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AGENDA FOR PARISH ASSEMBLY

FEBRUARY 5, 1995

1. Prayer and Opening of Meeting
2. Election of Assembly Officers
3. Election of Parish Council, Auditing and Nominating Committee
4. Pastor's Report
5. Parish Council Report
6. Report of Church Organizations
7. Report of Auditing Committee
8. 1995 Budget
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11. Closing Prayer

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**1993 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 1994**

The Annual Parish Assembly Meeting was convened immediately following Church Services in the Church at 12:15PM.

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Zaven Hovsepian, asked for nominations for Chairman of the Parish Assembly and Secretary. Mr. Nubar Dorian and Philip Arpiarian were unanimously elected Chairman and Secretary, respectively.

The meeting was adjourned to the Church Center and reconvened at 1:20PM. Our pastor, the Very Rev. Vazken Karayan, presided as President.

The Chairman requested a motion to close the ballot box. Motion was made and passed to close the balloting at 1:30 PM.

The Chairman dispensed with the reading of the minutes from the last year's Annual Meeting and proceeded to the presentation of the Parish Council report.

The Parish Council Chairman, Zaven Hovsepian, reviewed the minutes highlighting the acknowledgements. He then asked if there were any questions. There being none, Mr. Dorian then asked our Parish Priest, the very Rev. Vazken Karayan for his report.

Hayr Soorp began by expressing that he was glad to be our new pastor. He then proceeded to outline his objectives:

- plans to conduct visitations to familiarize himself with the parishioners.
- Sunday and Armenian Schools - commented on the dedication of the teachers. His goals are to increase enrollment. He is introducing Christian education into the Armenian School curriculum and will also include social activities.
- within the next six to eight months he will try to reorganize the ACYOA.
- train acolytes to read scriptures during church services.
- made requests to Fr. Chevian, Diocesan Youth Coordinator, for materials and videos
- Senior Citizens - will attend meetings, use videos for education on various topics relating to seniors.
- Expand the VISION - inclusion of monthly message from the parish priest and encourage input from parishioners.
- organization of a junior choir.
- establishment of a membership committee

Mr. Dorian invited the various Church organizations to present their reports.

WOMEN'S GUILD: Ms. Arpena Sbarbaro pointed out the highlights of the Guild activities, making special mention of the work that Mrs. Lucy Ganguzza and Ms. Mary Shalakian did in raising \$2,100 for the Armenian Missionary Fund. Finally, Ms. Sbarbaro presented a \$5,000 check to the Parish Council Treasurer.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL: Mrs. Alice Yigitkurt presented the report. She advised the assembly that Hayr Soorp was teaching the graduating class and has also introduced religious education.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Mr. Dorian invited those assembled to read the report.

SENIOR CITIZENS: Mr. Dorian informed the Assembly that the Senior Citizens donated \$500 to the Parish Treasury.

CHOIR: Mr. Dorian invited those assembled to read the report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Harold Azmelian reviewed the Receipts and Disbursements, pointing out reductions in our Dues/Pledges/Plate Collections. Last year, the Parish Assembly voted to donate \$15,000 to the Armenian Missionary Fund. Unfortunately, only \$11,368 was collected -- the shortfall resulted in an unexpected disbursement. In summary, cash position has been reduced to \$7,142, the lowest in our recent history.

ENDOWMENT FUND: Mr. Azmelian presented the latest status of the Fund. The interest realized was 8-1/2% for the year 1993 making the current market value of the fund \$1,323,064.

Mr. Dorian commended all the organizations for their efforts during the past year.

Mrs. Dawn Donofrio, the Audit Committee chairperson, reported that all the Treasurer's Reports were in order. She commented on the diligence of the treasurers in performing their duties.

Motion was made and passed expressing the appreciation and gratitude of the Parishioners for the work done by the members of the various Parish Organizations.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Dorian introduced the following recommendations from the Parish Council:

1. Membership Dues - increase the dues from \$25 to \$50. Following a discussion, a motion was made and passed to increase the dues to \$50.

Motion was made to require a separate donation specifically designated as membership dues. During the discussions Hayr Soorp advised the Assembly that this matter would be resolved by the membership committee. Accordingly, the motion was withdrawn.

2. Donation to Seminary - In the past, \$3,000 was donated to the St. Nersess Seminary. This year, it is recommended that \$1,500 and \$1,000 be donated to St. Nersess and St. James (Jerusalem) respectively. Motion was made and passed approving donations.
3. Renovation and office equipment - Recommendations to renovate a) the rest rooms in the Church; b) the Parish Office; and c) purchase of new computer. Motion was made and passed approving these expenditures.
4. Armenian Missionary Fund - Recommendation to have a goal of \$15,000 to be raised through special projects. However, donation to Fund to be limited to the amount raised. Motion was made and passed accordingly.
5. Recommendation made by Armen Kalbian to reduce the number of members on the Parish Council because of the decrease in parish membership and lack of interest on the part of parishioners. Motion made and passed to have the Parish Council discuss the question.

There being no other New Business, Mr. Dorian invited Mr. Azmelian to review the proposed 1994 Budget (copy attached.) Mr. Azmelian pointed out that the budget included the costs for the items approved during the new business discussions. Furthermore, the shortfall of Receipts is to be made up by withdrawing interest from the Endowment Fund. Motion made and passed accepting the Budget and authorizing the use of money from the Endowment Fund.

ELECTION RESULTS

Mr. Dorian asked the Nominating Committee Chairman, Mr. Kalbian, for the results of the elections. Mr. Kalbian reported there were 55 ballots cast and the results were as follows:

PARISH COUNCIL

Sylvia Bozoyan
Nubar Dorian
Armen Kalbian

Satenig Karagosian
Hagop Yassian

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Diana Burggraf
Philip Arpiarian
Arax Karagosian

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Lucy Bozoian
Dawn Donofrio
Armen Kalbian

Mr. Dorian called upon Hayr Soorp to say the closing prayer. Hayr Soorp congratulated those people elected and gave his benediction.

Copies of the "1993 Annual Report", "The Permanent Endowment Fund" and the "Ballot Summary" are attached to these minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Arpiarian
Secretary

We are very proud of them who deserve our support and encouragement. Our Reestablished A.C.Y.O.A. is active in church with fund raising.

