

THE ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH 1986 ANNUAL REPORT

PASTOR AND PARISH COUNCIL

The 1986 PASTOR'S REPORT

Another year has ended, marking 25 years of my service to St. Thomas Armenian Church. I have seen numerous changes in our Parish during those years. New faces have come forward to enlarge our St. Thomas family; at the same time we must never forget those who are no longer with us. We celebrated the 22nd anniversary of the building of the Church sanctuary and dedicated our new facilities in March.

A hearty "thank you" to the church organizations, and all the untiring members of our Parish. Each organization has submitted its own report, and our Parish Council Chairman, Peter Ajemian, has acknowledged their service in his report; therefore I shall report mainly on the sacramental and pastoral activities of the past year.

WORSHIP SERVICES: Divine Liturgy was celebrated every Sunday. A special prayer service for the success of the Reagan-Gorbachev Summit was held and a service of thanksgiving for our deacons and altar servers was held on the feast of St. Stephen, December 21. Special thanks to deacon Joseph Kalemkerian for his continued dedication in the preparation of acolytes and altar servers.

During the year we had the following guest celebrants: Archbishop Torkom Manogian on the Anniversary of the Consecration of the Church and dedication of the new Saddler Hall, Mekhjian Atrium, and Kirikian Armenian School. On July 27 Fr. Tateos Abdalian of Wisconsin was celebrant and Fr. Vartan Kasparian of California was the preacher. On Nov. 9, Fr. Haigazoon Najarian was celebrant. During the year several times Deacon Joseph Kalemkerian has delivered the sermon, always receiving appreciative comments about them.

SACRAMENTAL SERVICES: During the year 22 baptisms were performed (21 last year); 17 marriages were blessed (22 the previous year); 18 funerals took place (8 the year before).

At this time let us remember our departed members: Satenig Demirjian, Vahan Barsamian, Mary Tatarian, Garabed Vartanian, and Sourpouhi Gevrekian.

ADMINISTRATIVE: As ex-officio President of all church organizations, I attended many of the meetings. I directed, advised, and in many cases helped in implementing decisions. I attended the Clergy Conference and Diocesan Assembly in Racine, Wisconsin, in May. I represented our Diocese at the Governing Board of the National Council of Churches of Christ in New Orleans. It is interesting to note that out of five delegates from our Diocese to the National Council of Churches, two are from our parish, myself and Louise Kalemkerian. I am a member of the Board of Directors of St. Nersess Seminary since its inception and have served as its secretary.

PUBLICATIONS: We have published the Bergen Beacon monthly and prepared flyers for our various affairs. Each month the Beacon is mailed to our college students residing on campus. A special thanks to Mary Ann Saraydarian for editing our Beacon, Lori Kalemkerian for typing, and Alyce Parseghian for providing photographs.

This year there has been more enthusiasm shown to our parishioners to volunteer and accomplish projects. This is due to our Parish Council, particularly to the leadership of Peter Ajemian. Peter has been a God-send at the crucial time of our expansion project. He has brought wisdom, humor, drive, and maturity. He has been a person who does not seek recognition in any way. Thank you, Peter, for all you have done.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT:

This year 1986 was a significant milestone for the St. Thomas Armenian Church. With the New Building & Renovation Project Portion completed, we are currently in negotiations with the Builder for the extras that we incurred during construction. This coming, spring we will complete the Landscaping portion of our project and at that time we will be able to give our Parish an accurate cost of the whole project.

Our Parish and friends to date have pledged over \$1,000,000.00 towards our New Building & Renovation Project. I wish to point out that we are still working with a Construction Loan that was initiated at the outset of our project at the rate of 7 1/2%. We do not have a mortgage, nor do we intend to get one. We are happy to report that a very good percentage of our parishioners & friends have made their pledges and met them for this project, however, a small handful of our parishioners to date, still have not made their pledges or met them. During this coming year the Parish Council will implement a system where we will visit everyone so that they can be part of our addition. We will also make every effort available to increase our Membership in Church, our Armenian School, our Sunday School, and our Church related organizations such as ACYOA, Juniors and Seniors, Women's Guild, Men's Club, Avak Society, etc.

