

ANNUAL REPORT

1998



Holy Cross Armenian Church

UNION CITY, N. J.

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HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

UNION CITY, N.J.

AGENDA FOR PARISH ASSEMBLY

JANUARY 31, 1999

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. 1999 Budget
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11. Closing Prayer

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

UNION CITY, NJ

1997 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

February 8, 1998

The annual Parish Assembly meeting was convened immediately following Church Services. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. Nubar Dorian, conducted the meeting. The Chairman asked for nominations for the chairman and secretary for the Parish Assembly. Mr. Nubar Dorian and Mr. Philip Arpiarian were unanimously elected to the positions of Chairman and Secretary, respectively.

The meeting was adjourned to the Church Center and reconvened at 1:15PM, with the Very Rev. Vazken Karayan, presiding as President of the Assembly.

Following a prayer, a motion was made and passed to close the ballot box at 1:30PM.

The current number of voting members is 95. A total of 45 voting members voted, which represents 47%, constituting a quorum. In addition to the 45 voting members, there were 18 non-voting members for a total of 63.

The Chairman dispensed with the reading of the minutes from the 1996 Annual Assembly and then invited Hayr Soorp to present his annual

PASTOR'S REPORT - (refer to the 1997 Annual Report attached)

Hayr Soorp commented on several significant issues, namely:

- Ordination of Acolytes
- Holy Cross Name Day Dinner
- Women's Guild contributions to the Church
- Organization of the Armenian Youth Group
- The Akhtamar Dance Group now sponsored by Holy Cross
- Acknowledged the work of the Parish Council and Parishioners

The Chairman added some comments relating to the organizing meetings which were held regarding the Armenian Youth Organization (AYO), and then entertained a motion which was seconded to accept the AYO as an affiliate organization of the Holy Cross Armenian Church. The motion was passed. Mr. Dorian then invited the Chairman of the group, Mr. Pierre Berberoglu to make a few comments. Mr. Berberoglu thanked the Assembly and said they were ready to work in support of the Church.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT (refer to the 1997 Annual Report attached)

The Chairman dispensed with the reading of the report except for the acknowledgements. The Chair was questioned regarding the Christmas party which was not held during the year. A motion was made and passed directing the new Parish Council to organize and conduct a Christmas Party in 1998. A motion was and seconded to conduct the 50/50 Raffle on a different night than the Bazaar. Motion was defeated.

TREASURER'S REPORT (refer to Annual Report attached)

Report was accepted as presented.

WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT (attached)

Report was accepted as presented.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL REPORT (attached)

Included in Pastor's Report

SUNDAY SCHOOL, SENIOR CITIZENS, AND CHOIR REPORTS (attached)

Reports were accepted as presented.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Ms. Lucy Bozoian reported that all the accounts of the organizations: Parish Council, Women's Guild, Sunday School, Senior Citizens and Choir were in order and complimented all the Treasurers for their excellent work.

ENDOWMENT FUND (attached)

The Endowment Fund report was distributed to those present at the Assembly. Mr. Azmelian highlighted some of the important issues:

- Endowment Fund return 1997 was 10.23%
- \$50,000 was transferred from the Fund to the Church to cover operating expenses
- \$3,550 was donated by parishioners to the Fund in 1997.
- The current value of the Fund is \$1,561,214.56

1998 BUDGET

Ms. Mary Shalakian presented the 1998 Budget. The parishioners increased the budget in the following areas:

- \$20,000 building improvements with a top priority on replacing the Altar curtains. Other items approved included new chairs for the Church Annex, new curtain for Church Center, new stoves in Center kitchen, and a freezer for the Center.
- \$2,500 - donations to St. Nersess and St. James Seminaries.

NEW BUSINESS

The Assembly moved and passed the following:

- Directive to Parish Council to put parking facilities as one of the top priority items.
- Directive to actively investigate why some of the Church members are no longer active in Holy Cross and where they now attend Church services.
- Increase dues - new schedule of dues to be \$100.00 per person with the exception of Senior who will pay \$50.00 per person. (A motion to increase dues to \$75.00 per person was defeated).
- Directive to Parish Council to conduct a Christmas Party (on a Sunday following Church services with a nominal charge).

ELECTION RESULTS:

The Nominating Committee submitted the elections results as follows:

Parish Council:

Abraham Boghossian
Sylvia Bozoyan

Mari Can
Alice Yigitkurt
Migirich Yigitkurt

Alternates: Yetkin Pashalian, Satenig Karagosian

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Auditing Committee:

Gladys Abahoonie
Armen Kalbian
Satenig Karagosian

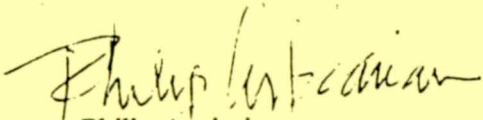
Nominating Committee:

Diana Burggraf
Zaven Hovsepian
Arax Karagosian

Motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4PM. Hayr Soorp thanked the outgoing members of the Parish Council for their dedication and service to the Church and congratulated the new Parish Council Members.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Hayr Soorp.

Respectfully submitted,



Philip Arpiarian
Secretary

Very Rev. Vazken Karayan
Pastor

Nubar Dorian
Chairman

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
UNION CITY, NJ

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT
1998

The Parish Council and Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Karayan, Pastor and President of the Parish Council, met 11 times and held 1 special meeting (April 14).