Lust but not least we deeply appreciate Miss. Mary Scholakian tireless effort and all of our parishioners' contributions, services, talents and skills for the advancement and flourishing of our Church.

We wish our faithful a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous Year, and looking forward to working with you for the Glory of God.

Respectfully submitted,
Fr. Vazken Karayan, Pastor.

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Ահաւասիկ որպէս Հոգեւոր Հովիւ տարի մը բոլորեցինք Եիւնեքն Միթիի Ա. Խաչ Հայաստանեաց Եկեղեցոյ մէջ: Առաջին մէկ օրէն լաւատես եղանք ու հետեւեալ սրբազան նպատակներու ծառայեցինք:

Խորհրդակատարութիւններ ու Հովուական այցելութիւններ կատարեցինք, ծխականներուն ծանօթանալով Եկեղեցոյ ու ծխականներու միջեւ գտնուող հոգեւոր կամուրջը զօրացուցինք, Ծաբաթօրեայ ու Կիրակօրեայ վարժարաններուն օժանդակեցինք ու զանոնք քաջալերեցինք, Եկեղեցոյ եւ Գրասենեակի պէտքերը հոգացինք ու ծխականներուն հոգեւոր մատակարարութիւն հաշթայեցինք:

Կը գնահատենք Եկեղեցոյս դպրաց ու սարկաւազաց դասի բոլոր անդամ ու անդամոսիները, որոնք՝ ամէն Կիրակի առ անց բացառութեան մեր սրբազան արարողութեանց մասնակցեցան:

Մեր խորին գնահատանքը ու շնորհակալութիւնը կը յայտնենք նաեւ բոլոր անոնց որոնք հոգեպէս, բարոյապէս ու նիւթապէս օժանդակեցին ու նեցուկ եղան:

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Այս տարի պատիւը ու հաճոյքը ունեցանք Ա. Խաչ Եկեղեցոյ Ծխական խորհուրդի ատենապետ Մեծայարգ Տիար Նուպար Տօրեանի հետ գործակցելու: Ժողովի

որոշումները կարելի եղածին չափ ի սպաս դրինք ի նպաստ եկեղեցոյ բարգաւաճման: Մեծապէս Կը գնահատենք ծխական խորհուրդի անդամներու ժրջան աշխատանքը ու գործունէութիւնը:

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Որպէս Հոգեւոր Հովիւ ներկայ գտնուելով քաջալերեցինք ու նեցուկ եղանք տիկնաց միութեան բոլոր ձեռնարկներուն:

Այս տարի եւս Տիկնաց Միութիւնը մեծապէս օժանդակեց մեր բոլոր ծրագիրներուն:

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Ծաբաթօրեայ ու Կիրակօրեայ վարժարաններու սաներուն օժանդակեցինք զանոնք դաստիարակելով ու նոր ծրագիրներ մշակելով: Կը գնահատենք զոյգ վարժարաններու ուսուցչաց կազմի համայն անդամները ու իրենց կատարաց անսակարկ ու անշահախնդիր ծրայան աշխատանքը:

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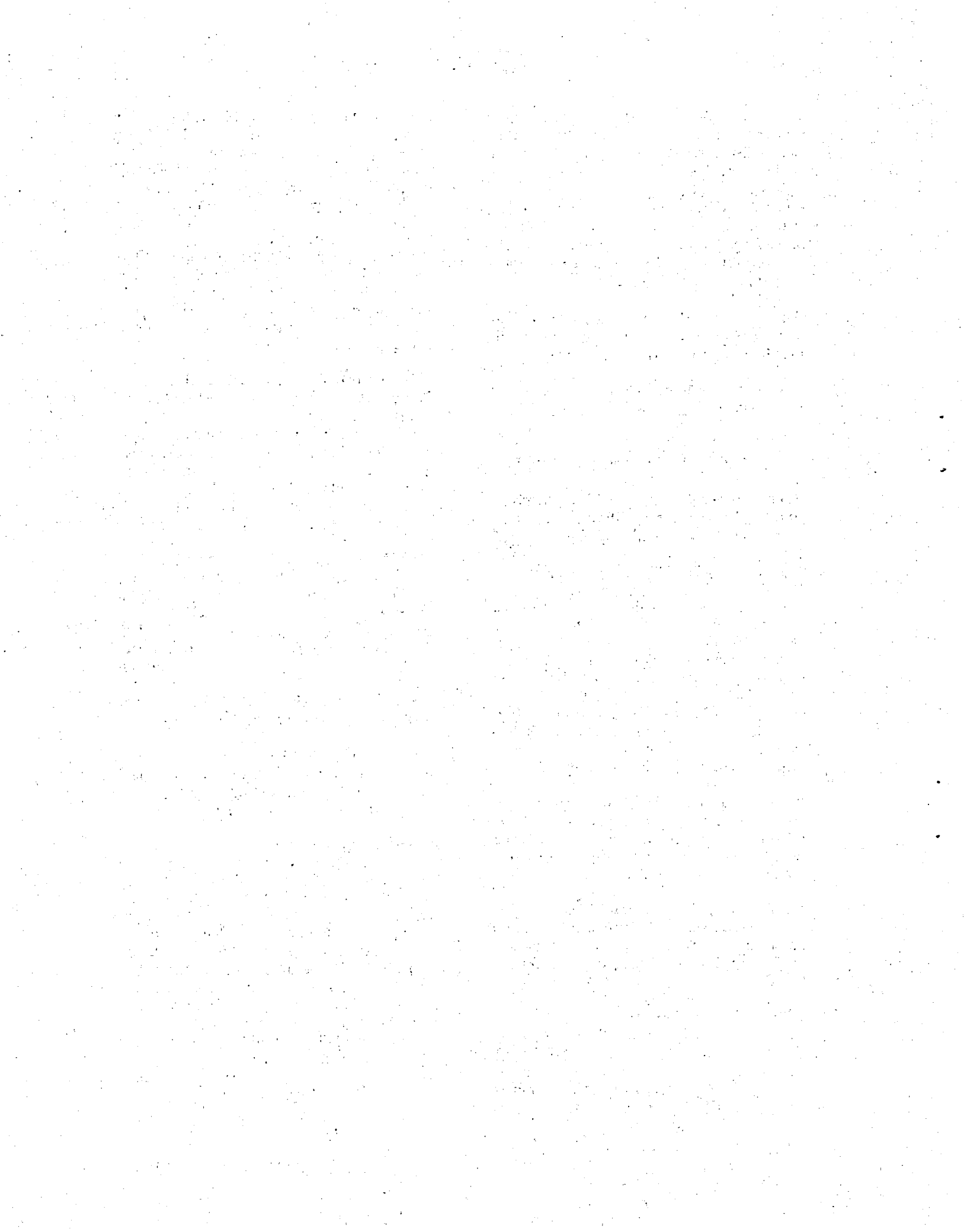
Բազմիցս անգամներ զանազան առ իթներով հովուական այցելութիւններ կատարելով ծխականներուն քաջալերեցինք որ նախ եկեղեցի յաճախեն, եկեղեցոյ արարողութեանց ներկայ գտնուին ու իրենց զաւակները մեր զոյգ վարժարանները դրկեն: Երբեմն ալ օրուայ ընթացքին մեր հովուական այցելութիւնները կատարեցինք:

Ամիսը անգամը Էմըրսոնը Ծերանոցը այցելութիւն կատարեցինք ու հակիրճ արարութիւն կատարելէ յետոյ Ա. Հաղորդութիւն մատակարարեցինք:

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Դասախօսութեանց շարանը մեր նոր լաջող ծրագիրներէն մին է որ տեղի կ'ունենայ ամէն ամիս: Զանազան նիւթեր կը դասաւանդուին Եկեղեցոյ արարողութեան աւարտին: Այս տարի եւս պիտի շարունակենք դասախօսութիւններու շարանը: Կը գնահատենք նաեւ բոլոր անոնց որոնք մեծապէս օժանդակեցին մեզի մեր բոլոր ծրագիրներուն նպաստելով: Առողջութիւն ու արեւշատութիւն կը մատչենք մեր բոլոր ծխականներուն:

Վազգէն Վրդ. Գարայեան
Հոգեւոր Հովիւ:



PASTOR'S REPORT

Some see the glass half empty and others see it is half full. However, from day one, we wanted to be optimistic and tried to see the light at the end of the tunnel and to put the church on the map.

We had several goals. 1) Conduct services and sacraments. 2) Meet spiritual and pastoral needs of parishioners. 3) Get acquainted with parishioners in order to get to know them gradually, and tried to create and cement a strong bond and relationship between church and parishioners. 4) Increase Church membership. 5) Improve and strengthen Sunday and Saturday Schools. 6) Reestablish A.C.Y.O.A.. 7) Urge parishioners to get involved in organizations, activities and to attend services. 8) Take care of the needs of the church and office in order to make it a more appealing place to worship, pray and work.

Hospital and cemetery visitations were made upon request or voluntary. On Tuesdays we visited Senior Citizens periodically at their social gatherings and shared good and bad news together. We acknowledge and appreciate the deacons', choir members' and organists' dedication, devotion and commitment by participating in the Divine Liturgy every Sunday.

We attended Clergy meetings monthly to discuss current pastoral, spiritual, doctrinal and canonical issues. In December our Church hosted a Clergy meeting in our Center. With His Eminence archbishop Khajag Barsamian we extended our pastoral visitations and had the privilege and joy to visit the Hovnanian Armenian School on Christmas, Easter and various special occasions

The VISION, our Church newspaper, is a bridge of communication to convey to people pastoral messages in English and Armenian, and to inform about our Church's activities. We would like to acknowledge Arpena Sbarbaro and Ann Dadaian's exemplary dedication and secretarial talents, in assisting with the preparation of the Vision and the

Sunday Bulletin throughout the year. We express our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Richard Tarzian who prints the Vision free of charge.

We graciously acknowledge the financial contributions to purchase ecclesiastical items for the Church to be used during services and additional needed items. a) Altar cloths (4 sets), Chalice, Torches, and Acolyte robes, TV, VCR, and Fax machine. We are overwhelmingly pleased with parishioners' responses to our requests.

We extend our special thanks to donors. Mrs. Takuhi Bozoya, Miss. Arax Karagosian, Mrs. Lucy Joseph, Mrs. Alice Baglieri, Miss. Alice Minassian, Mr. & Mrs. Kasabian, Mr. Mrs. Arayan, Mr. Mrs. Pashalian and Mr. Cirkinian.

PARISH COUNCIL

As president of the parish council we had the great pleasure and honor to work with chairman, Mr. Nubar Dorian who is highly respected in our Church and in the entire Diocese.

We are also proud of our overqualified and dedicated parish council members who put their hearts and souls for the advancement and welfare of Holy Cross Armenian Church.

Our meetings were fruitful through their unselfish and tireless efforts. Certainly we made progress. Our outlook and horizon is bright. We express our heartfelt gratitude to outgoing members and congratulate, in advance, the new parish council members.

WOMEN'S GUILD

As pastor we periodically attended Women's Guild meetings and provided guidance and assistance. We also took the initiative to deliver lectures and morning devotion sessions. Certainly it is not news to us that our Women's guild is the backbone of our Church. Thanks to outgoing Women's Guild chairwoman Mrs. Arpena Sbarbaro, with her creativity, intelligence and dedication, the guild did a tremendous and outstanding job, and deserve our sincere appreciation and

applause. We graciously acknowledge their generosity as well.

MESROBIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL

From day one it was and still is our goal to provide the best linguistic and cultural education to our adorable children.

In addition, we provided religious and adult education through the following videos: "Parents and Children Relationship" and "Communication." . I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alice Yigitkurt Superintendent and the teachers for their outstanding job.

HOLY CROSS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thanks to Sunday School Superintendent Sylvia Bozoyan and a dedicated staff, our Sunday School is in great progress. Our aim was and will always be to impart the best Christian education to our innocent and precious children in order to guide them in Christ's footsteps.

On numerous occasions we contacted parents whose children were absent by phone and in person. We indicated to them the importance of Christian education and urged them to bring their children to Sunday School EVERY SUNDAY and ON TIME!