The Parish Council also hopes to expand the role of the Trustees in our Church so that we will have continuity in the operation of our new and much larger complex.

The Parish Council feels that no one can do a better recruitment job for St. Thomas Armenian Church, than its' present members. If everyone of our members brings one new member we will double our present Parish....

THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS YOUR PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1986

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>LIAISON</u>
Rev. A. Kasparian	President	
Peter Ajemian	Chairman	
Virginia Victoria	Vice Chairman	Sunday School
Arax Parseghian	Rentals Secretary	Women's Guild Bookstore
Grace Hagopian	Treasurer	ACYOA Jrs. & Srs.
Lucy Nakashian	Asst. Treasurer	Armenian School
Paul Kahaumjian	Custodial Asst. Pledge	Men's Club
Eli Karalian	Membership	Avak Society
Gerald Keosayian	Bldg. & Grounds	Building Committee
Richard Papazian	Membership	Choir
Edward Parseghian	Pledge Chairman	
Ara Pekmezian	Membership	Bookstore

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Parish Council met on every second and fourth Tuesday of each month as scheduled, with additional meetings when necessary. Parish Council attendance was very good along with their Sunday participation during Church Services. The Parish Council meetings were presided over by the President, Rev. Arnak Kasparian, and conducted by the Chairman, Peter Ajemian. The Council meetings were always open to interested individuals including Delegates, Trustees, and Parish related organizations.

EVENTS HELD BY THE ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH AND THE RELATED ORGANIZATIONS DURING THE YEAR 1986

- Jan. 5 Children's Christmas Communion Program and Lunch
 6 Badarak and Women's Guild Visit to Emerson Home for Arm. Xmas
 17-20 ACYOA Jrs. Host Weekend with St. Leon's
 19 Participation in Services and Fellowship with Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Tenafly.
 26 Parish Assembly Part I
- Feb. 2 Parish Assembly Part II
- March 5 Eight Weeks - Fundamental Teachings of the Armenian Church and their meaning today.
 7 Fish and Chips Dinner - Women's Guild
 15 Spiritual Renewal Conference
 22 Morning - Children's Program
 22 Evening - Church Expansion Celebration and Banquet
 23 ACYOA Day Services and fellowship
 27 Maundy Thursday Badarak and Visitation to Emerson Home
 28 Ecumenical Walk
 29 Children's Communion and Breakfast
- April 5 Women's Guild Cotillion - Tammy Brook Country Club
 12 ACYOA Spring Dance
 13 Mystery Bus Ride - Women's Guild
 25 Big & Little Orchestra

- May 1-3 Diocesan Assembly - Racine, WI
 2 ACYOA Progressive Dinner
 2-4 Rug Sale
 10 Men's Club Trip to Atlantic City/CWU May Fellowship Luncheon
 11 ACYOA Mother's Day Dinner
 16 Men's Club Bowling Dinner
 18 Church School celebrates Hokekalousd
 26 Memorial Day Picnic/Car Raffle - Men's Club
 31 St. Thomas Family Dinner Buffet Celebration
- June 8 Church School Graduation and Closing Ceremonies
 13 Armenian School Hantes and Graduation
 22 Men's Club Picnic
 26 Avak's Father's and Mother's Day Luncheon
- July 27 St. Nersess Students visit St. Thomas - Luncheon
- Sept 6-7 Participation in One World Festival - Men's Club
 14 Church School Balloon Launch
 26 ACYOA Retreat - St. Nersess Seminary
- Oct. 3-4 Rummage Sale - Women's Guild
 17-19 Kasparian Fund Retreat - St. Nersess
 19 Crop Walk For Hunger
 24 Church School Military Bridge - Chinese Auction
 29 Women's Guild Membership Tea
- Nov. 7 Slide Presentation Gregory and Masis Parseghian's climb
 of Mt. Ararat - Fellowship
 15-16 St. Thomas Liberty Bazaar
- Dec. 5 Men's Club/Women's Guild dinner at St. Vartanantz Church
 10 Women's Guild Christmas Luncheon - Palisadium
 21 Church School Christmas Pageant and Dinner
 24 ACYOA Christmas Eve Services - Junior Choir
 Fellowship By Women's Guild
 31 New Year's Eve Celebration and Dinner - Men's Club

In addition, on-going activities of the Parish include: Church Basketball Teams Games, Men's Club, Women's Guild, ACYOA Monthly Meetings, Weekly Greeter's program, holiday poinsettia and lily sales, Armenian and Church School activities and classes, Avaks weekly meetings, Parish Council Meetings, Building Committee Meetings, Junior Choir Rehearsals, Narek Prayer Group, choir practice, the making of mahs.