Parish Council elected the following members on March 3, 1998, to serve as the Executive Committee:

Chairman	Apraham Boghossian
Vice Chairman	Zaven Hovsepian
Treasurer	Mary Shalakian
Assistant Treasurer	Alice Bozoyan
Secretary	Sylvia Bozoyan

The following committee chairpersons were appointed:

Maintenance / Renovation	Andrew Avedesian / Zaven Hovsepian
Bazaar	Alice Bozoyan / Mary Shalakian
Raffle (50/50)	Philip Arpiarian / Alice Yigitkurt
Membership	Ann Dadaian / Mary Shalakian / Mari Can / Arpena Sbarbaro / Alice Yigitkurt / Apo Boghossian
Picnic	Zaven Hovsepian / Migir Yigitkurt
Christmas Party	Mari Can / Sylvia Bozoyan
Armenian School Dinner-Dance	Alice Yigitkurt

1997 PARISH ASSEMBLY - The minutes of the Parish Assembly held on February 8, 1998, are included in the Annual Report. The following issues were voted for this year:

1. **Christmas Party** - A directive to Parish Council to conduct a Christmas Party on a Sunday following Church services with a nominal charge.
2. **Membership Dues** - Increase dues to \$100.00 per person with the exception of a Senior Citizen who will pay \$50.00 per person
3. **50/50 Raffle** - A directive to Parish Council that it should be conducted during the Bazaar and **not** on a different night
4. **Parking** - Directive to Parish Council to put parking facilities as one of the top priority items.

- 5. **Building Improvements** - Top priority will be given to replacing the Altar curtains. Other items included new stoves and a freezer in Center kitchen.
- 6. **Computer** - A new computer and accessories will be purchased for the Church office.

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CHURCH PROPERTIES - Andrew Avedesian, Zaven Hovsepian and Pablo Taura, caretaker, continually monitored the condition of the Church, the Church Center, and the Parish House. During the year the following repairs, renovations and additions took place:

- 1. Church Center
 - new dishwasher with automatic soap & detergent dispenser
 - new freezer (48 cubic feet)
 - new microwave
 - new exhaust fan in kitchen area
 - new fully automatic coffee machine (to be replaced)
 - new hot water heater
 - major electrical work updating faulty wiring
- 2. Parish House
 - new hot water heater

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HOLY CROSS NAME DAY BANQUET - On Sunday, October 18, 1998, our Church celebrated Holy Cross Name Day. Upon the request of our Pastor, His Eminence Khajag Archbishop Barsamian, Primate, celebrated Divine Liturgy. Following the Badarak, His Eminence gracefully ordained two dedicated altar servers, Hacik Sariminyan and Hovhannes Hovsepian, as sub-deacons. During the Banquet at the Church Center, the following dedicated parishioners of Holy Cross Church were honored: Dn. Hagop Hovsepian, Areknaz Sarajian, Alice Najarian, Arpena Sbarbaro, Alice Yigitkurt, Richard Tarzian and Sylvia Bozoyan. Ann Dadaian, Banquet Chairlady, and all the committee members made this unforgettable event a huge success.

BAZAAR - The Bazaar, held on October 30 and October 31, was one of the best bazaars we have had, both socially as well as financially, due to the hard work of chairlady, Alice Bozoyan. The Women's Guild contributed a great deal of time, effort, and expertise for its success as well.

PICNIC - Since we were not able to reserve a Sunday in June at St. Leon's Church in Fair Lawn, we scheduled to hold the picnic on Sunday, July 12 on their grounds. Unfortunately being the middle of the summer with many parishioners on vacation, the picnic was cancelled. We hope to continue to have our picnics every year following the tradition of holding it on the first Sunday in June or possibly the second Sunday.

RAFFLE - On Friday evening, November 6, the drawing of the 50/50 Raffle took place in the Church Center. Philip Arpiarian, chairman, with Alice Yigitkurt, co-chairlady, did a wonderful job in attending to all the details of the raffle and once again 300 tickets were sold with the Church's income in excess of \$14,000. We also express our appreciation to all those who helped sell these tickets: Philip Arpiarian, Harold Azmelian, Apo Boghossian, Arto Can, Charles Genjian, Zaven Hovsepian, Armen Kalbian, Yetkin Pashalian, and Alice and Migir Yigitkurt.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL DINNER-DANCE - On Saturday, May 30, the Armenian School sponsored a dinner-dance as a fund-raiser with Alice Yigitkurt as its chairlady.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - Christmas party was cancelled since the three major social functions (Holy Cross Name Day, Bazaar and the 50/50 Raffle) were scheduled too close to one another.

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN - Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Karayan prepared the Sunday Bulletin which was distributed every Sunday to those attending Church services. The contents of the Bulletin was extremely well received by our parishioners as it was full of material of great interest to our community. Our pastor deserves high marks for doing such a magnificent job.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL - Alice Yigitkurt served as Superintendent along with Sela Nazarian, Maggie Nazarian and Haygan Cehreçi as teachers in the Spring semester. Alice Yigitkurt submitted an official letter of resignation in June. Under the supervision of Hayr Vazken Karayan, the teaching staff during the Fall semester includes Sela Nazarian and Maggie Nazarian.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Karayan and Sunday School Superintendent Sylvia Bozoyan, continue to encourage parents to bring their children to Sunday School with some success. In addition to Sylvia Bozoyan, the teaching staff consisted of Caroline Ak, Tanya Gullep and Diane Pekmezian (Spring semester) and during the Fall semester - Nubar Dorian and Melissa Kulhanjian.

