

# ANNUAL REPORT

1996



## Holy Cross Armenian Church

UNION CITY, N. J.

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**HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH**

**UNION CITY, N.J.**

**AGENDA FOR PARISH ASSEMBLY**

**FEBRUARY 2, 1997**

1. Prayer and Opening of Meeting
2. Election of Assembly Officers
3. Election:     6 Parish Council  
                  3 Auditing Committee  
                  3 Nominating Committee
4. Pastor's Report
5. Parish Council Report
6. Report of Church Organizations
7. Report of Auditing Committee
8. 1997 Budget
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Closing Prayer

**HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH  
UNION CITY, N.J.**

**1996 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING**

**MARCH 3, 1996**

The Annual Parish Assembly meeting was convened immediately following services in the Church at 11:50 A.M. The Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. Armen Kalbian, conducted the meeting in the absence of Mr. Nubar Dorian, the Chairman, presently hospitalized. Mr. Kalbian asked for nominations for Chairman and Secretary of the Parish Assembly. Both Mr. Philip Arpiarian and Ms. Kay Derderian were unanimously elected to their respective positions.

The meeting was adjourned to the Church Center and reconvened at 1 P.M. after lunch served by the Women's Guild. Our Pastor, The Very Reverend Vazken Karayan presided as President.

The Chairman requested a motion to close the ballot box. A motion was made seconded and passed to close the balloting at 1:15 P.M.

The Chairman dispensed with the reading of the minutes from last year's annual meeting and invited our Parish Priest Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Karayan to present his report.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:**

Hayr Soorp expressed his gratitude and appreciation to all Parishioners who contributed to his advancements during the period of time he has been serving as Pastor. He reported he had had several goals, many of which were achieved. Dues paying membership was maintained at 104.

The **ACYOA** was active throughout the year, but plans are underway to increase the membership of the youth.

**CLERGY MEETINGS** - attended monthly meetings at various Parishes at which meetings discussions were held on many issues. Hayr Soorp reported meetings were informative and that our Parish was not alone with problems. All Parishes have some positive and negative issues.

**VISION** - the official newsletter of our Parish is extremely important. It is the bridge of communications that brings to our Parishioners Pastoral messages and other important news about community activities. It is presented in both English and Armenian. Hayr Soorp was pleased with the improvement of its contents and quality.

**WOMEN'S GUILD** - attended meetings, provided guidance and assistance. Hayr Soorp stated the Women's Guild is the most active group in the Parish, and the backbone of the Church. The Women always work with unselfish dedicating deserve the sincere gratitude of all.

**PARISH COUNCIL** - The Chairman then invited Mr. Armen Kalbian , Vice Chairman of the Parish Council to present the Council report. The report was reviewed in its entirety The being no questions, the report was accepted as presented.

**WOMEN'S GUILD** - Mrs. Diana Burggraf, Chairperson, expressed her appreciation and commended the members for their endeavors.

**SENIOR CITIZENS** - Mrs. Bertha Najarian, Chairperson, expressed appreciation to Pastor and Parish Council for their support and to the membership for their continued aid and contributions, and invited others to join.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Ms. Caroline Ak, Sunday school teacher, in the absence of Ms. Sylvia Bozoyan, Superintendent, spoke briefly. She reported the attendance on Sundays was sporadic, She stressed the importance of religious education and that parents can help the situation by bringing their children to school and church. Ms. Ak expressed appreciation and gratitude to Hayr Soorp for his moral support.

**CHOIR** - Ms. Ann Dadaian, our choir director, thanked the Pastor and Parish Council for their continued support and stressed the need for more participants.

**ARMENIAN SCHOOL** - Mrs. Alice Yigitkurt, the superintendent, presented an overview of the school operation. It was noted that the heavy cost of the operation of the school was at no expense to the Church as the necessary funds were raised by payment of tuition and a Dinner-Dance fund raiser. Mrs. Yigitkurt acknowledged with appreciation the efforts of Hayr Soorp and the teachers, Sela Nazarian, Maggie Nazarian and Hayganus Ceherci on behalf of the Armenian School.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - Mr. Harold Azmelian, our Treasurer, reviewed receipts and disbursements for the year of 1995. Pertinent questions were responded to and the report was accepted with appreciation.

**PERMENANT ENDOWMENT FUND** - Mr. Harold Azmelian presented the latest status of the Fund. He reported that interest and dividend income for the year of 1995 was over \$87,000.00; realized gains about \$17,000.00 and unrealized gains about \$96,000.00. \$40,000.00 of the interest and dividend was transferred to the Church operations account to offset the shortfall in our budget. The overall return of the activities gave our Parish a return of 16.18% for the year. We have been very fortunate in attaining the desired result of the Fund. The assembly thanked Messrs. Harold E. Azmelian, Philip Arpiarian and Armen Kalbian for overseeing our Fund in a most competent manner.

**BUDGET** - The Chairman invited the Treasurer to present the proposed budget for 1996. (A copy attached hereto). Following several questions and clarifications, the new budget was adopted unanimously.

### OLD BUSINESS

**PICNIC** - The Chairman reported Parish Council will discuss with St. Leon's Church the possibility of holding our picnic on their grounds

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY** - many members expressed a desire to reinstate our Christmas party. Following discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Edward Sahagian and seconded by Mr. Armen Kalbian to hold a Christmas party in 1996. The motion passed and the Chairman announced a committee will be appointed to plan the function.

**BAZAAR** - Our bazaar held on October 27 and 28, 1995 was a total success both socially and financially. The Chairman and his committee were acknowledged for their Herculean effort.

Hayr Soorp was pleased to announce that the sum of \$10,560.00 was realized from the Dinner-Dance chaired by Mrs. Alice Yigitkurt and Apraham Bogosian for the Mesrobian Armenian School on June 17, 1995.

He also announced that we have a total of 104 dues paying members in connection with the "voting membership dues" adopted at the 1995 assembly.