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank the following for their efforts in Leadership, Fund raising, and Service to the St. Thomas Armenian Church for the year 1986.

ACYOA Juniors - Donna Barsamian & Elizabeth Papazian, Co-Chairmen
 ACYOA Seniors - Lisa Ohanessian, Chairman
 Armenian Churches Sports Assoc.- Michael Kenajian, Chair., Douglas
 Martaian
 Armenian School - Marion Babigian & Ani Capan, Co-Chairmen
 Sylva Der Stepanian - Director
 Avak Society - Nish Ohanessian, Chairman
 1986 Bazaar Committee - Victor Arzoumanian, Chmn., Paul & Marion
 Kahaumjian, Ara Pekmezian, Co-Chairmen
 Bazaar Cake Sale - Rupen Saddler, Chairman
 Bazaar Raffle - Harry Hajinlian & Zaven Poosikian, Co-Chairman
 Bergen Beacon - Mary Ann Saraydarian, Coordinator, Lori Kalemkerian,
 Typist
 Board of Trustees - Edward Bashian, Chairman
 Building Committee - Nazar Nazarian, Chmn., Vahan Najarian, Co-Chmn.
 Building Technical Committee - Moses Kazanjian, George Mekenian, Ant-
 ranig Ouzoonian, and Albert Victoria
 Car Raffle - Zaven Poosikian
 Choir - Edward Daghlian, Dir., Eileen Barsamian, Chmn., Ara Martaian,
 Co-Director
 Christian Education and Sunday School - Louise Kalemkerian
 Church Custodian - Garo Arakelian
 1986 Cotillion Committee - Joanne Torigian & Paula Keosayian
 Deacon's Training - Joseph Kalemkerian
 Lenten Fish & Chips Dinner - Seta Jebejian
 Mahs - Violet Ouzoonian
 Memorials Committee - Edward Bashian, Chairman
 1986 Memorial Day Picnic - Men's Club
 Men's Club - Paul Pinajian, Chairman
 Narthex Directors - Samuel Demirjian & Tish Basmajian
 Nuts & Dried Fruits Sale - Yeretzgin Violet Kasparian
 Organist - Susan Shamamian
 Photography - Alyce Parseghian & Albert Papazian
 Rug Sales - Edward Bashian, Michael Izmirly, & Mary Ann Saraydarian
 Women's Guild - Mary Ann Saraydarian

The Parish Council wishes all of our parishioners not listed
 above, who time and time again, volunteer their services in our
 Church, Office, Kitchen, Events, etc., whenever or wherever they are
 needed. Many thanks, to all of you.....

You people make the St. Thomas Armenian Church

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Virginia Victoria, Vice-Chairman, also in charge of Rentals. Serves as Liaison to our Sunday School. Everyone agrees that anytime a project is given to Virginia, you may consider it done.....and done well!

Arax Parseghian, Secretary, also serves as liaison to the Women's Guild and Bookstore. She is a professional secretary. Everyone compliments Arax on the accurate minutes she keeps on our meetings.

Grace Hagopian, Treasurer, also serves as liaison to ACYOA Juniors & Seniors, a professional accountant, has served our Parish Council for the past five years in an impeccable fashion. We again, would like to acknowledge the bookkeeping work that Alice Arzoomanian does for our church. She has been doing this work, year after year, with a great amount of saving of time and monies for the Parish Council....When we talk about saving money at St. Thomas we always think about our adopted comptroller, Michael Izmirly, who helps us plan our budget, takes care of all our Taxes, and serves as Treasurer with the Trustees and Building Committee. Many thanks to you again, Michael.