MAYOR RAUL RUDY GARCIA - Newly elected Mayor of Union City, his wife Nicole, and Board of Education member, Lenny Calvo participated in prayers during Divine Liturgy on Palm Sunday, April 5.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Karayan, the Parish Council and the entire church community respectfully acknowledge our Primate, **His Eminence Khajag Archbishop Barsamian**, for his diocesan leadership and for presiding over our Holy Name Day Celebration.

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. He continually made home visitations, encouraged parishioners to attend services and brought in more members who are attending Church services.

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 leadership and diligence; Mardiros Barsamian, Hacik Sariminassian, John Hovsepian, Hagop Kradjian and Vahé Badgat.

The Choir Members: Ann Dadaian, choirmaster; Arpena Sbarbaro, Caroline Ak, Mari Can, Haygan Cehreçi, Lucy Ganguzza, Jeanette Garabedian, Charles Genjian, Tanya Gullep, Arthur Manoukian, Sr., Victoria Sariminassian, Hasmig Sefer, Armand Barsamian, and Vasken Bagdat.

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.

Apraham Boghossian for being the Chairman of the Parish Council.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mary Shalakian as treasurer . . . the most time consuming task for the administration of the Church.

Sylvia Bozoyan for her excellent keeping of our Parish Council minutes and preparing the annual Parish Council Annual Report as well as for her dedication to the Sunday School.

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

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

Diana Burggraf for coordinating "after Church" Fellowship Hour.

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

. . . 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, 1998

RECEIPTS 1998	\$176,223.51	
DISBURSEMENTS 1998	<u>\$173,574.55</u>	
RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,648.96	
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1997	<u>\$70,903.66</u>	
		<u>\$73,552.62</u>

PARKING LOT FUND	\$7,055.00	
MISSIONARY FUND	\$140.00	
UNRESTRICTED FUND		
	<u>\$66,497.62</u>	
BALANCE DECD 31, 1998		<u>\$73,552.62</u>

**HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR THE YEARS ENDING 12/31/97-96**

	1998	1997
RECEIPTS:		
Membership, Dues, Pledges & Envelopes, Plate collections.	\$15,407.00	\$17,266.00
DONATIONS:		
Christmas	\$5,095.00	\$3,275.00
Easter	\$4,415.00	\$5,100.00
Christmas Card	\$1,680.00	\$3,375.00
Women's Guild	\$20,000.00	\$16,000.00
Senior Citizens	\$0.00	\$500.00
Aghtamar Dance Group	\$1,000.00	
Other Donations	\$1,921.00	\$670.72
Renovation Fund	\$9,150.00	\$2,350.00
AFFAIRS:		
Bazaar:		
	(97 Profit \$ 7501.37)	
	(98 Profit \$ 8197.83)	
	\$11,132.70	\$9,844.00
Picnic		
	(97 Profit \$ 0)	
	98 Profit \$ 0)	
	\$0.00	\$0.00
50/50 Raffle		
	(97 Profit \$14,436.00)	
	(98 Profit \$14,625.00)	
	\$30,100.00	\$29,500.00
Communion Bkft.		
	(97 Loss \$ 107.28)	
	(98 Profit \$ 22.17)	
	\$476.00	\$264.00
Name Day Dinner		
	(97 Profit \$13,326.84)	
	(98 Profit \$ 7,180.81)	
	\$11,898.00	\$20,075.00
OTHER INCOME:		
In Lieu of flowers	\$8,425.00	\$12,380.00
Hokehandkists & Prayers	\$7,555.00	\$6,245.00
Candles & candelabra	\$2,988.00	\$3,416.00
Christenings	\$475.00	\$275.00
Weddings	\$500.00	\$0.00
Funerals	\$1,700.00	\$1,300.00
Interest & dividends	\$1,332.81	\$891.97
Center rental	\$980.00	\$160.00
Altar Flowers	\$324.00	\$185.00
Vision	\$105.00	\$65.00
Missionary Fund	\$1,854.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$2,430.00	\$0.00
Insurance recovery	\$58.00	\$0.00
Armenian School Tuition/Hantess	\$13,622.00	\$2,020.00
Endowment Fund Interest	\$20,000.00	\$50,000.00
Exchange Account	\$1,600.00	\$150.00
	\$176,223.51	\$185,307.69

**HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEARS ENDING 12/31/97-96**

DISBURSEMENTS:	1998	1997
Salaries, Travel & Housing	\$59,583.08	\$55,701.92
Social Security Tax	\$277.80	\$461.00
Diocesan Dues & :Looma	\$10,886.00	\$13,356.00
Insurance	\$10,939.00	\$5,255.60
Gas, Electric & Water Church/Pasrish House and Church Center Expense (excluding insurance)	\$14,327.92	\$17,166.45
Building Maintenance & Improvements	\$20,128.59	\$28,481.03
Office Expense	\$8,227.03	\$4,809.24
Auto Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00
Telephone	\$2,674.96	\$2,219.77
Church Supplies	\$200.08	\$997.55
Honorarium & Gifts	\$1,620.00	\$1,300.00
Flowers, Altar, Palm, Easter, Christmas	\$536.33	\$1,161.02
Donation St. Nersess Seminary	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donation St. James Seminary	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donation F.A.R.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donation Palisade General Hospital	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expense of Affairs:		
Bazaar	\$2,937.17	\$2,342.63
Picnic	\$0.00	\$0.00
50/50 Raffle	\$15,475.25	\$15,064.00
Church Socials	\$488.26	\$675.46
Communion Breakfast	\$453.26	\$371.28
Christmas Party	\$0.00	\$0.00
Elevation Dinner	\$0.00	\$0.00
Holy Cross Day	\$4,717.19	\$6,748.16
Parking Expense	\$2,500.00	
Armenian School	\$10,695.60	\$7,395.92
Miscellaneous	\$4,881.99	\$3,165.97
Unlocated difference	\$425.04	
Exchange Account	\$1,600.00	\$0.00
	\$173,574.55	\$166,673.00

