

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH

1972 Report of Building and Finance Committee

The first meeting of the Building and Finance Committee was called by Edward Bashian for dinner at the church on Friday, February 4, 1972; there were 22 present. The following were elected officers:

Chairman:	Edward Bashian
Vice Chairman:	Rupen Saddler
Treasurer:	Dr. Vincent Incecian
Asst. Treasurer:	George Shahinian
Secretary:	Malcolm Topalian
Advisors:	George Mekenian, Carl Tashjian, Ray Kreppel, Peter Daghljan

Subsequent meetings during 1972 were held Feb. 27, Mar. 10, July 14, Oct. 17 and 25, and Nov. 14.

To ease payments on a mortgage totaling \$225,000 and requiring \$2045,26 per month or \$24,543.12 per year, there was need for more than the approximate incomes from the following: Men's Club, \$8,000; Bazaar, \$12,000; Anniversary Cake, \$2,000; Memorials, \$2,000; total \$24,000.

After much deliberation and approval from the Parish Council, the decision was made to start a drive for five year pledges - separate from the church membership pledges - of from \$25 to \$500 per year according to the persons will or ability to pay.

It was estimated conservatively that we could raise \$17,500 per year for a five year total of \$87,500 which, together with interest earned, would cut the mortgage almost by one half at the end of this period thus making the annual budget much less of a burden.

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ST. THOMAS CHORUS

The St. Thomas Chorus, under the direction of Raffi Sevadjian, has added a new phase to parish life. Comprised of approximately 30 members, it has attracted individuals of all ages - college students and grandparents alike. One need not belong to the St. Thomas Church to join the chorus.

Rehearsals are held every Wednesday evening in the church auditorium from 8 to 10 p.m., and a social hour with refreshments is included. The "curriculum" consists of instruction in music theory (an optional feature offered from 7:30-8:00 p.m.), harmony exercises, and the learning of Armenian and American songs as well as sharagans and the songs of the Badarak.

Susan Shamamian
Chairman