Lucy Nakashian, Asst. Treasurer, also serves as liaison to the Armenian School. Lucy can be counted on to carry out any assignment given her in a conscientious manner.

Paul Kahaumjian, Asst. Pledge and Custodial, also serves as liaison to the Men's Club. Paul has been an asset to the Parish Council. He always comes up with new ideas when we find problems facing us, and is not afraid to tackle any problems no matter how big or small.

Eli Karalian, Membership, also serves as liaison to the Avak Society. Eli again this year on short notice took on two booths at the One World Festival doubling our profit of last year. Eli has been involved in many other fund raising projects for our Church.

Gerald Keosayian, Buildings & Grounds, also serves as liaison to the Building Committee. Gerald is a professional engineer specializing in heating and air conditioning. Everyone in our Parish is aware of the good work he has done for our Church. Gerald will be leaving the Parish Council this year, however he will continue to serve on the Technical Committee on a permanent basis taking care of our new complex. Many thanks to you again Jerry....

Richard Papazian, Membership, also serves as liaison to the Choir. Richard is always available for any Fund Raising Activities at St. Thomas. He also chaired our first New Year's Party in the new complex. Everyone agrees that it was a success, keep up the good work Richard.

Edward Parseghian, Pledges, always can be counted on to keep up with the mammoth job of keeping up with pledges. Eddie is also involved with every other fund raising activity in our church. Ed, a business-

man, makes his resources available for the welfare of St. Thomas anytime we need it. Many thanks to both you and your family Edward.

Ara Pekmezian, Membership, also serves as liaison to the Bookstore. Ara, some novel ideas concerning our projects. Ara is a hard worker and is always there when you need him. Keep up the good work.

Rev. Arnak Kasparian, our Pastor and President of the Parish Council, has been working very hard this year trying to make the adjustments necessary for the operation of our new and much larger complex. Der Hayr along with the Parish Council is making plans to upgrade our operation so that we meet this challenge and enlarge our Parish and serve all Armenians in our geographical area. We wish Der Arnak continued good health and success in all of his endeavors for St. Thomas Armenian Church.

In closing I wish to remind everyone that our Church will be as good as we make it. We thank you for your continued support and again wish that each and every one of you make an effort to bring in new members for our Church and Schools. Let us all join hands and build a better St. Thomas Armenian Church for the future.

For the Parish Council;
Peter Ajemian Chairman

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY REPORT

The 84th Annual Assembly of the Dioceses of the Armenian Church was held from May 1-3 at the St. Mesrob Armenian Church in Racine, Wisconsin. Over 140 delegates and clergy were present for the three day meeting. St. Thomas Armenian Church was represented by our pastor, Rev. Arnak Kasparian and Diocesan Delegates Victor Arzoomanian, Joseph Kalemkerian, and George Mekenian.

The Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian presented his annual message in which he stressed that the Armenian Church must be prepared to introduce changes while still remaining true to the ancient traditions of the Church.

A committee report was given regarding the High Rise project. It was reported that the project had been discussed at a joint meeting of the Diocesan Council and Diocesan Trustees, and that by a vote of 12-5 they had approved the concept and were prepared to listen to proposals from prospective developers as to the feasibility of the project. The Assembly voted to ask the High Rise committee and the Trustees to further explore the issue and to reach a decision.

The Unity Committee reported that joint meetings had not been held for some time and that discussions were at a standstill. The delegates gave the committee a vote of confidence and instructed them to continue their efforts to resolve this delicate issue.

Victor Arzoomanian, the Executive Director of the ACEF, gave a most encouraging report on the status of the endowment fund and how it continues to attract new donors. He urged all of the delegates to support the ACEF and to encourage members of their individual parishes to consider establishing funds.

One of the highlights of the assembly was the re-election of His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian to an unprecedented sixth term as Primate of the Diocese. Following his re-election, the Primate was led into church by a procession composed of all the clergymen, and in a short statement he expressed his appreciation to the assembly and stated that he will strive to continue to lead the Diocese for the greater glory of God and the Armenian people.

