular basis for the past year. We are grateful to Ann and Arpena and their committee for keeping us informed.

Membership - Our parish boasts of a faithful membership. Many parishioners attend church regularly, participate in the auxiliary organizations and attend the various affairs. It is important that everyone who considers themselves a member participate in the Pledge system and use the weekly envelopes.

ACYOA Seniors - There has been no significant activity regarding the formation of an ACYOA Seniors group.

Maintenance - The maintenance on Church properties during the past year included the replacement of the roof on the Church Annex, painting the exterior of the Church, and overhaul of the Church heating system. We anticipate that during the next year, 1989, there will be more activity on maintaining of Church properties.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

To all Holy Cross Church members and friends who remain committed to help our Church continue to perform her sacred mission.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (cont.)

To all the Chairpersons of our auxilliary organizations.

To Ann Dadaian who never ceases in her devotion and dedication in the service of her Church as Choirmaster, Assistant to the Treasurer, Vision and church secretary.

To Deacons Hagop Hovsepian and Mardiros Barsamian for their unfailing service on the altar.

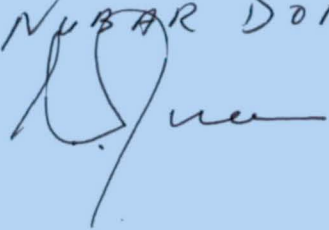
To Harold Azmelian for his accumen in financial matters which has resulted in the unprecedented growth of our Endowment Fund.

To Pablo and Sonia Taura and their family for the loving and caring way in which they attend to beautify our church.

and to Nubar Dorian, the Chairman of the Parish Council and members of the Council for their dynamic and thoughtful leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP ARPIARIAN
SECRETARY

NUBAR DORIAN, CHAIRMAN


HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS FOR THE YEARS ENDING DEC. 31, 1987-1988

	1988	1987
RECEIPTS		
Membership Dues, Pledges & Envelopes Plate Collection	\$ 18,507.50	\$ 18,078.25
Donations:		
Christmas	\$ 6,320.00	\$ 4,728.00
Easter	\$ 5,478.00	\$ 5,660.00
Christmas Cards	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 1,840.00
Women's Guild	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Senior Citizens	\$ 800.00	\$ 700.00
Other Donations	\$ 1,274.00	\$ 2,150.00
Affairs:		
Bazaar	(1987 Net Profit - \$ 6,012.84) (1988 Net Profit - \$ 8,424.33)	\$ 11,196.90
Picnic	(1987 Net Profit - \$ 888.46) (1988 Net Profit - \$ 2,416.75)	\$ 3,206.05
Gold Raffle	(1987 Net Profit - \$14,357.00)	\$ 29,300.00
Auto Raffle	(1988 Net Profit - \$14,149.49)	\$ 29,500.00
Bolshayr Night	(1988 Net Profit - \$14,481.25)	\$ 15,235.00
One World Festival	(1988 Net Profit - \$ 325.50)	\$ 725.50
Church Banquet	(1988 Net Profit - \$ 628.28)	\$ 3,427.00
Communion Breakfast		\$ 289.00 \$ 272.00
In Lieu of Flowers		\$ 14,110.00 \$ 6,830.00
Hokehankisds & Prayers		\$ 5,181.00 \$ 4,097.00
Candles & Candelabra		\$ 2,941.69 \$ 2,275.48
Christenings		\$ 1,000.00 \$ 215.00
Weddings		\$ 200.00 \$ 375.00
Funerals		\$ 1,565.00 \$ 1,135.00
Interest & Dividends		\$ 5,026.11 \$ 862.52
Center Rental		\$ 160.00 \$ 960.00
Miscellaneous		\$ 350.73 \$ 502.00
	\$142,698.06	\$104,383.20
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STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1988 - 1987