Before proceeding to new business, Mr. Arpiarian commended all organization for their efforts.

### NEW BUSINES

**ARMENIAN MISSIONARY FUND** - Mr. Philip Arpiarian reported the amount of \$1,225.00 in the fund and recommended that \$625.00 be given to FAR (Fund for Armenian Relief) and \$600.00 be donated to Palisades General Hospital which has treated, at their expense, our faithful parishioner Mr. Levon Manoukian for a lengthy period of time with much care. This recommendation was enthusiastically received and unanimously approved.

**RENOVATIONS** - Mr. Arpiarian invited Mr. Andrew Avedesian, Chairman building committee, for the latest status regarding renovations. Mr. Avedesian reported the renovations to the rest rooms; painting of school classrooms and auditorium; new gates at entrance doors of center and some renovations in the Parish House.

**CHURCH CENTER** - A survey on the merits of selling the center was conducted which generated much discussion. The approximate cost of renovations to the Center is estimated to be between \$100,000 to \$120,000. The cost of operating the Center is about \$12,000.00 yearly. It was the desire of the survey to fully understand the feeling of the community as to whether or not to expend this money. After a lengthy discussion the majority of members were not in favor of selling the center.

**ELECTION RESULTS** - The Chairman asked the Nominating Committee for the results of the election. The committee reported 40 ballots cast with the following results:

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Alice Yigitkurt  
Nubar Dorian  
Sylvia Bozoyan  
Mari Can  
Yetkin Pashalian

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Dianne Burggraf  
Zaven Hovsepian  
Arax Karagosian

**AUDITING COMMITTEE**

Lucy Bozoian  
Armen Kalbian  
Satenig Karagosian

Mr. Arpiarian called upon Hayr Soorp to offer the closing prayer. Hayr Soorp congratulated the newly elected members and offered the benediction.

Copies of "1995 Annual Report" and "Ballot Summary" are attached to these minutes.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kay Derderian, Secretary

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH  
UNION CITY, NJ

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT  
1996

The Parish Council met eleven times and also held 1 special meeting with all Church organizations during the 1996 calendar year.

Parish Council elected the following members to serve as the Executive Committee:

Chairman	Nubar Dorian
Vice Chairman	Yetkin Pashalian
Treasurer	Harold Azmelian
Secretary	Sylvia Bozoyan
Assistant Secretary	Mari Can

The following committee chairpersons were appointed by the Chairman:

VISION	Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Karayan / A. Dadaian
Maintenance / Renovation	A. Avedesian / Z. Hovsepian
Bazaar	Dr. E. Sahagian
Raffle (50/50)	P. Arpiarian / A. Can
Endowment Fund	H. Azmelian
Membership	A. Sbarbaro / Mari Can
Picnic	Yetkin Pashalian
Elevation Banquet	Apraham Boghossian / Alice Yigitkurt
Christmas Party	Mari Can



1995 PARISH ASSEMBLY - The minutes of the Parish Assembly held on March 3, 1996, are included in the Annual Report. The following issues have been acted upon or were voted for this year:

- a. Christmas Party - A Christmas Party will be held this coming December.
- b. Voting Members - Put into effect was the "voting membership dues of \$ 25." per person.
- c. Armenian Missionary Fund - Based on the request from His Holiness Karekin I through our Primate, we discontinued a special fund for Armenia. \$ 1,225. was divided as follows:

Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR)	\$ 625.
Palisades General Hospital (NJ)	\$ 600.

A contribution was made to the hospital because it had taken care of one of our parishioners.

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In addition to complying with the wishes and resolutions passed by the Annual Assembly, the Parish Council presents items of importance which are of interest to the Parish Annual Assembly.

CHURCH PROPERTIES - Andrew Avedesian, Zaven Hovsepian, Harold Azmelian, and Pablo Taura, caretaker, continue to monitor the condition of the Church, Church Center, and the Parish House. During the year extensive repairs and renovations to the Church and Parish House have taken place.

1. Church
  - roof was replaced
  - interior walls and windows were repaired
  - interior was painted
  - outside main doors were scraped and painted
  - exterior windows were repaired and painted
  - exterior back wall of Church was repaired
  - foundation was repaired / cemented
  - uniformity of the Church appearance (paint and bricks)
2. Church Annex
  - kitchen was painted
  - new ceiling was installed
3. Parish House
  - renovated completely
  - new ceiling was installed
  - new carpeting
  - painted all rooms
  - tile flooring of bathroom
  - new office furniture (donated anonymously)

ELEVATION OF OUR PASTOR TO DZAYRAKOOYN VARTABED - Sunday, November 12, 1996, was a significant date for the history of our Church when His Eminence Khajag Archbishop Barsamian, Primate, celebrated Divine Liturgy and elevated our pastor - Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Karayan - to Dzayrakooyan Vartabed. Following this grand occasion, a gala banquet was held with more than 300 parishioners, family, and friends attending. This was one of the more successful events of the year and our Parish Council extends its congratulations to our pastor for having received this honor. Chairman Apraham Boghossian and Co-Chair Alice Yigitkurt are to be commended for their untiring efforts to ensure the success of the event.

PICNIC - We re-instated our annual picnic and with the efforts of chairman Yetkin Pashalian and committee had an exceptional picnic on the grounds of St. Leon's Church in Fair Lawn on Sunday, June 2, 1996. The Parish Council recommends that we continue to have picnics every year following the tradition of holding it on the first Sunday in June.

BAZAAR - Held on October 25 and 26, the bazaar was both successful socially as well as financially due to the hard work of Chairman, Dr. Ed Sahagian. The Women's Guild contributed a great deal of time, effort, and expertise for its success as well.