Proposals which were passed included the following:

- a) That members in good standing in one parish, may be allowed to vote or hold office in another parish upon relocating to a new community without waiting for a six month grace period.
- b) The Assemble petitioned the Primate to present to His Holiness, Vasken I, a request that His Holiness authorize the ordination of women as deacons of the Armenian Church.
- c) That the Diocese organize a Social Concern committee to study and adopt positions in accordance with the teachings of the Armenian Church relative to the moral issues and problems resulting from "new" life styles in our society today.
- d) That a committee be appointed to update the Diocesan by-laws, for the purpose of updating their contents to reflect present day circumstances; eliminating duplicate articles which are in conflict with other articles; and clarifying the language to provide for more specific interpretation.
- e) The annual budget of \$1,712,000 was approved by the delegates.

Joseph Kalemkerian of our parish was elected as a member of the 1987 Auditing Committee.

Joseph Kalemkerian - Diocesan Delegate

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT - 1986

We, the Auditing Committee, have audited the books and records of the Parish Council and its Organizations, and found all entries properly entered and substantiated.

Artemis Nazarian
Ardis Kasparian
Gary Arkell

MEMORIAL DONORS - DECEMBER 31, 1986

<u>Donor Name</u>	<u>Earmarked For</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Araxie Pachigian	Front Main Door		525.00
Satenig Proodian	Pew		500.00
Henry & Grace Hagopian	Pew		500.00
Mr. & Mrs. Aram S. Kratlian	Eternal Lamp over main Altar		500.00
Frank A Patti	Kenneth Miketarian- Lobby Window		1,000.00
Michael Fuhrmann			1,000.00
Verkin & Jack Berberian			3,800.00
Edmond Attarian			3,800.00
Eileen Barsamian			5,800.00
Total Received ----->			17,425.00

Edmond Attarian	Transferred to Building Committee	
Eileen Barsamian	Transferred to Building Committee	
Verkin & Jack Berberian	Transferred to Building Committee	25,000.00
Cost of Memorial Plaques		1,623.00
Total Transfer and Expenses		26,623.00

The Memorial Committee is comprised of the following:

Chairman: Edward Bashian
Secretary: Michael Izmirly

Members: Vahan Najarian
Peter Ajemian
Frank Stoneson

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH

A. C. E. F. LISTING - DECEMBER 31, 1986

<u>Donor's Name:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Edward Bashian Family Fund	2,000.00
Caspar Kasparian Memorial Fund	14,000.00
Anoush Kavazanjian/Kassabian	1,035.00
Dr. Harout & Shake Mekhjian	5,000.00
Arthur & Dorothy Otchy	1,200.00
St. Thomas A. C. E. F.	2,875.00
George Shahinian Memorial Fund	20,486.00
Martin (Sonny) Tashjian Memorial Fund	3,600.00
Total	\$ 56,481.00

The above mentioned names and amounts received from Victor Arzoo-
manian, Executive Director of A. C. E. F. Fund.

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH
TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 1986

BANK BALANCES AND OTHER BALANCES Jan. 1, 1986

Checking Account	\$ 12,086.00	
Savings Account	3,474.00	
Investment "Repo"	83,809.00	
A. C. E. F. Diocese	<u>56,481.00</u>	
Total		155,850.00
1986 Receipts	215,781.00	
1985 Disbursements	<u>198,220.00</u>	
Excess Cash after Disbursements		<u>17,061.00</u>
Total Dec. 31, 1986		<u>172,911.00</u>

BANK BALANCES AND OTHER BALANCES Dec. 31, 1986

Checking Account	10,120.00	
Savings Account	3,622.00	
Investment Repo	62,688.00	
A. C. E. F. Diocese	<u>56,481.00</u>	
Total Dec. 31, 1986		<u>172,911.00</u>