Miscellaneous:

Cable	\$403.78
Miscellaneous	2764.21
Transfer	\$1,714.00
	\$4,881.99

**HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
PROPOSED PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET 1999**

ANTICIPATED INCOME	1998	1999
Membership, Dues Plate & Pledge	\$20,000.00	\$16,000.00
Holiday Donations	\$8,500.00	\$9,000.00
Christenings, Weddings and Funerals	\$1,500.00	\$2,200.00
In lieu of Flowers	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Hokehankisds & Prayers	\$6,000.00	\$7,000.00
Dividends & Interest	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Net proceeds from affairs (Bazaar, Raffle Etc.)	\$28,000.00	\$30,000.00
Other Donations(Auxiliary Organizations)	\$16,500.00	\$20,000.00
Candles & Candelabra	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00
Christmas Greetings	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
Center Rental	\$0.00	\$500.00
Renovation Fund	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Armenian School (Tuition/Affairs)	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
	\$105,000.00	\$109,700.00

ANTICIPATED EXPENSE:

Diocesan Dues & Looma	\$15,000.00	\$12,000.00
Salaries, travel, housing & honorariums	\$59,000.00	\$62,000.00
Insurance	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Armenian School	\$18,000.00	\$12,000.00
Utilities	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
Building Improvements	\$20,000.00	\$50,000.00
Office Supplies, Postage Etc.	\$5,000.00	\$8,000.00
Office machine repair/replacement	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Telephone	\$2,500.00	\$3,200.00
Church Supplies	\$1,200.00	\$2,000.00
St. Nersses Seminary	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
St. James Seminary	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$5,800.00	\$6,000.00
	\$154,500.00	\$183,200.00

PASTOR'S REPORT - 1998

During our tenure we served our utmost, implementing number of changes and improvements within the Holy Cross Armenian Church parish. Through God's grace and with the cooperation and assistance of our dedicated parishioners, positive changes and improvements bear fruits. As a pastor our mission is to save souls. We thoroughly enjoy the overwhelming support and respect of the vast majority of our parishioners. We extend our earnest appreciation to our faithful, talented and generous parishioners who with their time, finance and talents contributed a great deal to our advancement, progress and success.

CHURCH: We are proud to announce that during our pastorate as we have witnessed our church attendance and membership has noticeably soared. New faithful parishioners are attending and participating in our Church services and social activities. Our Sunday services were conducted promptly and efficiently. We extend our sincere appreciation to the deacons, choir members and organist's dedication, devotion and commitment by participating in the Badarak faithfully every Sunday. We welcome our newest deacon, Vahe Bagdat.

OFFICE: Without a full-time secretary, we made every effort to be available in our church office from Tuesday to Saturday. Due to pastoral responsibilities such as funerals; grave blessings; hospital, Old Age Home and Hovnanian School visitations; Women's Guild meetings and luncheons; clergy meetings and other church related services and celebrations, we were not able to be present occasionally during office hours.

PARISH COUNCIL: As president of the Parish council, every first Tuesday of the month we attended Parish Council meetings. With our humble experience we supervised the meetings. Despite our different opinions our meetings were productive and fruitful. It is needless to say that the parish is blessed with qualified, dedicated and committed Parish Council members who once again put their hearts and souls for the progress and welfare of the church and the community. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our genuine appreciation to our outgoing Parish Council members and congratulate in advance, incoming members. Gradually and eventually we will make every effort to climb the ladder of success.

WOMEN'S GUILD: As pastor, we attended Women's Guild meetings, whenever possible, to provide guidance, assistance and support. We also took time to offer presentations on different church related topics and subjects. As in the past, once again this year, we graciously acknowledge their generous donation of \$10,000.00. For their tremendous and outstanding God-pleasing mission they certainly deserve our blessings and sincere appreciation.

SENIOR CITIZENS: Occasionally on Tuesdays, Senior Citizens met in the Church Annex for socialization. We gladly took time to visit and socialize with them. It was a gratifying feeling to see them healthy and in good spirits.

MESROBIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL: Our primary and ultimate aim was and always will be to provide the best linguistic and cultural education to our students. For years we took the initiative to teach religious and cultural courses every Saturday. Under our pastoral care and supervision Saturdays School is functioning. Due to lack of parental efforts, our students enrollment unfortunately declined. This, however, does NOT mean that we will cease from our mission and responsibilities by closing the school down. On the contrary, we must perpetuate and pursue our goal in increasing the enrollment and provide cultural and linguistic education. I urge you not to be spectators; but, supporters. Alice Yigitkurt submitted her letter of resignation as of June. We deeply appreciate the commitment of outgoing superintendent Alice Yigitkurt and outstanding dedication of the teaching staff: Sela Nazarian, Maggie Nazarian, Haiganush Cehreci (Spring Semester) and assistant, Lena Khoroizian. We also extend our gratitude to those who provided car pooling for students.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: As pastor and teachers, our mission is to impart the best Christian education to our children so they can grow spiritually in Christian manner and follow Christ's footsteps. This past year our Sunday School enrollment was 19 registered students. However, the enrollment fluctuated – not because we lack in our responsibilities; but, because of the parents who come with endless excuses. Countless times we contacted parents urging them to bring their children to Sunday School. This year we are fortunate to have Diane Pekmezian (Spring Semester) and Melissa Kulhanjian (Fall Semester) be part of our Sunday School staff. Thanks to our talented, committed and dedication Sunday School Superintendent, Sylvia Bozoyan, our Sunday School doors are wide open. She certainly deserves our sincere and deepest appreciation for her superb and outstanding job. If it wasn't for her, we would not be able to have a Sunday School. She deserves credit beyond credit.

CLERGY MEETINGS: Almost every other month we attended clergy meetings in different parishes to discuss about the past and the future of the Armenian Church. During these clergy meetings, cultural, spiritual, pastoral, canonical, doctrinal, administrative and financial issues are discussed. In addition to that, Armenia and Jerusalem were discussed in detail – particularly the topic of a Pilgrimage to Jerusalem in the year 2000. Needless to say, the Centennial Anniversary of the Eastern Diocese of North America was a main topic. Furthermore, as in the past, the lack of the youth and faithful within the Armenian Church is still the grave concern of the clergy. These meetings were not only enlightening and informative; but, also gave an opportunity to share our grave concerns in order to improve the quality of life in each and every parish community.

PASTORAL VISITATIONS: For pastoral visitations we have been invited by many parishioners on both good or bad, happy or sad occasions - such as baptisms, birthdays, graduations, sweet sixteen's, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, home and store blessings, funerals and Karasoonks. During our pastoral visitations our aim and goal was: a) To emphasize the mission of the Armenian Apostolic Church and their vital role as well as to participate and contribute as parishioners in the Church's life. b) To urge families to attend Church services, enroll their children in Mesrobian Armenian and Sunday Schools. c) To instruct and 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 either canceled, postponed or simply 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 our priority and were made periodically upon request and voluntary. We visited patients at their convenience providing them with Prayers, Holy Communion, Pastoral and spiritual counseling. We made sure to schedule our monthly visitation to the Armenian Old Age Home in Emerson, NJ conducting morning services, delivered homilies and gave Holy Communion. The faithful, on numerous occasions, brought to our attention that our pastoral visitations were uplifting, encouraging, and fruitful. We didn't hesitate to provide our pastoral and spiritual care for those who were eager and willing to seek assistance and guidance during emotional, physiological, financial and spiritual times. We graciously acknowledge those who expressed their appreciation and positive commitment and remarks in person and in writing.

VISION AND SUNDAY BULLETIN: 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 the quality and the contents have been improved. Our informative and enlightening VISION and Sunday Bulletin are appreciated by both clergy and lay people. We humbly and proudly acknowledge and appreciate compliments and the generous donations from our parishioners as well as our friends.

AGHTAMAR DANCE GROUP: The Aghtamar Dance Group, under the capable, talented and dedicated director and instructor, Sylva Assadourian, had an outstanding performance on Sunday, May 3rd, in the Church Center following Church Services before an audience of nearly 200 guests. They also presented a spectacular selection of dances at the Holy Cross Name Day Celebration.

AREMENIAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION (AYO): As pastor we attended their meetings to provide assistance and guidance in their endeavors. We are proud to inform to our community that AYO had orientation, increased their membership to nearly 50, organized picnics and sponsored the New Year's Eve Party in our Church Center with an outstanding number in attendance. During our pastoral visitations to newlywed's houses, we urged them to attend Church and support community activities. We deeply commend their success and financial support to Holy Cross Armenian Church.

RELIGIOUS, CULTURAL & SOCIAL EVENTS

BIBLE STUDY: We have conducted Bible Study classes periodically. The first five books of the Holy Bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy) were interpreted. In addition, we have studied the Gospel of St. Matthew and emphasized historical, cultural, theological, ethical and social issues. The Divine Miracles performed by Jesus was the core interpretation of this Gospel.

HOLY CROSS NAME DAY CELEBRATION AND ORDINATION: His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian was the celebrant on Sunday, October 18th, on the occasion of Holy Cross Name Day. Following the Badarak, His Eminence ordained Hacik Sariminyan and Hovhannes Hovsepien as Sub-Deacons. During the Banquet at the Church

Center, the following pillars of our Church were honored: Hagop Hovsepian, Areknaz Sarajian, Alice Najarian, Arpena Sbarbaro, Alice Yigitkurt, Richard Tarzian and Sylvia Bozoyan. Banquet Chairlady, Ann Dadaian and the committee members made this unforgettable event a huge success. On this occasion, a souvenir booklet was prepared.

BAZAAR: This year's Bazaar (Friday, October 30 and Saturday, October 31) was the best ever under the capable, hard-working leadership of chairlady Alice Bozoyan. It was the best attended, extremely well organized, exceptionally well supervised and most profitable one! Our Women's Guild members with its chairlady, Diana Burggraf, and friends, contributed a great deal of time, effort, and expertise for its success as well.