HOME VISITATIONS

We had the privilege to be invited by parishioners to visit and meet their entire family on different occasions. On our pastoral visitations we always tried to urge the family members to attend church services, enroll their children in our Mesrobian Armenian Saturday and Sunday Schools, and support our church.

Not responding to our visitation requests due to their busy schedule and personal reasons some families were contacted by phone. At times, some pastoral visitation requests were unfortunately neglected.

Occasionally, we accommodated parishioners by visiting them during business hours in

their workplaces. The purpose was to inform them that we were aware and concerned about their absence from church.

OLD AGE HOME VISITATIONS

We reserved the first Tuesday of each month for pastoral visitation to the Armenian Old Age Home in Emerson NJ. We conducted morning services, delivered homilies, and gave Holy Communion.

Our pastoral visitations were uplifting, encouraging and fruitful. We provided our pastoral spiritual care and counseling for those who were willing to seek help and guidance. We graciously acknowledge those who expressed their appreciation and made positive comments in person and by phone.

LECTURE SERIES

We reserved the first Sunday of each month for the lecture series which take place in the Annex after Divine Liturgy. The lectures were on History of Armenia, Armenian Culture, and Current Issues in Armenia and Karabagh etc. Currently we are in the process of inviting doctors, lawyers and brokers who will discuss various topics.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to our first speaker Mr. Nubar Dorian Parish Council Chairman, Mr. Yeznig Balian, Director of Fund For Armenian Relief, Mr. Aram Arkun Assistant Director of Zohrab Information Center and Mrs. Elise Antreasian, Director of Religious Education.

BAZAAR, 50/50 RAFFLE & X MAS

Thanks to Philip Arpiarian, Gary Burggraf , Dr. Edward Sahagian and Satenig Karagosian all activities were extremely successful due to their efficiency and hard work. Guests had an enjoyable evening with entertainment provided.

SPORTS & A. C.Y.O.A

We cannot forget our precious basketball team under Gary Burggraf's training and coaching who compete against our churches.



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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT
1994

During the calendar year 1994 Parish Council met 11 times with a quorum present.

During the March meeting the following Parish Council members were elected to the Executive Committee :

Chairman	Nubar Dorian
Vice Chairman	Armen Kalbian
Treasurer	Harold Azmelian
Secretary	Sylvia Bozoyan

The following committee chairpersons were appointed by the Chairman of the Parish Council:

VISION	A. Dadaian / A. Sbarbaro
Maintenance	H. Azmelian
Bazaar	G. Burggraf / E. Sahagian
Picnic	B. Borgerson
Christmas Pary	S. Karagosian
Raffle (50/50)	P. Arpiarian

1993 PARISH ASSEMBLY - The minutes of the Parish Assembly held on February 6, 1994 are included in the Annual Report. Four business issues discussed at the Assembly requiring action by Parish Council were carried out as follows:

- a. Endowment Fund Prayers for Donors - Hokehankisd prayers for the deceased donors and prayers of thanksgiving for the living donors were offered as usual during a Sunday following the Annual Assembly.

- b. Armenian School - In line with the Assembly decision Parish Council as a whole acted as the administrator of the Armenian School and has appointed Alice Yigitkurt to act as liaison in addition to being appointed superintendent.
- c. Annual Christmas Party - Following the dictates of the Parish Assembly, Parish Council re-inaugurated the Christmas Party in memory of Mrs. Betty Nalband. Satenig Karagosian acted as Chairperson and did a magnificent job. This party was held on Friday, December 16, 1994.
- d. Armenian Missionary Fund - Parish Council, in line with the motion passed at the 1992 Parish Assembly, began a campaign headed by Phil Arpiarian to raise funds for Armenia Mission Work. Unlike past years, there was no specific amount that our Church would be obligated to raise but would do its best to meet the \$15,000. target. We are happy to report due to Mr. Arpiarian's dedicated efforts, we were able to collect \$10,610.

CHURCH PROPERTIES - Harold Azmelian and Pablo Taura, caretaker, continually monitored the condition of the Church, the Church Center, and the Parish House. During the year the following repairs were made:

- 1. Church - stain glass window
- 2. Church Annex - heating and cooling systems
- 3. Church Office - new ceiling
- 4. Church Center - the ceiling damaged by fire was repaired

PICNIC - Due to circumstances and our inability to have a joint picnic with St. Leon's Church, Parish Council decided not to have a picnic especially when St. Leon's decided to hold its picnic on the same traditional Sunday our Church use to hold its picnic on their grounds. It will be up to the new Parish Council to decide if and when to hold future picnics.

BAZAAR - Once again the Bazaar, held on October 28 and 29, was successful socially as well as financially. The parishioners owe a debt of gratitude to the Chairpersons, Gary Burggraf and Ed Sahagian and all those who contributed to help make the Bazaar both enjoyable and profitable.

VISION - Our pastor, Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Karayan, as editor with Ann Dadaian and Arpena Sbarbaro as co-editors of the VISION once again sacrificed a great deal of time and effort to ensure the printing of the VISION on a regular basis with much more interesting contents and photographs.

SUNDAY BULLETIN - As in former years, the Sunday Bulletin was distributed every Sunday to those attending Church services. Each issue was replete with current information on Church activities, simple explanation of the meaning of each Sunday and other pertinent matters of interest such as listings of hokehankisd to our Church members. Our pastor, Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Karayan and Ann Dadaian deserve special thanks for undertaking this important task.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL - The same Superintendent, teachers, and assistant teacher made this year's Armenian School a truly a successful one. Parish Council continued to underwrite the expenses of salaries and the weekly bus service cost. More details are available under the Armenian School report.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Karayan and Sylvia Bozoyan, our superintendent, made it a priority to have a viable Sunday School. Fortunately their efforts succeeded in increasing the total enrollment to 26 students. In addition to Sylvia Bozoyan, the present teaching staff consists of Phil Arpiarian and Nubar Dorian. Deacon Hamlet Mehrabian was a guest teacher during the Fall.

RAFFLE - Following last year's success, Parish Council decided to have a 50/50 Raffle this year too and was thankful to Phil Arpiarian who once again accepted the responsibility of acting as chairman. As usual with great effort, all tickets were sold and the Church made approximately \$15,000. The drawing of the raffle was held during our annual bazaar instead of the usual raffle drawing reception we had in prior years.