St. Thomas Armenian Church Tenafly, New Jersey

Proposed Budget For 1987

Budget And Disbursements For The Years 1986 & 1987

	Proposed 1987	Actual 1986	Budget 1986	Actual 1985	Budget 1985
<u>Pledges And Offerings</u>					
1. Pledge Receipts	49000	48893	47200	46781	45000
2. Plates And Candles	8000	8055	8900	8495	8500
3. Christmas Offerings	2300	2265	2200	2186	2100
4. Easter Offerings	2600	2497	2800	2815	2200
5. Prayers	800	735	600	605	500
<u>Sacraments</u>					
1. Baptism	1800	1800	1500	1450	1500
2. Weddings	3400	3100	3800	4770	2800
3. Funerals	1200	1150	500	600	500
4. Requiems	2900	2895	3100	3060	3300
<u>Auxiliary Organizations</u>					
1. Women's Guild	12000	10000	11400	9000	9000
2. Avak Society	1500	1500	2000		1500
3. A. C. Y. O. A.	1600	1600			500
4. Men's Club	15000	11500	17000	12300	13000
<u>Church Affairs</u>					
1. Bazaar	29000	26627	50000	31642	34000
2. Memorial Day Picnic	8000	6752	6000	5996	3000
3. Anniversary And Cake Sale	12000		10000	10936	5800
4. Oriental Rug Sales	24000	22946	25000		12000
<u>Donations</u>					
1. In Lieu Of Flowers	11000	10090	8000	8030	9000
2. Altar Flowers	1800	1730	1300	1313	1600
3. Memorials	5000	17425	10000	16650	5000
4. Holiday Flowers	1700	1580	1100	960	1200
5. Christmas Greetings	1100	1090	1300	1248	1200
6. Other Donations	2000	2000	4500	4561	2700
7. A. C. E. F.	3600	3600	1100		
<u>Other Income</u>					
1. Interest A.C.E.F. And Rep.	5000	5609	4000	4519	12000
2. Interest From Trustee	10000	6600			
3. Bookstore	500	612	1000	606	1200
4. Hall Donation	10000	7065	10000	885	4000
5. Loan And Exchange				1292	
6. One World Festival	1000	1910	1000	930	
7. Miscellaneous	3600	3655	2000	2094	2100
Total	231,400	215,281	237,300	183,724	185,200

St. Thomas Armenian Church Tenafly, New Jersey
Proposed Budget For 1987
Budget And Disbursements For The Years 1986 & 1987

	Proposed 1987	Actual 1986	Budget 1986	Actual 1985	Budget 1985
<u>Salaries, Fees, And Benefits</u>					
1. Clergy Salary	26100	25800	25800	24800	24800
2. Parsonage Expenses	3400	3313	3400	3389	4000
3. Clergy Car Expenses	3300	3300	3300	3300	3300
4. Clergy Insurance	4000	3845	3700	3700	3100
5. Custodian Salary	13700	14150	13700	12700	12700
6. Custodian Car Expenses	3500	3567	3500	3500	3500
7. Office Administration-Staff	20000	4048	10000	8454	8000
8. Direct. of Christian Ed.	3500	3500	3500	3000	3000
9. Choir Master	1200	1220	1200	1020	1000
10. Organist	1100	1100	1100	900	900
11. Payroll Taxes	7000	3779	5000	6235	3100
12. Employee Benefits	2500	2460	2200	2158	1800
13. Visiting Clergy	800		800	825	600
<u>Operating Expenses</u>					
1. Telephone	2700	2741	1500	2091	1200
2. Stationery And Postage	9000	9104	7000	6676	7500
3. Candles And Flowers	1200	1154	600	536	1300
4. Bookstore	500	390	1000	971	1900
5. Paperware And Supplies	2000	1286	2500	621	2200
6. Activities	2800	3800	2000	1834	2200
<u>Assessments</u>					
1. Diocesean Dues	20000	17733	20000	21500	20000
<u>Educational</u>					
1. Sunday School	1500	1377	2000	1580	2000
2. Armenian School	1000		1000		1000
3. St. Nersess Seminary	1000	1000	3500	3500	3500
4. World Wide Charity	1000				
<u>Church Building Expenses</u>					
1. Mortgage Payment	34000		50000	2066	29800
2. Gas And Electric	29000	28399	35000	15401	25000
3. Water	300	145	400	261	300
4. Insurance	9000	12171	15000	9741	8000
5. Repair And Maintenance	10000	1732	15000	4722	7000
6. Snow Removal	800	300	1000	480	1000
7. Memorial	1500	26623		214	1000
8. Loan And Exchange					
9. Miscellaneous	2700	4483	2600	2694	500
10. A. C. E. F.	1300	3600			
11. Tables And Chairs	10000	12100			
Total	<u>231,400</u>	<u>198,220</u>	<u>237,300</u>	<u>148,869</u>	<u>185,200</u>