RAFFLE - Phil Arpiarian and Arto Can, chairmen, did a superlative job in attending to all the details of the raffle and once again 300 tickets were sold and the Church's income was in excess of \$ 14,000. Following the success of the previous years, the raffle was held during our annual Bazaar. We also owe our gratitude to the efforts of Harold Azmelian, Apo Boghossian, Charles Genjian, Zaven Hovsepien, Armen Kalbian, Ed Sahagian, Alice Yigitkurt, and Migir Yigitkurt.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - On Sunday, December 22, 1996, our parish Christmas Party was held in the Center immediately following Church Services with approximately 100 - 125 in attendance. Chairperson Mari Can and her committee did an outstanding job to make sure it was successful and enjoyable. Mary Shalakian's decor of the Center was excellent. This affair was catered with music provided by a D.J.

DEACONS' RECOGNITION - On the occasion of the feast day of St. Stephen, the first deacon, the parish honored our four deacons on Sunday, December 29, 1996, following Divine Liturgy. Hayr Vazken presented gifts to Deacons Hagop Hovsepian, Mardiros Barsamian, Hachig Sariminassian, and John Hovsepian for their service, commitment, and dedication to the Armenian church for numerous years.

VISION - Our pastor, Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Karayan, as editor of the VISION with the assistance of Ann Dadaian once again have done an outstanding job in preparing the VISION. The Vision, printed every two months, has a new format which is very appealing and extremely well received by the readers. Hayr Soorp is responsible for the success of the VISION and needs to be commended for a job well done.

SUNDAY BULLETIN - Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Karayan was in charge of preparing the Sunday Bulletin which was distributed every Sunday to those attending Church services. The Bulletin contained materials of great interest to our community. Our pastor deserves high marks for doing such a magnificent job.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL - As was adopted by the Annual Membership meeting, the Parish Council undertook to cover all expenses including transportation and salaries. Alice Yigitkurt continued to serve as Superintendent along with Sela Nazarian, Maggie Nazarian, and Haygan Cehreci as teachers. Details are being submitted to the Parish Assembly Annual Meeting under the Armenian School Report.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - In spite of all possible efforts by Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Karayan and Sunday School Superintendent Sylvia Bozoyan, some parents failed in their responsibility to bring their children to Sunday School and as a consequence our enrollment dropped to 15 students. In addition to Sylvia Bozoyan, the present teaching staff consists of Phil Arpiarian, Caroline Ak, and Arthur Manoukian.

ENDOWMENT FUND - We had excellent results with our Endowment Fund as in previous years. This is due to the efforts of Harold Azmelian as chairman and Armen Kalbian and Phil Arpiarian as members of the Endowment Fund Committee. A report will be submitted to the Parish Assembly.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Parish Council thanks Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Karayan, our pastor, who during the past year gave us continued spiritual leadership and attended to the needs of the Parish. Having been better acquainted with the community he was able to make more visitations, bring in more members, increase membership, and have more members attend Church services.

The Parish Council thanks His Beatitude Torkom Archbishop Manoogian, Patriarch of Jerusalem, for having given his approval for the elevation of our pastor to Dzayrakooyñ Vartabed.

The Parish Council and the entire church community thanks His Eminence Khajag Archbishop Barsamian, Primate, for bestowing upon our pastor the rank of Dzayrakooyñ Vartabed.

The Parish Council acknowledges the dedication and services of all its parishioners for the enrichment of our Church and extends special thanks and gratitude to the following:

The Deacons: Hagop Hovsepian for his assistance; Mardiros Barsamian, Hachik Sariminassian, John Hovsepian, and Hagop Kradjian.

The Choir Members: Ann Dadaian, choirmaster; Arpena Sbarbaro, assistant choirmaster: Caroline Ak, Mary Can, Haygan Cehreci, Kay Derderian, Lucy Ganguzza, Jeanette Garabedian, Charles Genjian, Tanya Gullep, Arthur Manoukian, Sr., Victoria Sariminassian, and Isabelle Yigitkurt.

The Organist: Mary Shalakian, our organist, has once again demonstrated her love for the Church by serving as organist without financial remuneration and deserves the full gratitude of our community.

The Women's Guild Chairlady Diana Burggraf and all Guild members who have consistently provided their services to make the Bazaar and Picnic 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.

Andrew Avedesian for assuming the responsibility of supervising the extensive maintenance and repairs we had this year. The time and effort he put into this work is highly commendable.

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

Richard Tarzian who donates the printing of our 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.

Harold Azmelian for acting as treasurer . . . most likely the most time consuming task for the administration of the Church.

Harold Azmelian and his committee for their continuous hard work to administer our Endowment Fund.

Sylvia Bozoyan for her dedication to the Sunday School.

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

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

Diana Burggraf for coordinating after Church refreshments.

Andrew Shashoyan for his volunteering to act as the Church photographer whenever called upon.

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  
ENDING BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1996

RECEIPTS 1996	\$169,695.48	
DISBURSEMENTS 1996	<u>\$194,270.13</u>	
DISBURSEMENTS OVER RECEIPTS	(\$24,574.65)	
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1995	<u>\$76,843.62</u>	
BALANCE DEC. 31, 1996		<u>\$52,268.97</u>

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PARKING LOT FUND	\$9,555.00	
RENOVATION FUND	\$1,560.00	
B.B.FUNERAL FUND (50/50 RAFFLE)	\$1,500.00	
UNRESTRICTED FUND	<u>\$39,653.97</u>	<u>\$52,268.97</u>



**HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR THE YEARS ENDING 12/31/96-95**

	1996	1995
<b>RECEIPTS;</b>		
Membership, Dues, Pledges & Envelopes, Plate collections.	\$16,689.96	\$17,629.55
<b>DONATIONS:</b>		
Christmas	\$4,300.00	\$5,015.00
Easter	\$5,705.00	\$4,430.00
Christmas Card	\$1,720.00	\$1,790.00
Women's Guild	\$16,000.00	\$15,000.00
Senior Citizens	\$500.00	\$500.00
Other Donations	\$2,244.00	\$2,097.00
Renovation Fund	\$600.00	\$1,360.00
<b>AFFAIRS:</b>		
Bazaar:		
	(95 Profit \$ 4,644.11)	
	(96 Profit \$ 6,494.76)	
	\$9,090.11	\$8,422.75
Picnic		
	(95 No Picnic)	
	(96 Profit \$ 3,960.83)	
	\$6,197.75	\$0.00
50/50 Raffle		
	(95 Profit \$ 7,086.99)	
	(96 Profit \$14,404.88)	
	\$30,100.00	\$30,200.00
Communion Bkst	(96 Loss \$ 7.29)	\$272.00
Elevation Dinner	(96 Profit \$ 207.49)	\$300.00
	\$8,547.00	\$0.00
<b>OTHER INCOME:</b>		
In Lieu of flowers	\$4,405.00	\$15,893.00
Hokehandkists & Prayers	\$4,180.00	\$7,915.00
Candles & candelabra	\$2,670.44	\$3,311.15
Christenings	\$200.00	\$500.00
Weddings	\$0.00	\$200.00
Funerals	\$950.00	\$1,250.00
Interest & dividends	\$1,095.34	\$1,209.73
Center rental	\$180.00	\$270.00
Altar Flowers	\$245.00	\$425.00
Vision	\$140.00	\$75.00
Missionary Fund	\$0.00	\$1,225.00
Miscellaneous	\$150.00	\$0.00
Insurance recovery	\$808.88	\$0.00
Armenian School Tuition/Hantess	\$2,255.00	\$14,350.00
Endowment Fund Interest	\$50,000.00	\$40,000.00
Exchange Account	\$450.00	\$450.00
	<b>\$169,695.48</b>	<b>\$173,818.18</b>

**HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH  
DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEARS ENDING 12/31/96-95**

	1996	1995
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>		
Salaries, Travel & Housing	\$51,727.04	\$45,417.00
Social Security Tax	\$277.80	\$277.80
Diocesan Dues & :Looma	\$8,984.00	\$8,596.00
Insurance	\$5,007.00	\$4,522.00
Gas, Electric & Water Church/Pasrish House	\$10,507.07	\$9,825.40
Church Center Expense (excluding insurance)	\$10,781.09	\$8,014.36
Building Maintenance & Improvements *	\$42,139.73	\$4,087.57
Painting Church Basement/Parish house halls	\$0.00	\$2,750.00
Renovation of Church Rest Rooms	\$0.00	\$15,294.00
Office Expense	\$3,140.02	\$4,120.47
Auto Expense	\$7,346.32	\$2,076.71
Telephone	\$1,163.70	\$965.97
Church Supplies	\$1,070.55	\$0.00
Honorarium & Gifts	\$2,500.00	\$1,450.00
Flowers, Altar, Palm, Easter, Christmas	\$798.41	\$916.00
Donation Armenia Fund	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Donation St. Nersess Seminary	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Donation Diocese Armenian Church (Earthquake Japan)	\$0.00	\$1,160.00
Donation St. James Seminary	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Donation F.A.R.	\$625.00	\$5,000.00
Donation Palisade General Hospital	\$600.00	\$0.00
Purchase of new Center chairs (Net 7,500.00)	\$0.00	\$13,230.00
Purchase of Center Entrance Gates	\$0.00	\$775.00
 Expense of Affairs:		
Bazaar	\$2,595.35	\$3,778.64
Picnic	\$2,236.92	\$0.00
50/50 Raffle	\$15,695.12	\$23,114.00
Church Socials	\$1,006.14	\$862.94
Communion Breakfast	\$279.29	\$266.69
Christmas Party	\$1,160.00	\$0.00
Elevation Dinner	\$8,339.51	\$0.00
 Armenian School		
	\$12,284.18	\$14,272.06
Miscellaneous *	\$1,055.89	\$696.00
Exchange Account	\$450.00	\$350.00
	\$194,270.13	\$178,318.61

Miscellaneous:

Cable	\$282.29
Convention Expense	\$523.60
Journal Ad St. Leon	\$250.00
	\$1,055.89

Building Expense:

Office	\$8,662.47
Church	\$25,920.00
New Roof	\$4,850.00
Maintenance	\$2,709.16
	\$42,141.63

**HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH  
PROPOSED PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET 1997**

<b>ANTICIPATED INCOME</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>
Membership, Dues Plate & Pledge	\$15,000.00	\$16,000.00
Holiday Donations	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Christenings, Weddings & Funerals	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
In lieu of flowers	\$5,000.00	\$4,500.00
Hokehankisds & Prayers	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00
Dividends & Interest	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00
Net proceeds from affairs (Bazaar, Raffle Etc.)	\$20,000.00	\$25,000.00
Other donations (Auxiliary Organizations)	\$18,000.00	\$16,000.00
Candles & Candelabra	\$3,000.00	\$2,600.00
Christmas Greetings	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Center rental	\$500.00	\$200.00
Renovation Fund	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
Armenian School (Tuition/Affairs)	\$10,000.00	\$3,000.00
	<b>\$121,500.00</b>	<b>\$100,100.00</b>

**ANTICIPATED EXPENSE:**

Diocesan Dues & Looma	\$10,000.00	\$13,000.00
Salaries, travel, housing & honorariums	\$52,000.00	\$56,000.00
Insurance	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Armenian School	\$15,000.00	\$8,000.00
Building maintenance expense	\$15,000.00	\$25,000.00
Building improvements	\$75,000.00	\$50,000.00
Office supplies, postage, etc.	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Office machine repair/replacement	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Telephone	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00
Church supplies	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00
St. Nersess Seminary	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
St. James Seminary	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$5,000.00	\$7,500.00
	<b>\$189,000.00</b>	<b>\$175,600.00</b>

## **PASTOR'S REPORT**

These past three years our aim was and still is to serve the Holy Cross Armenian Church wholeheartedly. We extend our deepest appreciation to our pious, talented and generous parishioners who contributed a great deal to our advancement, progress and success. It is impossible to please and make everybody happy. Our mission was and still is to do the right thing. We thoroughly enjoy the overwhelming support and respect of the vast majority of our parishioners.