	1988	1987
DISBURSEMENTS	-----	-----
Salaries, Travel and Housing	\$24,364.31	\$ 35,426.68
Diocesan Dues and Looma	\$ 9,884.00	\$ 7,500.00
Insurance (including Clergy Medical Insurance)	\$ 4,917.13	\$ 4,965.40
Clergy Pension	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Gas, electric & water (Church & Parish House)	\$ 6,638.33	\$ 6,666.98
Church Center Expense (excluding insurance)	\$ 6,205.64	\$ 8,331.76
Building Maintenance Improvements:		
New roof Annex	\$ 1,075.00	
Purchase new vacuum cleaner	\$ 307.93	
Replacing fire extinguishers	\$ 133.25	\$ 140.00
Painting Church properties	\$ 971.14	
Annex Refrigerator repair	\$ 273.00	
New roof kitchen Church Center		\$ 1,500.00
Plumbing repairs Parish House & Church	\$ 1,004.00	
Other maintenance	\$ 962.17	\$ 3,186.93
Office supplies, postage, Etc.	\$ 2,307.88	\$ 2,656.13
Purchase of typewriter	\$ 148.00	
Office machine repairs	\$ 826.11	
Restoration St. Hovhanness Historical Church		\$ 500.00
Telephone	\$ 915.08	\$ 870.14
Church Supplies	\$ 1,718.50	\$ 315.36
Vision	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,430.00
Honorariums & visitations	\$ 3,515.00	\$ 775.00
Gifts	\$ 250.00	\$ 487.00
Flowers/Altar, Palms, Easter & Mother's Day	\$ 617.50	\$ 564.00
Donation to St. Neresess Seminary	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
Parking lot expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00
Expenses of affairs:		
Bazaar	\$ 3,946.80	\$ 5,184.06
Picnic	\$ 1,944.65	\$ 2,317.59
Gold Raffle	\$15,350.51	\$ 14,943.00
Communion Breakfast	\$ 244.70	\$ 364.50
Church Banquet	\$ 2,823.72	
One World Festival	\$ 400.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,389.44	\$ 2,921.45
	\$99,393.79	\$105,245.98
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HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER 31, 1988

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UNRESTRICTED CASH:		
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RECEIPTS 1988		\$142,698.06
DISBURSEMENTS 1988		\$ 99,393.79

RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 43,304.27
UNRESTRICTED CASH BALANCE 1/1/87	\$13,857.02	
TRUST FUND INTEREST TRANSFERED 2/2/87	\$10,261.35	

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

UNRESTRICTED CASH BALANCE 12/31/88		\$67,422.64
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CASH POSITION 12/31/88		
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT UNION CITY SAVINGS		\$ 17,422.64
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT GREENWOOD SAVINGS BANK		\$ 25,000.00
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT UNITED JERSEY BANK		\$ 25,000.00

		\$67,422.64
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HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET

PARISH COUNCIL 1989

ANTICIPATED INCOME

Membership Dues, Plate Collections & Pledges	\$19,000
Holiday Donations	11,500
Christenings, Weddings & Funerals	2,000
In Lieu of Flowers	6,000
Hokehankisds and Prayers	4,500
Dividends and Interest	5,000
Net Proceeds from Affairs (Bazaar, Picnic, Raffle)	25,000
Dinner/Dance	10,000
Other Donations (auxiliary organizations, etc.)	12,000
Candles and Candelabra	2,000
Christmas Greeting	1,500
Center Rental	500

TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME \$ 98,500

ANTICIPATED EXPENSE

Diocesan Dues and Looma	\$11,000
Salaries, Travel, Housing and Pension	37,000
Insurance (including Clergy Medical)	5,000
Clergy Pension	1,000
Building Expenses:	
Church/Parish House	7,400
Church Center	7,100
Building Maintenance/Improvements	12,500
Office Supplies, Postage, etc.	2,500
Office Machine Repair/Replacement	4,000
Telephone	1,000
Church Supplies	2,000
Vision	1,500
Honorariums	1,500
Saint Nersess Seminary	3,000
Miscellaneous	2,000

TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENSE \$ 98,500

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

Union City,

WOMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL REPORT - 1988

General Membership Meetings were held on the last Wednesday of each month with the exception of July and August. Executive Committee meetings were held in the morning prior to the general membership meeting. 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
	Lucy Ganguzza
	Isabel Keshguerian
	Bertha Najarian

Standing Committees:

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

Visitations are made to the Home for the Armenian Aged two to three times a year. We continue to support Project Share wherein members and parishioners are urged to fill food baskets which are then distributed 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 must at this time thank our many members who faithfully devote their time and energies to these projects. Clothing left from the Rummage Sale is picked up by the Deacon of St. Francis Workshop and distributed to the homeless and needy in Jersey City and its environs and then shipped to various areas of the United States and ultimately to Africa. We thank Mary Shalakian for her investigative efforts on our behalf.

MEMBERS ONLY Flea Markets allow our own members to sell their items by renting tables at a nominal fee. Nector Kalustian and Mary Shalakian have been handling the responsibilities of this phase of our operation.

On May 14, 1988 our delegates, Arax Chirkinian, Virginia Hajeian, Mary Shalakian and Arpena Sbarbaro, attended the Women's Guild Assembly which took place in Cambridge, Mass.

During the year Isabel Keshguerian found it necessary to resign from the Executive Committee and Mary Kharpertian, our first alternate, took her place. We wish to thank Mary for the fine publicity articles she has written for us.

Our heartfelt thanks to Diana Burggraf, Alice Foronjy and Nector Kalustian for hostessing our meetings and to ANN DADAIAN who never turns down a request for our many mailings.

WOMEN'S GUILD, continued

Because of the dedication of the members of our Guild we were able to increase our donation to the Parish to \$12,000 in 1988 and are presenting a check today for \$10,000.

WOMEN'S GUILD Calendar of Activities 1988

January	6	Christmas Badarak - Served Breakfast
	20	General Membership Meeting
February	7	Parish Assembly - Served Lunch
	17	Lenten Luncheon
March	5	Flea Market
	16	General Membership Meeting
	31	Maundy Thursday - Served Lunch
April	9	Dedication of Stained Glass Window at St. Vartan Cathedral
	16	Flea Market
	20	General Membership Meeting; Telephone Company Presentation "New Jersey Gold"
May	4 & 5	Keufteh Learning Session
	9	Bus Ride
	14	Women's Guild Assembly
	14	Flea Market
	18	General Membership Meeting/Set-Up Rummage Sale
	20 & 21	Rummage Sale
June	5	Picnic
	4	Flea Market
	24 & 25	Member's Only Flea Market
	15	Closing Lunch
September	10	Flea Market
	23 & 24	Mini Bazaar
	21	General Membership Meeting
October	2	Women's Guild 54th Anniversary
	15	Flea Market
	19	General Membership Meeting
	28 & 29	Bazaar
November	12	Flea Market
	18 & 19	Rummage Sale
December	10	Flea Market
	14	Women's Guild Christmas Party

Mention should be made of our MINI BAZAAR's at which time at least half our Center is filled with household items, etc. which many of our parishioners donate. These "Bazaar's" are capably coordinated by Diana Burggraf and Mary Shalakian.

Respectfully submitted,

Arpena Sbarbaro, Chairperson

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WOMEN'S GUILD - - FINANCIAL REPORT 1988

BALANCE - December 31, 1987 \$12,078.68

INCOME:

Lenten Luncheon	\$ 1,279.31	
Palm Sunday - Choreg Sale	178.75	
Kufta Sale	369.76	
Flea Markets (9)	7,567.52	
Rummage Sales (2)	1,361.70	
Members Only Flea Markets	214.95	
54th Anniversary Luncheon	150.25	
Atlantic City Trips (2)	1,008.20	
Dues	565.00	
Interest on Money Market Savings Account	407.79	
Received in lieu of flowers	635.00	
Donations	105.00	
Miscellaneous	146.36	<u>\$13,989.59</u>