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE CASH REPORT

November 1982 to December 31, 1986

Checks Received:

Pledges		\$828,432.00
Loan from First Fidelity Bank	325,000.00	
Loan from Trustees	135,000.00	
Interest from Investment	23,400.26	
Affairs	17,355.22	
Jokes	49.41	
Profit Sharing	100.00	
Cake Sales	6,842.00	
Exchange	<u>1,912.01</u>	
Total Disbursement		\$1,338,091.23

Disbursement

Building Expansion "Contract"	\$ 893,563.60	
Kitchen Equipment	37,428.15	
Water Retention	16,196.20	
Tiles for Atrium and Carpeting for	49,219.92	
Telephone System and Paging	6,594.52	
Interest Expense	24,982.88	
Prof. Luder, Avakian, Ziegler, Hurban, Lyon	69,625.00	
Permits	2,508.98	
Security System	2,760.00	
Wood Stain Paintings and Acoustics	5,085.00	
Awnings, Landscaping, and Paving	27,314.00	
Stationery and Postage	688.07	
Affairs	16,486.91	
Heating Systems	32,906.10	
Railings	4,980.00	
Ladies Room	7,789.00	
Exchange	<u>4,273.01</u>	
Total Disbursement		\$1,202,411.92
Cash Balance after Disbursement		135,679.26
Investment		100,000.00
Bank Balance		<u>35,679.26</u>

Pledges	\$1,017,215.00
Received	828,432.00
Balance to be received	188,783.00

BUILDING COMMITTEE - 1986

Chairman: Nazar Nazarian
Co-chairman: Vahan Najarian
Counsel: Ronald Kenderian
Secretary: Mary Ann Saraydarian
Technical Committee:
HVAC Consultant: Jerry Keosayian
Advisors: Dr. Haroutune Mekhjian, Rupen Saddler

Trustee's Chairman: Edward Bashian
Parish Council Chairman: Peter Ajemian
Treasurer: Michel Izmirly
Fund Raising: Richard Turnamian
Moses Kazanjian, George Mekenian,
Antranig Ouzoonian, Albert Victoria

The Building Committee, in its entirety, met 20 times during 1986, with the Technical Committee meeting additionally as needed, the committee for the March 22 Church Expansion Banquet meeting 5 times and the May 31 Fundraising Buffet 4 times.

To summarize the financial report:

Pledges to 12/31/86 were	\$1,017,215
Pledges received	828,432
Outstanding pledges	188,783.

The main efforts at the beginning of the year were centered around completion and finalization of the expansion project. The committee worked diligently to properly close the job in compliance with state, county, local and insurance requirements. Major installation of roofing, heating, electrical, ductwork, lighting, air conditioning, plumbing, tilework, and the important finishing touches like carpeting, wallpapering, painting, wood trim, doors, glasswork and flexwood were brought to fruition. Our chairman set March 15 as a target date, and the committee and all sub-contractors worked toward this projection.

An Expansion Banquet and Celebration was planned for March 22, to dedicate Rupen and Leon Saddler Hall, the Mekhjian Atrium, the Topjian Kitchen, and the Kirikian Armenian School of St. Thomas. Over 600 reservations were received for this once-in-a-lifetime event and St. Thomas celebrated its growth expansion in grand style. Since no fund raising was done on that occasion, a special St. Thomas Family Fund Raising Buffet was planned for May 31. Members and friends gathered and showed their support of the project by pledging \$100,000 in that one evening alone.

To further continue the completion of the expansion, thirty 60" tables plus ten 72" tables have been purchased, new china, linens, and glassware have been ordered, and additional cabinets were installed in the kitchen as well as a dishwasher, clothes washer and dryer. The Youth Room kitchen was also completed. Dry-wipe display boards have been installed in the classrooms. Fire, smoke (life-safety) alarms have been installed. Also, through the continued generosity of Rupen Saddler, a stained glass panel depicting St. Vartan now enhances the entrance to Saddler Hall.