ENDOWMENT FUND - As the annual report of the Endowment Fund indicates, we had excellent results with our Endowment Fund. This is due to the Endowment Fund committee and specially to the efforts of Harold Azmelian who as usual is acting as chairman.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Parish Council thanks Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Karayan, our pastor, who during the past year gave us not only spiritual leadership but was also instrumental in organizing an ACYOA Juniors and increasing the number of both Armenian School and Sunday School enrollments. Parish Council feels certain that as he gets better acquainted with the Holy Cross Church community he will attain greater success and achievements.

The Parish Council would like to acknowledge the dedication and services performed by all its parishioners for the betterment of the Holy Cross Armenian Church and would like special mention to the following:

Parish Council thanks Fr. Carnig Hallajian who enriches our choir any Sunday he is in town and when called upon gives us his usual constructive advice and recommendations.

The Deacons: Hagop Hovsepian for his leadership and diligence; Mardiros Barsamian, Hacik Sariminassian, John Hovsepian, Hagop Kradjian and Deacon Hamlet Mehrabian.

The Choir Members and Organists: Ann Dadaian, choirmaster; Arpena Sbarbaro, assistant choirmaster; Mary Shalakian and Dawn Donofrio, organists; Caroline Ak, Mary Can, Kay Derderian, Lucy Ganguzza, Jeanette Garabedian, Charles Genjian, Tanya Gullep, Arthur Manoukian, Sr., and Victoria Sariminassian.

The Women's Guild Chairlady Arpena Sbarbaro and all Guild members who have consistently provided their services to make the Picnic and Bazaar successful and also for their generous financial contributions.

Ann Dadaian who tirelessly serves as the Parish Secretary in addition to her responsibility as Choir Master.

Richard Assoian who undertook the printing of the annual Christmas Card in memory of Anne Hachadoorian.

Richard Tarzian who donates the printing of our monthly Church publication of the VISION.

Women's Guild members for their help in the Church office whenever called upon.

Arax Chirkinian and Virginia Hajeian for co-chairing the Christmas Card project.

Gary Burggraf for coaching our boys' basketball team.

Harold Azmelian for his continuous hard work with the Endowment Fund as well as being Parish Treasurer.

Sylvia Bozoyan for her dedication to the Sunday School.

Diana Burggraf, Takouhi (Sultan) Can, Sultan Ipeksi, Vartouhi Kucukyan, Aghavni Pashalian and Lucy Saradarian for donating and making the mahs.

Choir member, Arthur Manoogian, for preparing the mahs for distribution every Sunday.

Diana Burggraf for coordinating after Church refreshments.

Philip Arpiarian for his organizing the Armenian Missionary Fund so successfully.

Nubar Dorian, Chairman of the Parish Council, for his leadership.

. . . And to all the Parishioners who faithfully serve the Holy Cross Armenian Church by their support and confidence in the Parish Council.

Respectfully submitted,

PARISH COUNCIL

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 12/31/94

RECEIPTS 1994	\$169,223.03	
DISBURSEMENTS 1994	<u>\$128,176.50</u>	
RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	\$41,046.53	
BALANCE DEC. 31, 1993	<u>\$34,567.52</u>	
BALANCE DEC. 31, 1994		\$75,614.05
PARKING LOT FUND	\$17,425.00	
ARMENIA FUND	\$10,600.00	
UNRESTRICTED FUND	<u>\$47,589.05</u>	
		\$75,614.05

NOTE:
 RAFFLE FIRST PRIZE OF 10,000.00
 ARMENIA FUND OF \$10,600.00
 HAVE NOT BEEN DISBURSED AS OF DEC. 31, 1994

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH						
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR THE YEARS ENDING 12/31/94-93						
			1994	1993		
RECEIPTS:						
Membership, Dues, Pledges & Envelopes, Plate collections.			\$13,264.00	\$12,846.00		
DONATIONS:						
Christmas			\$5,260.00	\$4,490.00		
Easter			\$4,655.00	\$5,035.00		
Christmas Card			\$1,790.00	\$1,630.00		
Women's Guild			\$17,000.00	\$15,000.00		
Senior Citizens			\$500.00	\$500.00		
Other Donations			\$4,840.43	\$606.71		
AFFAIRS:						
Bazaar:	(1993 Net Profit \$5,008.72)					
	(1994 Net Profit \$5,998.14)		\$8,459.85	\$8,169.50		
Picnic:	(1993 Net Profit (1,758.00))					
	(1994 No Picnic)			\$1,758.80		
50/50 Raffle	(1993 Net Profit \$10,619.59)					
	(1994 Net Profit \$20,258.15)		\$30,800.00	\$28,815.00		
Communion Breakfast			\$134.00	\$343.25		
OTHER INCOME:						
In Lieu of flowers			\$4,885.00	\$6,440.00		
Hokehandkists & Prayers			\$4,460.00	\$5,975.00		
Candles & candelabra			\$2,930.45	\$3,072.00		
Christenings			\$750.00	\$300.00		
Weddings			\$150.00	\$300.00		
Funerals			\$1,250.00	\$1,600.00		
Interest & dividends			\$1,153.93	\$1,248.66		
Center rental			\$180.00	\$560.00		
Altar Flowers			\$470.00	\$385.00		
Vision			\$140.00	\$135.00		
Missionary Fund			\$10,610.00	\$11,368.00		
Miscellaneous			\$100.82	\$267.50		
Insurance recovery			\$1,557.00	\$0.00		
Armenian School Tuition/Hantess			\$3,150.00	\$0.00		
Endowment Fund Interest			\$50,000.00	\$0.00		
Exchange Account			\$732.55	\$0.00		
			\$169,223.03	\$110,845.42		