TOTAL INCOME AND OPENING BALANCE \$26,068.27

DISBURSEMENTS

Transfer of funds to Parish Council	\$12,000.00	
Floral Crosses - deceased members, etc.	307.00	
Postage, cards, etc.	103.19	
Women's Guild Central Council Convention	590.00	
Women's Guild Central Council Dues	126.00	
Tables purchased for Center (12)	585.00	
Women's Guild Christmas Party	117.63	
Christmas Gift to Caretaker	100.00	
Miscellaneous	297.74	<u>\$14,226.56</u>

BALANCE - December 31, 1988 \$11,841.71

TOTAL ASSETS:

Money Market Savings Acct. - HUB	\$11,571.93
Checking Account - Hudson United Bank	105.82
Petty Cash	158.96
Bazaar Account - Hudson United Bank	5.00
	<u>\$11,841.71</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Ardemis Koundakjian
Treasurer

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

LADIES EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY - ANNUAL REPORT 1988

The Ladies Educational Society of the Holy Cross Armenian Church always stands steadfast and ready to take care of the Mesrobian Armenian School financially or otherwise, so that our Armenian children may learn about their language and culture.

Our Executive Board members are as follows:

Alice Najarian	Chairperson/Treasurer
Ann Assadourian	Asst. Treasurer
Satenig Hovsepian	Secretary
Bertha Najarian	Advisor

The Armenian School presently has 18 students and 3 teachers -- Mrs. Alice Suzan Yigitkurt, Miss Maggie Nazarian and Mrs. Sela Nazarian. The school hours are Saturday morning 10AM-12:30PM. Alice Yigitkurt transports the children and teachers to and from the Armenian School with the help of Mrs. Nina Bogosian.

During the year we held the following affairs:

1. Vartanantz Day- in church. Recitations and songs by our children.
2. Mid-Lenten Luncheon
3. Ascension Day Luncheon-Vijag. Divine Liturgy was celebrated followed by a luncheon. Mothers of the Year honored: Mrs. Agnes Thomasian and Mrs. Dora Boorojian.
4. Armenian School Hantess-Dinner. Program by children.
5. Annual Card Party and Dinner. Financial and social success.
6. Christmas Party and lunch for the school children. Gifts were distributed by Santa Claus to the children and many parents and friends of the school were present.
7. The children of our Armenian School participate in all events and programs at our Diocese.

Our thanks and gratitude to all those who support the Armenian School both financially and socially.

Our thanks to those who donated to the Mesrobian Armenian School in memory of their beloved members and friends.

Special thanks to all our members and friends who work so diligently throughout the course of the year.

A special "thank you" to Bertha Najarian and Agnes Thomasian for all the "special tasks" they perform throughout the year.

May God grant us continued success to carry on for the purpose of educating our children in the language and culture of our heritage.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Najarian
Chairperson

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

LADIES EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY - FINANCIAL REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 1988

OPENING BALANCE January 1, 1988 \$ 1,252.91

INCOME:

Affairs	\$ 3,158.50
Donations	190.00
Dues	115.00
Tuition (1987)	360.00
Interest on Treasury Bond	75.00
In Lieu of Flowers	585.00
Transfer of funds from Savings account into checking account	<u>6,000.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME AND OPENING BALANCE 11,736.41

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salary & Transportation	5,950.00
Expenses for affairs	707.40
Diocesan Book Store (1988)	51.00
Flowers and memorials for deceased members	120.80
Postage	70.50
Christmas gifts	130.00
Christmas gifts (for children)	318.14
Miscellaneous	<u>12.88</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 7,360.72

CLOSING BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 1988 \$ 4,375.69

ANALYSIS:

Checking Account - Hudson City	\$ 4,375.69
U.S. Treasury Bond	1,000.00
Special Time Deposit - Hudson City	<u>5,720.56</u>
	\$11,096.25

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Najarian
Treasurer

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

1988

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 10 students with 2 classes and 3 staff members.