Our prime responsibilities were to conduct services and sacraments; fulfill and meet spiritual and pastoral needs of the parishioners; get acquainted with parishioners to create and cement a strong bond and relationship between church and them; increase church membership; improve and strengthen Sunday and Saturday Schools; to organize and supervise trips and programs for A.C.Y.O.A.; and to make every effort to reach out to parishioners by phone and in person. Through our pastoral visitations, we urged them to get involved in church organizations, activities and most importantly to attend church services. □

## **CHURCH**

As we promised these past two years our church gradually experienced a great positive change and progress. Thanks to Mr. Andrew Avedesian's tireless efforts the church is beautifully painted and renovated to make it a more appealing place to worship and pray. We are also grateful to Alice Bozoyan and express our appreciation for her generous donation in memory of her late father Yervant Bozoyan for the purchase of the new furniture which now graces our newly decorated church office.

Church attendance and membership has tremendously soared. We are proud to announce that this year alone we have more than 30 newly registered dues paying members! Hopefully we will enroll more new members in the near future. Our Sunday services were conducted promptly

and efficiently. We extend our deep appreciation to the deacons, choir members, and organist's dedication, devotion and commitment by participating in the Badarak faithfully every Sunday. □

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

As president of the parish council we had the great pleasure of working with Mr. Nubar Dorian, chairman, one of the most respected intellectual in the parish as well as the entire Diocese. With his wisdom, experience and intellect he conducted the meetings not only wisely; but also contributed a great deal to make those meetings successful and fruitful. The parish is blessed with qualified, dedicated, and committed parish council members who once again put their hearts and souls for the progress, advancement and welfare of the church. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to outgoing parish council members and congratulate in advance, incoming members. Eventually, we will climb the ladder of success. □

## **WOMEN'S GUILD**

As pastor, we periodically attended Women's Guild meetings, provided guidance and assistance, and took the initiative to provide presentations on Baptism, Ordination, Muron, etc. according to the cannon law of the Armenian church. We graciously acknowledge their generous donation of \$16,000. For their tremendous and outstanding job they certainly deserve our sincere appreciation and applause. Keep up the spirit! □

## **MESROBIAN SCHOOL**

Our ultimate goal was and still is to provide the best linguistic and cultural education to our students. As in the past and also this year we took the initiative to teach religious and cultural courses every Saturday. In addition to that we also felt moral and spiritual responsibility and duty to teach them and provide videos on contemporary issues that gravely concern our youth such as drugs, violence, suicide, greed, materialism,

parent and children relationship. The highlight of this year's hantess was the graduation of Arto Ersoy. We appreciate the dedication and outstanding commitment of superintendent Alice Yigitkurt and the teaching staff. □

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Our mission is to impart the best Christian education to our priceless children so they can grow in Christian manner and follow Christ's footsteps. Countless times we contacted parents by phone, letters and in person to urge them to bring their children to Sunday School. Some of the parents responded in favor and few of them came up with excuses and unfortunately our appeal fell on deaf ears. Despite this we are neither discouraged nor disappointed. Thanks to our talented, committed and dedicated Sunday School Superintendent - Sylvia Bozoyan our School doors are wide open every Sunday. She certainly deserves our deepest appreciation and applause for her superb and outstanding job. □

### **CLERGY MEETINGS**

We attended clergy meetings monthly in different parishes to discuss past and present pastoral, spiritual, doctrinal and canonical issues. We all have more or less the same positive and negative issues in every parish. These meetings were extremely informative and enlightening. These meetings were golden opportunities to share our concerns, problems and difficulties in order to improve the quality of life in every community. □

### **PASTORAL VISITATIONS**

We have been invited by more than 50 parishioners to visit and meet their family members on different occasions. During our pastoral visitations our aim and goal was a) to emphasize the mission of the Armenian Church and their vital role as well as to participate and contribute as parishioners in the church's life b) To urge family members to attend Church services, enroll their children in Mesrobian Armenian and Sunday Schools c) To remind them that the

success and the perpetuation of this divine and sacred institution depends and lies solely on them and to enroll them as church members. 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 place of work. The purpose was to inform them that we were aware and concerned about their absence from Church.

Hospital and Nursing home visitations were made periodically upon request and voluntary. We visited more than 36 patients at their convenience providing them with prayers, Holy Communion, pastoral and spiritual counseling. Every month we have visited the Armenian Old Age Home in Emerson, NJ conducting morning services, delivered homilies and gave Holy Communion. Our pastoral visitations were uplifting, encouraging, and fruitful. We also provided our pastoral and spiritual care for those who were eager and willing to seek assistance and guidance. We graciously acknowledge those who expressed their appreciation and made positive comment in person and in writing. □

### **CULTURAL & SOCIAL EVENTS**

We had the following video presentations: Catholicos' Election; History and the Blessing of the Holy Muron - Chrism; The Armenian Churches in Turkey; and St. Paul's Life and Work.

Due to the diligent work of Yetkin Pashalian, Mrs. Sultan, Arto and Mari Can, Mr./Mrs. Yigitkurt, Mr./Mrs. Boghossian, Diane Burggraf, Arpena Sbarbaro, Harold Azmelian, Phil Arpiarian Ann Dadaian, Mrs. Aghavni Pashalian, and Haygan Yilmaz, the picnic was a great success. We acknowledge the generous donations that were contributed by our parishioners which added immensely to the picnic proceeds.

## **VISION & BULLETIN**

Bazaar and Raffle were extremely successful due to Dr. Edward Sahagian, Phil Arpiarian and those who worked hard. Guests enjoyed the evening's entertainment, food, and most importantly each others' company.