50 / 50 RAFFLE: On Friday, November 6th, the drawing for the 50/50 Raffle was held in the Church Center under the co-chairmen Phil Arpiarian and Alice Yigitkurt. Guests enjoyed the entertainment, food and each other's company.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 1) Conduct and supervised the Church Services and sacraments
- 2) Fulfilled and met spiritual and pastoral needs of the parishioners
- 3) Got acquainted with old and new parishioners
- 4) Initiated a new, healthy relationship and communication with parishioners
- 5) Cemented and strengthened the bridge between Church and the faithful
- 6) Increased Church membership
- 7) Improved, strengthened and supported both Sunday & Saturday schools
- 8) Organized and supervise trips and programs for A.C.Y.O.A
- 9) Made every effort to reach out to our faithful
- 10) Support Women's Guild and Senior Citizens
- 11) Ordain Sub-Deacons
- 12) Renovated the Church and office and received new equipment and furniture for the office
- 13) Purchased of Ecclesiastical items
- 14) Received a large-screen TV donated by the Women's Guild and a VCR
- 15) Installation of a new audio system both in the Church and Center
- 16) Received a donation a dozen new Acolyte Robes (Shabigs)
- 17) Initiated Bible Study Class
- 18) Adopt the AGHTAMAR Dance Group
- 19) Organized Armenian Youth Organization (AYO)
- 20) Increased religious, cultural and social activities
- 21) Provided adult education
- 22) Reformed the VISION and SUNDAY BULLETIN
- 23) Provided lecture series
- 24) Provided video presentations of cultural and religious topics
- 25) Installation of Alarm System in the Church as well as installing safety locks to the Church, Annex and office doors.
- 26) Canvassing fabric establishments for Altar curtains

Respectfully submitted,

Fr. Vazken Karayan, Pastor

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

UNION CITY, N.J.

WOMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL REPORT

1998

General Membership Meetings were held on the third Wednesday of each month with the exception of July and August. Prior to each meeting and the scheduled program a cake and coffee hour was held. Our Executive Committee meetings, when necessary, were held prior to the general membership meeting.

This year's Executive Committee members were:

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

Standing Committees:

Flea Market	Isabel Keshguerian
Sunshine/Hospitality	Gladys Abahoonie
Rummage and/or Clearance Sales	Rose Sahagian and 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; Isabel Keshguerian and Diana Burggraf stocking the pantry with staples for the refreshment counter. We miss not having Bertha Najarian, Gladys Bagdasarian and Areknaz Sarajian working the kitchen. However whenever they can get a ride they are part of the working crew. The Women's Guild tables are set up and merchandise sold during the Flea Market dates or whenever help is available and we can set up and open the lobby store. The following girls have been a great help during set-ups or sales of merchandise: Shakeh Baltaian, Victoria Bohajian, Diana Burggraf, Gladys Bagdasarian, Grace Genjian, Kay Keshishian, Louise Kevorkian, Lucy Nalbandian, Bertha Najarian, Isabel Keshguerian, Miss Virginia Shenloogian, Rose Sahagian and Arpena Sbarbaro. A special thank you is in order to our new bi-lingual member, Shakeh Baltaian and our faithful Victoria Bohajian, Isabel Keshguerian and Rose Sahagian whose assistance is very important. these sales. Also thank you, Isabel and Gregory Keshguerian for enduring all the telephone calls from vendors for Flea Market reservations.

The commitment and dedication of our Women's Guild proved itself again by the successful CLEARANCE SALE held certain days during June, July and August chaired by Rose Sahagian and Diana Burggraf. The merchandise and manpower donated helped us net \$5,264.40. Arrangements were made and the remaining unsold articles were picked

up by the Goodwill Industries for which they were very appreciative. Thank you for all the volunteers that helped during this project, especially on some of those real hot days..

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.

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.

The Guild did not have their annual Lenten Luncheon this year due to the fact that our Guild was asked to host the 25th Annual Women's Saints Day under the auspices of the Women's Guild Central Council. This was held on Marcy 14, 1998. Worship services were conducted by our pastor, Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Karayan. Biographies of the Saints were read by Shakeh Baltaian and Alice Yigitkurt in Armenian and by Gladys Abahoonie and Satenig Karagosian and Mary Kharpertian in English. We then proceeded to the Center for Lunch. Our program started with the Invocation by Rev. Fr. Arnak Kasparian; the Emcee Welcome by Chairlady, Diana Burggraf, Chairperson, greetings by the Women Guild's Central Council representative and Coordinator, Nevart Marashlian, Main Speaker of the day, Mr. Nubar Dorian, Address and Benediction by our Pastor Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Karayan. Also in attendance was Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian, Pastor of the Elberon Church with many of his parishioners. It was nice seeing members from all our neighboring churches. We had a gather with over 104 people. The Executive Committee and our membership together with the faithful help of Takouhi Bozoyan and Verone Mzrakian did a great job in the preparation of the food. This was truly a day in which we, call of the Union City community, could well take pride. We handed over to the Central Council \$919.34.

Satenig Karagosian arranged a trip to the Showboat in Atlantic City on April 27, 1998, with a second trip on October 5, 1998 to Caesars. Both trips were delightful and successful.