The pupils attend church services from 10:20 - 10:50 A.M. Assembly is 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>
Kindergarten, First, and Second	5	Annette Almond
Grades 3, 4, and 5	5	Sylvia Bozoyan

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

Average weekly student attendance - 45%
Average weekly student offering - \$4.00

1988 Events

January	9	Christmas Holy Communion and breakfast Christmas boxed candy (anonymously donated) were presented to all students.
	3	
	&	Guest Speaker: Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian
	10	
February	7	Guest Speaker: Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian
	11	St. Vartanantz Day
	28	Guest Speaker: Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian
March	13	Divine Liturgy & Hokehankist at St. Vartan Cathedral followed by a Peace March to the Soviet Mission to the U.N. in support for the "Reunification of Karabagh with Armenia"

Sunday School Report (cont.)

March/April Lenten Offering Collection

 Holy Week

April 2 Holy Communion & breakfast; Easter candy (anonymously donated) were presented to all students.

 3 Easter - plants were given to all students
 Guest Speaker: Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian

 10 Deacon's Ordination Ceremony & Divine Liturgy officiated by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian

May 22 Farewell party for Mrs. Joyce Henning, our dedicated and devoted teacher and co-superintendent for over 22 years. She is residing in Florida now with her husband, John, and their daughter, Stacy. This was a major loss to our Sunday School.

 Closing Day - Holy Communion & breakfast

September 18 Opening Day

October Cultural Month

November Donated food to the needy for Thanksgiving

December Christmas Party was cancelled due to the December 7th earthquake in Armenia

Thanks and Appreciation

Our special thanks to

- Mrs. Joyce Henning for serving our Sunday School for over 22 years We will miss her and her family.
- all those who prepared and served the Christmas and Easter Communion breakfasts.

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 & staff members for their dedicated service to our Holy Cross Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL - FINANCIAL REPORT

1988

CASH BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 1988 \$ 1,014.38

RECEIPTS:

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

TOTAL CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1988 134.00

\$ 1,148.38

DISBURSEMENTS:

LENTEN DONATION \$40.00

SUPPLIES 79.42

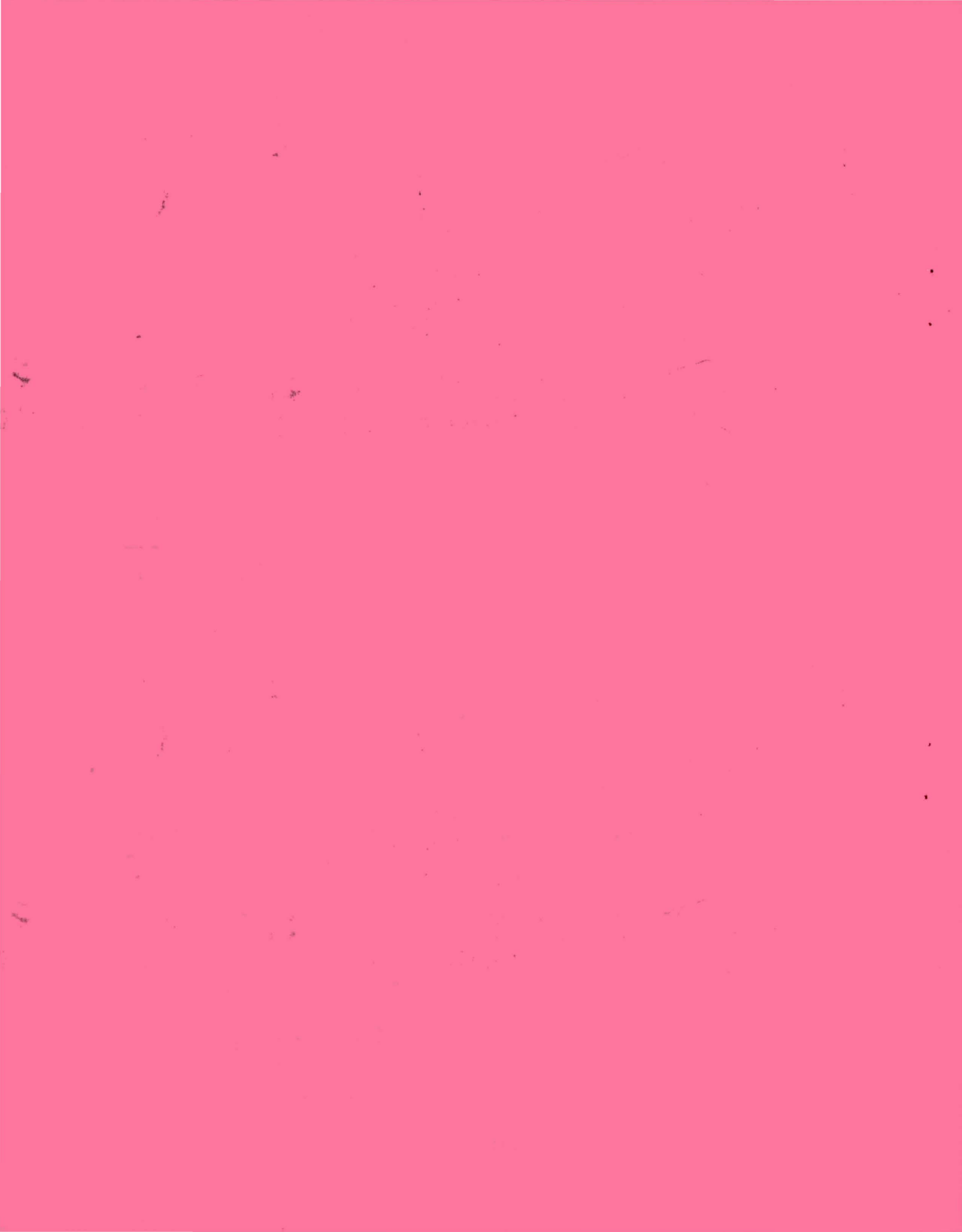
GIFT (to Joyce Henning) 80.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS December 1988 \$ 199.42

CASH BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 1988 \$ 948.96

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Bozoyan
Alice Bozoyan
Treasurer



HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

SENIOR CITIZENS ANNUAL

REPORT

1988

The Executive Committee of the Senior Citizens consists of:

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

Activities of the year:

May: Mother's and Father's Day Luncheon

June: Lahmajoun Luncheon

December: Christmas Party

We would like to thank our members for their donations to our organization.

New members are most welcome.

Every Tuesday coffee and cake is served the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Damurjian
Secretary

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
SENIOR CITIZENS - FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1988

BALANCE - December 23, 1987 \$ 1,742.83

RECEIPTS

Admissions	\$ 1097.43	
Donations	63.75	
Dues	114.00	
Sale of Food	<u>81.15</u>	<u>1,356.33</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS PLUS OPENING BALANCE \$ 3,099.16

DISBURSEMENTS

Donations to Church	\$ 800.00	
Meeting Expenses & Miscellaneous	<u>757.05</u>	

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 1,557.05

BALANCE, December 31, 1988 \$ 1,542.11

ANALYSIS

Savings Account Balance	\$1,512.29	
Cash on Hand	<u>29.82</u>	
	<u>\$1,542.11</u>	

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Sahagian,
Treasurer

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

CHOIR - ANNUAL REPORT

1988

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

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

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, 1988

CASH BALANCE - January 1, 1988 \$ 806.21

INCOME

Gifts and Donations \$ 40.00
Easter Collection 210.00

TOTAL INCOME \$ 250.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Repair of organ \$135.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 135.00

BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 1988 \$ 921.21

Respectfully submitted,

Hacik Sariminasian
Treasurer