Once again our parishioners gathered around to enjoy the spirit of the Christmas season at a catered dinner following church services. We thank our capable committee members for organizing this joyful event with the delicious dinner, beautifully decorated hall and music - all of which was enjoyed by everyone. Our heartfelt thanks to Mari Can chairlady; Diane Burggraf, Mary Shalakian, Haygan Yilmaz, Rose Sahagian, Lena Khorozian, Virginia Shenloogian and all those who worked for its success. This certainly was an outstanding celebration. Well done!

On the occasion of my elevation to Dzayrakooyan Vartabed, I wholeheartedly thank and extend my gratitude to Mr. Nubar Dorian, Mr. & Mrs. Apo Boghossian, Mr. & Mrs. Migir Yigitkurt, Mary Shalakian, Sylvia Bozoyan, Mari Can, Mr. & Mrs. Simaon Kuzik, Yetkin Pashalian, Haci Garipian, Mr. & Mrs. Khoren Pashalian, Aram Aramian, Nadya Isguzar, Hilda Apikoglu, Dr. Ed Sahagian, Andrew Shashoyan, Harry Terjanian and Women's Guild members who gave their time and effort in organizing the banquet and making this event a very memorable one.

Our dedicated deacons were honored on Sunday, December 29, 1996, following the Church services. □

### **A.C.Y.O.A.**

Who says that Holy Cross doesn't have an active Junior A.C.Y.O.A.? Whoever said it he/she is gravely mistaken. Our A.C.Y.O.A. membership is increased and so did the activities. They are busy with chocolate sales, and social activities. Their activities include trips to various places such as ice-skating at Rockefeller Center in New York City, pizza parties, etc. □

Our official newspaper *VISION* is a bridge to communicate and convey pastoral messages and to inform about community activities to our parishioners in English and Armenian. As we promised in the past we improved the quality and the content. Our informative and enlightening *VISION* and Sunday Bulletin appreciated by all. We humbly and proudly acknowledge and appreciate compliments and generous donations from our parishioners as well as non parishioners. □

We wish our faithful a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous Year and are looking forward to making this year productive and fruitful for the success of the Holy Cross Armenian Church and the Glory of God. □

Respectfully submitted,

Fr. Vazken Karayan, Pastor





## HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

UNION CITY, N.J.

### WOMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL REPORT

1996

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. At our meetings, our pastor, the Very Rev. Vazken Karayan, presided as President, giving spiritual and educational lectures or showing VCR tapes.

This year's Executive Committee members were:

Chairperson	Diana Burggraf
Vice Chairperson	Bertha Najarian
Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary	Satenig Karagosian
Treasurer	Arax Karagosian
Membership	Ann Chopoorian
Publicity	Mary Kharpertian
Advisors:	Gladys Abahoonie
	Diana Affsa
	Isabel Keshguerian

Standing Committees:

Flea Market	Isabel Keshguerian
Sunshine/Hospitality	Gladys Abahoonie
Rummage Sales	Rose Sahagian
	Diana Burggraf

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 Arax Karagosian and Mary Kharpertian at the refreshment tables; Bertha Najarian and Gladys Bagdasarian stocking the pantry with staples for the refreshment counter. Let us not forget the ever-ready Areknaz Sarajian who is always available for all our needs especially the special lunches she prepares for our working girls. The Women's Guild tables are set up and merchandise sold during the Flea Market dates or whenever we can open the lobby store when help is available. The following girls have been a great help during set-ups or sales of merchandise: Victoria Bohajian, Diana Burggraf, Kay Derderian, Grace Genjian, Kay Keshishian, Louise Kevorkian, Alice Baglieri, Miss Virginia Shenloogian and Arpena Sbarbaro. A special thank you is in order to Victoria Bohajian, Isabel Keshguerian and Rose Sahagian for their bi-lingual assistance during these sales.

Our RUMMAGE SALE was ably chaired by Rose Sahagian. Diana Burggraf arranged with the Goodwill for the pick-up of all the leftover clothing for which they were very appreciative. Thank you for all the volunteers that helped during this project.



Under the auspices of the Women's Guild Central Council, with the approval of the Parish Council, the Guild sponsors a boy by the name of Karen Grigorian, born in Yerevan on May 10, 1987. We will sponsor Karen until he reaches the age of eighteen (18) years at \$200.00 each year. This past year we were fortunate to have Gregory and Isabel Keshguerian visit Karen in Yerevan and present him with gifts. This was an honor for our Guild. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Keshguerian.

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. This year we donated \$100.00 to the Children's Volunteer Organization, under the Division of Youth and Family Services, for purchases of toys to be given to needy children on Christmas.

Our Lenten Luncheon, held on February 21, 1996, was a success, and it was nice sharing this day with our members, parishioners, friends from some of our sister Guilds.

Members of our Guild attended and supported the Women's Saints Day of the Armenian Church commemoration under the auspices of the Women's Guild Central Council which was held on March 9, 1996, at St. Thomas Church, Tenafly, NJ. The sale of tickets for this affair was handled by Arax Karagosian.

Our thanks to Isabel Keshguerian for handling our two visitation dates to the Armenian Home for the Aged in Emerson. We also thank the ladies who were able to accompany Isabel on these trips. Our expression of appreciation to Takouhi Bozoyan who prepared the delicious pastry that was served to the aged.

We wish to thank Satenig Karagosian in planning the two bus trips to Atlantic City this past year.

This year we planned a different affair than our traditional "Women of the Year" luncheon. On May 19, 1996, we honored the following for "Women of Many Years": Honorees over fifty years of service were: Gladys Bagdasarian, Zephyr Bandazian, Ann Chopoorian, Ann Damurjian and Eleanor Krikorian. Honorees over ninety years of age were: Nancy Donigian, Artemis Koundakjian, Areknaz Sarajian and Arax Takakjian. All these women are dedicated and deserving members who have devoted their time, talents and energies to our Guild and Church. We hope they will all be with us for many more years. We thank all the members who prepared our delicious chicken dinner and worked to make this a successful affair. Mrs. Ann Chopoorian handled the reservations.