On Wednesday, June 17, 1998, we held our closing luncheon at the Harbor House Restaurant in Fort Lee with an attendance of more than 40 members. Diana Burggraf, Chairlady, expressed her deepest appreciation to Ann Chopoorian and Satenig Karagosian for successfully arranging this affair. Following the luncheon, Fr. Vazken presented Certificates of Appreciation from the Women's Guild Central Council on this occasion of the Centennial of the Armenian Church of North America to the following members present who have reached the age of ninety years and plus for their dedicated service to our Guild. This special group of honorees are Zephyr Bandazian, Cesarine Boyajian, Areknaz Sarajian and Bertha Turnamian. Those who could not attend from this group were Nancy Donigian, Artemis Koundakjian (who passed away soon after this gathering) and Arax Takakjian. We are extremely proud and privileged to have such outstanding Women's Guild members in our Parish.

Our thanks to Rose Sahagian for handling the Members Only Flea Market during June.

Our thanks to Isabel Keshguerian for handling the two visitations to the Armenian Home for the Aged in Emerson where birthday cards and corsages are presented to the residents celebrating birthdays during the respective month. Our expression of appreciation to the Takouhi Bozoyan who prepared the delicious pastry that was served to everyone at the Home.

The Guild made a donation of \$100 to the Children's Volunteer Organization of Hudson County to purchase toys for children in our community allowing them to have a holiday filled with joy and happiness.

As usual, the month of October is the Guild's busy month:

On October 11, 1998, we celebrated the Guild's 64th Anniversary. On this occasion Hokehankisd Prayers were offered for the souls of all our departed members who had served faithfully with dedication for the success of the Women's Guild. At time a check in the amount of \$10,000.00 was presented to the Parish Council. A special "thank you" to Arax Hajeian Chirkinian and Virginia Hajeian for handling the correspondence and mailing for the 64th Anniversary Celebration.

Still continuing with the month of October, our ladies worked very hard preparing all the food and delicacies enjoyed by all who attended our Bazaar. Mrs. Takouhi Can, as usual, comes with her five or six friends and our faithful parishioners to help with our cooking. We were also fortunate in signing them up as Guild members and they all joined with pleasure. Special thanks to our dear parishioners, Mrs. Takouhi Bozoyan and Mrs. Veron Mzrakian who worked and helped us tremendously in making the Bazaar a financial and social success. Thank you to all our members and parishioners who made all the delicious pastries, which were a sight to be seen and tasted, sold at our gourmet tables so beautifully set up by Mary Shalakian and her helpers. Thank you ladies one and all.

In the spirit of the season, on December 16th we met at the Harbor House again where we had a delightful day and food as usual delicious. Thank you Ann Chopoorian and Sastenig Karagosian for handling the reservations.

We wish to thank Hayr Soorp, Ann Dadaian and Sylvia Bozoyan for always being there when we need any typing or flyers prepared.

All the projects undertaken by the Women's Guild are successful because of the faithful devotion of the Guild members who give freely of their time and energies to our Church and Guild. We closed the year giving the Parish Council an additional check for \$10,000.00. This brings a total donation for the year 1998 of \$20,000.00

On closing this report we are sorry to mention that this year we lost eight devoted members. They will be sorely missed. May God rest their souls in peace.

Angeli Bassmadjian
Baidzar Derderian
Margaret Kalfaian
Artemis Koundajian

Eleanor Krikorian
Rose Krikorian
Lucy Saradarian
Alice Yazmajian

In May 1998 when our dear member, Lucy Saradarian, passed away, her family in lieu of flowers donated a sum of \$1,065.00 to the Guild. In her memory, the Women's Guild donated the Votive Candle Glasses and Candles.

The following is a Calendar of our Activities for 1998:

January	6	Feast of the Nativity and Theophany - Brunch served by the Women's Guild
	21	Membership Meeting at 12 noon
	28	Snow Date - Membership Meeting
February	1	Annual Parish Assembly - Women's Guild served Lunch
	18	Membership Meeting - 12 Noon
	25	Snow Date for Membership Meeting
		Note: No Lenten Luncheon due to hosting of Women's Saints Day on on March 14, 1998.
March	7	Flea Market - first of season
	9-13	Set-up for Women's Saints Day Cooking on March 13
	14	Women's Guild Hosting Women's Saints Day 11AM Church Service followed by Lunch at Center
	18	Membership Meeting - 12 Noon Executive Committee Meeting - 10:30AM
	25	Snow Date - Membership Meeting
		Made Choreg for sale on Palm Sunday
April	4	Flea Market
	5	Palm Sunday - Choreg Sale
	9	Holy Thursday - Church Service and Communion - Guild served lunch at Center
	12	Easter Sunday - Will appreciate colored eggs
	15	Membership Meeting - 12 Noon Executive Committee Meeting - 10:30AM
	27	Atlantic City Trip - Show Boat
May	9	Flea Market
	20	Membership Meeting - 12 Noon Executive Committee Meeting - 10:30AM
June	6	Final Flea Market for season
	17	Closing Luncheon - Harbor House
		Held Members Only Flea Market last two weeks in June
		Visitation to Armenian Home for Aged
July and August		Set up Center for Annual Clearance Sale during these two months.