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH						
DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEARS ENDING 12/31/94-93						
					1994	1993
DISBURSEMENTS:						
Salaries, Travel & Housing					\$40,881.00	\$7,658.40
Social Security Tax					\$277.80	\$277.80
Diocesan Dues & :Looma					\$8,640.00	\$7,284.00
Youth Ministry					\$0.00	\$791.00
Insurance					\$5,431.25	\$5,843.00
Gas, Electric & Water Church/Pasrish House					\$9,894.41	\$8,633.97
Church Center Expense (excluding insurance)					\$8,656.08	\$14,681.69
Building Maintenance & Improvements					\$4,743.61	\$6,240.89
Office Expense					\$3,056.15	\$2,892.55
Purchase of Car/Auto Expense					\$2,081.19	\$11,500.00
Telephone					\$860.88	\$457.74
Church Supplies					\$2,400.02	\$192.33
Honorarium & Gifts					\$1,226.80	\$9,780.00
Flowers, Altar, Palm, Easter, Christmas					\$1,309.72	\$1,074.15
Donation St. Nersess Seminary					\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
Donation St. James Seminary					\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Purchase of Computer Etc.					\$1,879.76	\$0.00
Purchase of Fax					\$369.60	\$0.00
Purchase of Chalice & Torch Bearers					\$1,227.92	\$0.00
Purchase of Altar Clothes					\$2,815.00	\$0.00
Expense of Affairs:						
Bazaar					\$2,461.71	\$3,160.78
50/50 Raffle					\$10,541.85	\$8,195.41
Church Socials					\$425.15	\$584.00
Communion Breakfast					\$286.66	\$300.00
Christmas Party					\$1,951.32	\$0.00
Armenian School					\$11,673.39	\$10,135.00
Youth Sports Programs					\$388.00	\$300.00
Missionary Endeavor					\$0.00	\$15,000.00
Miscellaneous					\$1,464.68	\$809.31
Exchange Account					732.55	\$0.00
					\$128,176.50	\$118,031.70
Miscellaneous Accout:						
Convention Expense			\$932.68	Raffe First Prize \$10,000		
Moving Expense			\$462.00	Armenian Missionary Fund \$10,600		
Grapes			\$70.00	Not disbursed as of 12/31/94		
			\$1,464.68			

**HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
PROPOSED PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET**

<u>ANTICIPATED INCOME:</u>	<u>1995</u>
Membership, Dues, Plate & Pledges	\$13,000.00
Holiday Donations	\$10,000.00
Christenings, Weddings & Funerals	\$2,500.00
In Lieu of Flowers	\$5,000.00
Hokehankisds & Prayers	\$5,000.00
Dividends & Interest	\$1,200.00
Net Proceeds from affairs (Bazaar, Raffle, Etc.)	\$20,000.00
Other Donations (Auxiliary Organizations)	\$18,000.00
Candles & Candelabra	\$3,000.00
Christmas Greetings	\$1,800.00
Center Rental	\$500.00
Missionary Endeavor	\$10,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$10,000.00
	\$100,000.00

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES

Diocesan Dues & Looma	\$9,000.00
Salaries, Travel, Housing, Honorarium	\$46,000.00
Insurance	\$6,000.00
Armenian School	\$12,000.00
Building Expense:	
Church/Parish House	\$15,000.00
Church Center	\$10,000.00
Building Improvements	\$25,000.00
Office Supplies, Postage, Etc.	\$4,000.00
Office Machine Repair/Replacement	\$2,000.00
Telephone	\$1,000.00
Church Supplies	\$2,500.00
St. Nersess Seminary	\$1,500.00
St. James Seminary	\$1,000.00
Missionary Endeavor	\$10,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$5,000.00
	\$150,000.00

**PROJECTED SHORTFALL OF \$50,000.00 TO BE DRAWN
FROM ENDOWMENT FUND INTEREST.**

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

UNION CITY, N.J.

WOMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL REPORT

1994

General Membership Meetings were held on the third 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 as follows:

Chairperson	Arpena Sbarbaro
Vice Chairperson	Lucy Joseph
Recording Secretary	Satenig Karagosian
Co-Treasurers	Diana Burggraf Arax Karagosian
Publicity	Mary Kharpertian
Advisors:	Ann Chopoorian Kay Derderian Grace Genjian

Standing Committees:

Flea Market	Diana Burggraf Isabel Keshguerian Mary Shalakian
Sunshine/Hospitality	Arax Karagosian
Membership	Ann Chopoorian
Rummage Sales	Mary Kaprielian

The Women's Guild continues to actively participate in all Parish functions. Our successful Flea Markets are organized by Isabel Keshguerian, with the assistance of Mary Kharpertian. The Women's Guild tables are supervised by Mary Shalakian ably assisted by Diana Burggraf, Victoria Bohajian, Alice Baglieri, Kay Derderian and Rose Sahagian. Bertha Najarian stocks our pantry with staples for the refreshment counter with the help of Gladys Bagdasarian, Arax Chirkinian, Virginia Hajeian, Artemis Koundakjian and Alice Muhibian. Let us not forget the ever-ready Mrs. Areknaz Sarajian who is always available for all our needs.

Our Rummage sale was ably chaired by Mary Kaprielian. We would like to remind our parishioners that clothing left from these sales are picked up by the Deacon of the St. Francis Workshop for distribution.

The Guild once again played Santa Claus and donated \$150.00 to the Division of Youth and Family Services to purchase toys for the needy children in the Hudson County area.

To date the Guild has donated a total of \$17,000.00 to the Parish Council.

Under the auspices of the Women's Guild Central Council with the approval of the Parish Council, the Guild sponsored a child, namely Tigran Hovhannisian, through the CASP (Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program). Tigran is nine (9) years old and lives with his father and brother in Yerevan (his mother is deceased). He will be sponsored by us until he reaches the age of eighteen (18) years.

We continue to support our Project Share whereby members and parishioners are urged to fill food baskets which are then distributed through the Division of Youth and Family Services to needy families with children.

In June, the Guild members gathered at the Loft Restaurant for a "Dutch Treat" closing luncheon. Reservations and arrangements were handled by Diana Burggraf and Satenig Karagosian. In December in the spirit of the season, we met once again for a holiday luncheon at J.D.'s Steakpit. Reservations and arrangements were handled by Gladys Abahoonie and Ann Chopoorian. Our appreciative thanks to the aforementioned ladies.

We wish to thank Gladys Abahoonie and Mary Kharpertian in the efficient planning of our bus rides.

Members of the Guild also attended and supported the Women's Saint's Day of the Armenian Church commemoration under the auspices of the Women's Guild Central Council which was held at the St. Stepanos Armenian Church, Elberon, New Jersey. Ticket sales for this occasion was handled by Kay Derderian.