On June 2, 1996, our Church held its Picnic on the grounds of St. Leon Church in Fair Lawn, NJ. At this time, the Women's Guild helped the Parish Council Committee in preparing Choreg, and necessary preparation of the food and work at the picnic.

On June 12, 1996, we held our closing luncheon at the Kef Room in Palisades Park, where a delicious Armenian lunch was served. It was especially nice having our Hayr Soorp Vazken with us. Reservations were handled by Ann Chopoorian and Gladys Abahoonie. Luncheon arrangements were made by Diana Burggraf.

The month of October was a very busy month for our Guild members. On October 20, 1996, we celebrated our 62nd Anniversary. On this occasion we honored the following devoted members for their ten years of service and dedication: Alice Baglieri, Mary Boules and Lucy Ganguzza. Special Hokehankisd prayers were offered for the souls of all our departed members. All the names were read by Hayr Vazken during the Service. Refreshments prepared by the Guild were served in the Church Annex. everyone was invited. At this time we presented the Parish Council with a check for \$10,000.00.

Continuing with the month of October, our ladies worked very hard preparing all the food everyone enjoyed at our Bazaar. It was great, and we thank Areknaz Sarajian for overseeing and supervising in the kitchen --- she is a delight. At this time recognition and appreciation must be given to all our members, dear non-member friends, Mrs. Takouhi Bozoyan and Mrs. Verone Mzrakian who worked and helped us tremendously in making the Bazaar a financial and social success. The new item sold at the Bazaar this year was "Manti" prepared and donated by Mrs. Takouhi Can. She and her friends helped her prepare over thirty pounds. They also all worked hard and prepared and donated the delicious pastries which were a sight to be seen on our Gourmet Table. Thank you one and all.

Our thanks to Rose Sahagian who ably handled the Members Only Flea Market during the month of November.

In December, in the spirit of the season, we met at the Loft for our holiday luncheon. It's a pleasure having Hayr Soorp Vazken with us. At this luncheon it was also nice to be joined by Varujan Kalustian. All friends are welcome. Ann Chopoorian handled reservations and arrangements for the day were made by Diana Burggraf.

We thank all our Women's Guild Members who during this past year volunteered preparing refreshments for our Sunday Fellowship hour.

We wish to report at this time a few donations made by the Women's Guild for the year 1996 to our Church and other causes:

1. On December 22, 1996, at our Christmas Party, the Guild presented an additional \$6,000.00 to the Parish Council making their total donation for the year: \$16,000.00.
2. The Guild donated \$300.00 for school bags for the children of Armenia under the auspices of the Women's Guild Central Council.
3. We purchased and donated the black altar curtain used on the Altar during Lent.
4. Plastic table cloths were purchased to cover all the tables used at the Center.
5. An artificial Christmas tree was purchased, with all the decorations, for use at the Church Center during the Christmas Holiday.
6. A clock was purchased at the Center for the kitchen.

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

WOMEN'S GUILD CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES - 1996

January	6	Armenian Christmas Badarak - served breakfast
	24	Membership Meeting at 12 noon
February	19	Lenten Luncheon Cooking Date - 10AM Center
	21	Lenten Luncheon - 12:30PM in Center Donation - \$12.00
March	2	Flea Market
	3	Annual Parish Assembly - Women's Guild served lunch
	9	Women Saints Day - St. Thomas Church, Tenafly, NJ Services at 11AM - Luncheon 1PM - Donation \$15.00
	13	Membership Meeting at 12 noon
	20	Snow Date - Membership Meeting
	27	Choreg-making session at Center at 10AM for sale on Palm Sunday
	31	Palm Sunday - Choreg Sale
April	4	Holy Thursday - Church Services, Communion. Guild served lunch at Center after Services
	7	Easter Sunday
	13	Flea Market
	17	Membership Meeting at 12 noon
	22	Atlantic City - Satenig Karagosian will handle
May	11	Flea Market
	15	Membership Meeting a 12 noon
	19	Women's Guild Dinner - "Women of Many Years" honoring Women Over 50 Years Service and Women Over 90 Years of Age
	22	Choreg-making for Church Picnic - June 2
June	2	Church Picnic - St. Leon Church - Fair Lawn, NJ
	8	Flea Market
	12	Closing Luncheon at Kef Room
	20	Visitation to Armenian Home for the Aged
September	7	Flea Market
	11	Membership Meeting at 12 noon
	27	Choreg-making session for Bazaar - 10AM Center
October	2	Tourshi-making session for Bazaar at Center
	5	Flea Market
	9	Keufteh-making session for Bazaar - 10AM at Center
	10	Keufteh-making session for Bazaar - 10AM at Center
	16	Women's Guild Meeting - Choreg-making session for 10AM in Center - we will hold meeting "as dough rises" presentation of names for nominees for November election

WOMEN'S GUILD CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES - 1996  
(continued)

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|          | 20  | Women's Guild 62nd Anniversary<br>Members to receive Holy Communion, pins will be<br>awarded, Hokehankids to be offered for deceased<br>members of Guild and refreshments served by the<br>Guild. |
|          | 23  | Yalanchi-making session and general preparation<br>for Bazaar   |
|          | 25& | Bazaar - Preparation of Food  |
|          | 26  | Bazaar  |
| November | 2   | Flea Market   |
|          | 11  | Women's Guild visitation to The Armenian Home<br>for the Aged in Emerson  |
|          | 11  | Atlantic City Bus ride  |
|          | 13  | Membershp Meeting - Election of Officers  |
|          | 22& | Members Only Flea Market  |
|          | 23  |   |
|          | 28  |   |
| December | 29& | Members Only Flea Market  |
|          | 6&7 | Members Only Flea Market  |
|          | 11  | Women's Guild Christmas Luncheon at Loft<br>All are invited   |
|          | 14  | Flea Market   |

Respectfully submitted,

DIANA BURGGRAF  
Chairperson

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH  
WOMEN'S GUILD - FINANCIAL REPORT  
1996