September	12	First Flea Market of season
	16	Membership Meeting - 12 Noon Executive Committee Meeting - 10:30AM (Light Lunch served)
	28	Choreg Making Session - 10AM - 60 lbs for Bazaar
October	1	Tourshi Session
	4	Visit by His Eminence Abp. Vatche Hovsepian, Primate of Western Diocese
	7	Keufteh Session - Church Center - 10AM
	8	Keufteh Session - Church Center - 10AM
	10	Flea market
	11	Women's Guild 64 th Anniversary Member to receive communion/Hokehankisd Prayers for deceased members/Fellowship Hour sponsored by Guild
	18	Holy Cross Day Banquet
	22	Visitation to Armenian Home for Aged
	28	Yalanchi and Toorshi Sessions for Bazaar
November	30	Bazaar begins - prepare food - 10AM
	31	Bazaar - prepare food - 10AM
	6	50/50 Raffle - Parish Council
November	14	Flea Market
	18	Membership Meeting - 12 Noon Executive Committee Meeting - 10:30AM
December	5	Flea Market
	16	Closing Holiday Luncheon - Harbor House

Respectfully submitted,

DIANA BURGGRAF
Chairperson

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
WOMEN'S GUILD - FINANCIAL REPORT
1998

Balance - December 31, 1996 \$ 3,232.26

INCOME:

Flea Markets (8)	\$ 8,551.53	
Clearance Sales	5,264.00	
64th Anniversary Memorium Donations	2,440.00	
Saint's Day	1,834.00	
In Lieu of Flowers	1,065.00	
Atlantic City Trips (2)	940.00	
Dues	390.00	
Choreg Sale (1)	306.26	
Donations	89.00	
Members Only Flea Market (2)	70.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>68.00</u>	<u>21,017.79</u>

TOTAL INCOME AND OPENING BALANCE \$24,250.05

DISBURSEMENTS

Transfer of funds to Parish Council	\$20,000.00	
Votive Cups and Candles	560.00	
Name Day Booklet Advertising	200.00	
Child Sponsorship in Armenia (CASP)	200.00	
Saint's Day	339.21	
Central Council Saint's Day Fund	919.34	
Meeting Refreshments	175.25	
Postage & Mailing	163.58	
Dues to Central Council	152.00	
Children's Volunteer Organization	100.00	
In Lieu of Flowers & Floral Cross	175.00	
Christmas Gift to Caretaker	100.00	
Hokehankisd	50.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>131.41</u>	<u>\$23,265.79</u>

BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 1998 \$ 984.26

TOTAL ASSETS

Checking Account - Hudson United Bank	\$ 849.11	
Petty Cash	129.77	
Bazaar Account	<u>5.38</u>	
		<u>\$ 984.26</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Arax Karagosian
Treasurer

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH
UNION CITY, NJ

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT
1998

The pupils should 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, Second and Third	6	Sylvia Bozoyan
Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh	8	Caroline Ak/Tanya Gullep (Spring Semester) Melissa Kulhanjian (Fall Semester)
Eighth, Ninth and Tenth (According to the Fall Semester enrollment)	5	Diane Pekmezian (Spring Semester) Nubar Dorian (Fall Semester)

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

Average weekly student attendance - 40 %
Average weekly student offering - \$ 9.00

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.

1998 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

Sunday School Report - 1998 (cont.)

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

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 continually plays a vital role by encouraging and stimulating the 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

- Melissa Kulhanjian for joining the Sunday School staff with her enthusiastic personality
- 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
UNION CITY, NJ

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT
1998

CASH BALANCE - January 1, 1998 \$ 1,507.40

INCOME

Sunday Collections / Offering \$ 382.00
CHECKING INTEREST 32.67

TOTAL INCOME 414.67

DISBURSEMENTS

DRE Folders (25) \$ 25.00
Christmas Expenses 210.58
Check Order 25.56
Check Order 28.47

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 289.61

CASH BALANCE - December 31, 1998 \$ 1,632.46

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Bozoyan
Treasurer

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

UNION CITY, N.J.

SENIOR CITIZENS FINANCIAL REPORT

1998

Balance - December 31, 1997 \$421.40

INCOME

Admissions	\$202.00	
Dues Received	33.00	
Cakes Sold	1.50	
Interest on Savings Account	<u>13.38</u>	<u>249.88</u>

TOTAL INCOME AND OPENING BALANCE \$ 671.28

DISBURSEMENTS

Meeting Expenses	49.40	<u>49.40</u>
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CASH BALANCE - December 31, 1998 \$621.88

TOTAL ASSETS

Bank Savings Account	\$564.13
Cash on Hand	<u>57.75</u>
	<u>\$621.88</u>

Respectfully submitted,

SATENIG KARAGOSIAN
Treasurer

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

UNION CITY, NJ

CHOIR ANNUAL REPORT

1998

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

We wish to acknowledge and thank the services of our Choirleader, Ann Dadaian as well as our very dedicated organist, Mary Shalakian; our Deacons: Hagop Hovsepian, Mardiros Barsamian and welcomed newcomer Vahe Bagdat; Stolebearers: Hacik Sariminyan, John Hovsepian and Hagop Kradian and to all our choir members: Arpena Sbarbaro, Victoria Sariminyan, Arthur Manoukian, Sr., Mari Can, Garo Okan, Lucy Ganguzza, Jeanette Garabedian, Caroline Ak, Tanya Gullep, Haygan Cehreci, Charles Genjian, Hasmig Sefer, Armand Barsamian and Vasken Bagdat,

We encourage all those interested in singing in the choir to join us on Sundays.

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

Respectfully submitted,

CHOIR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

UNION CITY, NJ

CHURCH CHOIR FINANCIAL REPORT

1998

Balance - December 31, 1997

\$1,625.21

INCOME

None

DISBURSEMENTS

None

CASH BALANCE - December 31, 1998

\$1,625.21

Respectfully submitted,

HACIK SARIMINASYAN
Treasurer