The commitment and dedication to service was once again demonstrated by the monumental job performed by the Women's Guild this past summer during the months of July and August. Through these efforts the sum of nearly \$6200.00 was raised, of which \$5000.00 is to be allocated to the Armenia Missionary Fund as a portion of the pledge by Holy Cross Armenian Church. The balance of the monies are earmarked towards the purchase of electrical equipment for the Parish.

To this end our appreciation is extended to our very capable Mary Shalakian, with the able assistance of Diana Burggraf, Victoria Bohajian and Kay Derderian. Also assisting towards this tremendous success were Gladys Bagdasarian, Alice Baglieri, Grace Genjian, Mary Kaprielian, Arax Karagosian, Satenig Karagosian, Isabel Keshguerian, Mary Kharpertian, Lucy Nalbandian, Lucy Saradarian, Arpena Sbarbaro and Virginia Shenloogian. Special thanks to ACYOA Junior members Tanya Gullep and Caroline Ak.

During the year four (4) choreg making sessions were held. From these sessions the amount of \$1279.60 was realized, of which \$968.00 was given towards the purchase of electrical equipment for the Parish. Our grateful thanks and appreciation to all who donated towards the expenses and to all those who gave of their time and effort.

All of our projects are successful because of the faithful devotion of our Women's Guild members who give of their time and energies to these projects.

WOMEN'S GUILD CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES - 1994

January	6	Armenian Christmas Badarak - served breakfast
	19	General Membership Meeting - The Very Rev. Vasken Karayan newly appointed to our Parish as our full time Pastor was welcomed by the members and presented with a cake.
February	6	Parish Assembly - served lunch
March	5	Flea Market
	12	Women's Saint's Day - St. Stepanos Armenian Church, Elberon, New Jersey
	16	General Membership Meeting
	25	Choreg making session
	31	Maundy Thursday; received communion served lunch
April	10	Women of the Year Dinner
	16	Flea Market
	20	General Membership Meeting
	22 -	Rummage Sale
May	30	Rummage Sale
	2	Atlantic City Bus Ride
	4	Choreg Making Session
	7	Flea Market
	18	Membership Meeting - Father Vazken gave an informative and meaningful lecture in the Church regarding ecclesiastical items used in the Church service.
June	4	Flea Market
	17	Choreg Making session
	22	Closing Luncheon - Loft's Restaurant
	24	Visitation - Home for the Armenian Aged, Emerson, New Jersey
September	9	Choreg making session
	10	Flea Market
	14	Membership Meeting - Hayr Vazken gave a talk in Church about marriage vows and goals.
October	5-6	Keufteh session - Bazaar
	8	Flea Market
	12	Toorshi session - bazaar
	16	Women's Guild 60th Anniversary Celebration
	19	Membership Meeting - also choreg session
	26	Yalanchi session - Bazaar
	28	Bazaar starts - lule kebab session

WOMEN'S GUILD CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES - 1994

November	12	Flea Market
	14	Atlantic City Bus Ride
	16	Membership Meeting - Elections for Executive Committee held
	18 -	Rummage Sale
	19	Rummage Sale
December	10	Flea Market
	14	Christmas Luncheon - J.D's Steak Pit

Please note February Meeting was cancelled due to snow.

Respectfully submitted,

ARPENA SBARBARO
Chairperson

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

WOMEN'S GUILD - FINANCIAL REPORT

1994

BALANCE - December 31, 1993 \$ 7,786.23

INCOME:

Dues	626.00	
Atlantic City Trips (2)	1,125.00	
Donations	303.00	
Chorag Sales (4)	1,279.60	
Flea Markets (8)	7,008.57	
Women of the Year Dinner	999.93	
Rummage Sales (2)	881.08	
60th Anniversary Dinner	1,500.44	
Estate of Josephine Shabazian	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous	33.00	14,756.62

TOTAL INCOME AND OPENING BALANCE \$ 22,542.85

DISBURSEMENTS:

Transfer of funds to Parish Council	\$17,000.00	
Floral Vases and In Lieu of Flowers	150.00	
Meeting Refreshments	234.39	
Postage & Stationery	112.67	
Child Sponsorship in Armenia (CASP)	200.00	
Donation-Childrens Volunteer Assn.	150.00	
Christmas Gift to Caretaker	100.00	
Lenten Luncheon Expenses	72.74	
Electronic Equipment for Parish Council	968.00	
Toaster Oven for Center	74.00	
Miscellaneous	110.61	19,172.41

BALANCE - December 31, 1994 \$ 3,370.44

TOTAL ASSETS:

Checking Account - Hudson United Bank	3,142.51
Petty Cash	222.55
Bazaar Account	5.38
	<u>\$ 3,370.44</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

Arax Karagosian and Diana Burggraf
Co-Treasurers

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

UNION CITY, N.J.

MESROBIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL

1994

It is a pleasure to report that the Mesrobian Armenian School had an extremely successful academic year due to the untiring efforts of its superintendent Alice Yigitkurt and her dedicated staff.

This year we are extremely pleased to have the talents of our pastor, Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Karayan who, not only gives the teachers and the students inspiration and guidance, but also teaches the religious education to the students of the graduating class. We thank him from the bottom of our hearts.

The School presently has 34 students, aged 4 to 14, composed of 4 classes. The teachers are Mrs. Sela Nazarian, Ms. Maggie Nazarian and assistant teacher, Mrs. Haygan Cehreci. Mrs. Alice Yigitkurt, in addition to acting as superintendent, also teaches the graduating class.

Regular weekly van service helped increase the number of students and the hope is that the present number will increase in the coming years.

During the year we held the following affairs:

1. School Registration
2. Christmas Hantess/Luncheon/Party for the school children, parents and friends. Songs were sung and poems recited by the children and gifts were distributed by "Santa Claus".
3. Vartanantz Day - recitations and songs by our school students at our Church.
4. Year-End Hantess - Recitations, play, dancing and songs. Refreshments prepared by the parents.

All proceeds raised from the Armenian School functions have been placed in the Holy Cross Endowment Fund.