Balance - December 31, 1995 \$ 3,302.74

INCOME:

Dues	\$ 414.00	
Flea Markets (8)	8,077.44	
Rummage Sale (1)	2,807.00	
62nd Anniversary	1,677.80	
Women of Many Years	1,275.79	
Atlantic City Trips (2)	927.00	
Choreg Sale	343.78	
Members Only Flea Market	100.00	
Special Store Sales	800.00	
Lenten Luncheon	622.85	
Donations	55.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>41.00</u>	17,141.66
TOTAL INCOME AND OPENING BALANCE		<del>\$ 2,044.44</del> <i>20,444.40</i>

DISBURSEMENTS

Transfer of funds to Parish Council	\$ 16,000.00	
Altar Curtain (Lenten)	750.00	
School Bags for Children in Armenia	300.00	
Central Council Dues	140.00	
In Lieu of Flowers & Vases	125.00	
Donation Children's Volunteer Assoc.	100.00	
Postage	89.60	
Purchase of Guild Pins	60.00	
Child Sponsorship in Armenia (CASP)	200.00	
Meeting Refreshments	148.15	
Christmas Gift to Caretaker	100.00	
Purchase of Xmas Tree and Clock for Center	18.00	
Purchase of Plastic Table Cloths for Center	96.05	
Miscellaneous	<u>114.74</u>	\$18,241.54

BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 1996 \$ 2,202.86

TOTAL ASSETS

Checking Account - Hudson United Bank	\$ 2,026.85
Petty Cash	170.63
Bazaar Account	<u>5.38</u>
	<u>\$ 2,202.86</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Arax Karagosian  
Treasurer

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH  
UNION CITY, NJ

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT**  
**1996**

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	7	Sylvia Bozoyan
Third, Fourth and, Fifth	5	Caroline Ak / Arthur Manoukian
Sixth, Seventh and Eighth	3	Philip Arpiarian

The staff consists of 4 teachers and treasurer, Alice Bozoyan.

Average weekly student attendance - 40%  
Average weekly student offering - \$ 10.00

Parents must take a more vital role in making sure their children attend Sunday School every week and come on time to ensure proper religious education.

**1996 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 Exercises
September	Opening Day & Registration
December	Christmas Party - Gifts & candy were presented to each student.

## **Sunday School Report (cont.)**

### **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

**VIDEO PROGRAM** - It continues to create enthusiasm as the students are absorbing religious educational lessons.

**LENTEN OFFERING COLLECTION** - Students participated in the Lenten Collection sponsored by the DRE.

### **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.

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**

- the teachers for their dedication, commitment, and diligence
- 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  
1996

CASH BALANCE - January 1, 1996 \$ 1,470.66

RECEIPTS

Sunday Collections / Offering	305.00
Lenten Collection	<u>77.50</u>
	\$ 382.50

DISBURSEMENTS

Lenten Donation	\$ 77.50
T-shirts (Attendance Gifts)	\$ 25.00
Gift for Hayr Soorp's Elevation	\$ 100.00
Christmas Expenses	\$ 146.62

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 349.12

CHECKING INTEREST \$ 31.40

CASH BALANCE - December 31, 1996 \$ 1,535.44

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Bozoyan  
Treasurer



HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

SENIOR CITIZENS ANNUAL REPORT

1996

The Executive Committee of the Senior Citizens consists of:

Chairperson	Bertha Najarian
Treasurer/Secretary	Satenig Karagosian
Advisor	Alice Najarian

Our Seniors group has been meeting Tuesdays from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. However our group has been getting smaller due to illness, moving out of the area, etc. But we still have a small congenial group meeting, when weather permits, to play cards, exchange friendly greetings and enjoy refreshments. We would welcome more members. Please come and join us to make the day an enjoyable one.

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  
1996

Balance - December 31, 1995 \$ 869.39

INCOME:

Admissions	\$ 317.50	
Dues Received	48.00	
Cash Donations	1.00	
Cakes Sold	2.25	
Interest on Savings Account	<u>28.11</u>	<u>396.86</u>

TOTAL INCOME AND OPENING BALANCE \$ 1,266.25

DISBURSEMENTS

Donation to Church	\$ 500.00	
Meeting Expenses	19.80	
In Lieu of Flowers	10.00	
Christmas Gift - Caretaker	<u>20.00</u>	<u>549.80</u>

CASH BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 1996 \$ 716.45

TOTAL ASSETS

Bank Savings Account	\$ 672.30
Cash on Hand	<u>44.15</u>
	\$ <u>716.45</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Satenig Karagosian  
Treasurer

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

UNION CITY, N.J.

CHOIR ANNUAL REPORT

1996

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

We wish to acknowledge and thank the services of our Choirmaster, Ann Dadaian and Assistant Choirmaster Arpena Sbarbaro, as well as our very dedicated organist, Mary Shalakian; our Deacon Hagop Hovsepian and Deacon Mardiros Barsamian and Stolebearers, Hacik Sariminasyan, John Hovsepian and Hagop Kradjian and to all our choir members: Victoria Sariminasyan, Arthur Manoukian, Sr. Marie Can, Lucy Ganguzza, Jeanette Garabedian, Caroline Ak., Tanya Gullep, Haygan Cehreci, Charles Genjian, and Isabelle Yigitkurt.

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

Our special thanks for the continued support of our Pastor, Very Rev. Vazken Dz. Vartabed Karayan , the Parish Council and all our parishioners who continued to encourage us.

Respectfully submitted,

CHOIR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

CHURCH CHOIR - FINANCIAL REPORT

1996

CASH BALANCE	January 1, 1996	\$ 1,690.21
RECEIPTS		-0-
TOTAL RECEIPTS PLUS OPENING BALANCE		1,690.21
DISBURSEMENTS		-0-
CASH BALANCE	December 31, 1996	\$ 1,690.21

Respectfully submitted,

Hacik Sariminyan  
Treasurer