Our thanks and gratitude to all those who support the Armenian School both financially and socially. Our thanks to all those who donate to the Armenian School in memory of their loved ones. Special thanks to all our friends and parents who so diligently work throughout the year. A special "thank you" to Alice Najarian for her help when called upon. Thanks to the teachers for their untiring efforts and hard work in teaching our children the Armenian language and culture. And finally, a huge debt of gratitude to the Parish Council and to Alice Yigitkurt.

Respectfully submitted,

MESROBIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
UNION CITY, NJ

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT
1994

The pupils attend Church services from 10:15 - 10:45 A.M. Then assembly is conducted from 10:45 - 11:00 A.M. followed by class session from 11:00 - 12 Noon.

<u>Grades</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
Nursery, Kindergarten, First, and Second	11	Sylvia Bozoyan
Third and Fourth	5	Dn. Hamlet Mehrabian
Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh	6	Philip Arpiarian
Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh	4	Nubar Dorian

The staff consists of 3 teachers, 1 guest teacher and treasurer, Alice Bozoyan.

Average weekly student attendance - 45%
Average weekly student offering - \$8.00

1994 Events

January	Christmas Holy Communion & Breakfast
March / April	Lenten Offering Collection
April	Easter Holy Communion & Breakfast Easter plants & candy were presented to students.
June	Closing Day
September	Opening Day & Registration
December	Christmas Party - Gifts & candy were presented to each student.

Sunday School Report (cont.)

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

SCRIPTURE READING and ACOLYTE PROGRAMS - These programs were initiated in February by our pastor, Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Karayan immediately after his arrival which were very well received by the students.

VIDEO PROGRAM - It was implemented in December to create enthusiasm as the students are absorbing religious educational lessons.

ADVENT - Students participated in the Advent Calendar of Activities sponsored by the DRE and also an Advent Program designed and introduced by Dn. George Devejian, Youth Coprdinator of the Department of Youth Ministry.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

Our heartfelt thanks to our pastor, Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Karayan who was instrumental in revitalizing our Sunday School. Hayr Vazken played a vital role by encouraging and stimulating the students by implementing new programs. Through his efforts the enrollment has increased to 26 students.

Our sincerest thanks to Hayr Soorp for his spiritual leadership, guidance, support, care, and interest in our Sunday School.

Special thanks are also extended to

- Women's Guild members for donating the TV, a 13-volume set of video tapes, and TV platform
- Mrs. Alice Minassian for making a very generous monetary donation
- Mr. Nigoghos Arayan for donating the VCR
- the teachers for their dedication, commitment, and diligence
- Dn. Hamlet Mehrabian for teaching during the Fall semester
- Dn. George Devejian for conducting the Advent Program
- our anonymous candy donor at Easter and Christmas
- all those who prepared and served the Christmas and Easter Communion breakfasts
- our dear parents for bringing their children for religious education.

Respectfully submitted,

Sunday School Staff

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL - FINANCIAL REPORT
1994

CASH BALANCE - January 1, 1994 \$ 1,057.68

RECEIPTS

Sunday Collections	350.00
Lenten Collection	60.00
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	\$ 1,467.68

DISBURSEMENTS

Lenten Donation	\$ 60.00
Christmas Gifts	166.26
Diocese (Books)	152.25

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 378.51

CASH BALANCE - December 31, 1994 \$ 1,089.17

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Bozoyan
Treasurer

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

UNION CITY, N. J.

SENIOR CITIZENS ANNUAL REPORT

1994

The Executive Committee of the Senior Citizens consists of:

Chairperson	Bertha Najarian
Treasurer/Secretary	Satenig Karagosian
Advisor	Alice Najarian
Sunshine Girl	Alice Muhibian

The Senior Citizens Group meets every Tuesday at 11:30 AM (weather permitting) to play cards. A minimum fee is charged to cover the cost of refreshments. At times pizza is served, at which time a little extra is charged. We would very much appreciate an increase in attendance.

Our organization wishes to thank our dedicated members for their continued support, attendance and contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

Satenig Karagosian
Secretary

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
 SENIOR CITIZENS - FINANCIAL REPORT
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1994

CASH BALANCE - December 31, 1993 \$1101.87

INCOME:

Admissions	\$516.50	
Dues Received	69.00	
Cash Donations	10.00	
Sale of Food	11.25	
Interest on Savings Account	<u>22.35</u>	<u>629.10</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS PLUS OPENING BALANCE \$1,730.97

DISBURSEMENTS:

Donation to Church	500.00	
Meeting Expenses & Miscellaneous	153.55	
Christmas Gift - Pablo Taura	<u>50.00</u>	<u>703.55</u>
Cash Balance - December 31, 1994		<u>\$1,027.42</u>

TOTAL ASSETS

Bank Savings Account	998.52	
Cash on Hand	<u>28.90</u>	
		\$1,027.42

Respectfully submitted,

Satenig Karagosian
 Treasurer

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

UNION CITY, N.J.

CHOIR ANNUAL REPORT

1994

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

We wish to acknowledge and thank the services of our Choirmaster, Ann Dadaian and Assistant Choirmasters, Arpena Sbarbaro and Dawn Donofrio as well as our organists Mary Shalakian and Dawn Donofrio; our Deacons, Hagop Hovsepian and Mardiros Barsamian and Stolebearers Hacik Sariminasyan, John Hovsepian and Hagop Kradjian; Senior Acolyte Arthur Manoukian, Jr. and Acolytes (Candle Holders) Arto Ersoy, Hayk Minasian, Krikor Olcer, Sasun Orak, Tristan Pashalian, Harry Terjanian, Krikor Terjanian, Bernard Yigitkurt and Alen Yilmaz, and to all the choir members who serve our church every Sunday with dedication and love. Special welcome to our new members Caroline Ak and Tanya Gullep to the Choir.

We encourage all those interested in singing in the choir to participate and join us.

Our thanks for the continued support of our Parish Council and all our parishioners.

Respectfully submitted,

CHOIR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
CHURCH CHOIR - FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1994

CASH BALANCE	January 1, 1994	\$ 1,690.21
RECEIPTS		-0-
TOTAL RECEIPTS PLUS OPENING BALANCE		1,690.21
DISBURSEMENTS		-0-
CASH BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 1994		1,690.21

Respectfully submitted,

HACIK SARIMINASYAN

TREASURER

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