A major problem of acoustics was carefully considered and with the aid of an acoustical specialist, the problem was quickly and efficiently overcome by our Technical Committee.

The Building Committee realizes the importance of follow-up in a project of this size and steps will be taken to maintain and operate the complex properly (both inside and out). Dr. and Mrs. Haroutune Mekhjian have pledged \$10,000 a year toward this end. A landscaper will be hired, and the parking areas have been repaved and striped. Railings will be re-installed at the Church entrance.

The Building Committee has sincerely attempted to comply with the wishes of the Parish in creating a larger and more efficient complex for their use. The Saddler Hall, Mekhjian Atrium and Topjian Kitchen as well as the Youth Room and classrooms are being used successfully for all parish events and many outside rentals are beginning to develop. The St. Thomas structure has become one that we are all rightly proud of.

**CASPAR M. KASPARIAN MEMORIAL FUND
FINANCIAL REPORT**

1985 ACTIVITIES

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>
Interest	\$ 1,354.02	
Donations	660.00	
1986 St. Nersess Scholarships		\$ 930.00
1986 Fall Retreat		301.60
Miscellaneous		22.28
Net (Donations & Interest Less Expense)	<u>2,014.02</u>	<u>1,253.88</u>
		\$760.14

Assets on December 31, 1985

Armenian Church Endowment Fund	\$ 14,000.00	
Checking Account (1st Fidelity Bank)	<u>2,232.79</u>	
		\$16,232.79

Assets on December 31, 1986

Armenian Church Endowment Fund	14,000.00	
Checking Account	<u>2,992.93</u>	
		\$16,992.93

Changes in Assets

Principle Funds	660.00	
Operating Funds	<u>114.00</u>	
		\$760.14

CASPAR M. KASPARIAN MEMORIAL FUND

Established in 1979, the purpose of this fund is to provide scholarship assistance for the youth of the St. Thomas Parish to attend religious study conferences, retreats, and other educational activities in the church.

During the summer 22 youngsters were awarded scholarship assistance by the Board of Directors to attend the St. Nersess Summer Study Program in New Rochelle, NY. Some of these youngsters were attending for the first time. The participants were given the opportunity to learn more about the Armenian church while at the same time had the opportunity of sharing their St. Nersess experience with youngsters from other Armenian communities. During the past seven years our fund has assisted over 110 youngsters from our parish in this manner.

During the weekend of October 17-19, the fund sponsored a retreat for junior high age young people at the Ouzoonian House of the St. Nersess Seminary. Twelve youngsters from our parish participated, six of whom were attending for the first time. The retreat was led by Fr. Mardiros Chevian, Rector of the Seminary, and our pastor Fr. Arnak Kasparian was present on Saturday morning fielding questions from the youngsters. The theme of the weekend was "We discover the call of God".

On Saturday Morning the participants attended the Divine Liturgy in the Seminary Chapel. The retreat provided the participants an opportunity for Christian fellowship in a relaxed and comfortable setting. The fund contributed to the participation of each teenager.

Participants in this years retreat were Daniel Babigian, Eric Barsamian, Claudine Bogosian, Christine Derderian, Sarah Kalemkerian, Tracy Kashishian, Maral Kazanjian, Ardis Kehiayan, Elise Kenderian, Violet Merjanian, Gregory Papazian, and Brett Tenbekjian. Chaperoning and cooking for the weekend was done by Mrs. Lillian Chapian, and Michael and David Kasparian. They were assisted by Joseph & Louise Kalemkerian, George & Rose Mekenian, Yeretzgin Violet Kasparian, and Dr. Thomas Samuelian.

Through activities such as this, the Fund seeks to expand the religious education experience of St. Thomas young people and encourage them to grow in the Armenian Christian faith and service.

Members of the Board of Directors are, Fr. Arnak Kasparian, President Ex-Officio; Zaven Dadekian, Deacon Joseph Kalemkerian, Lillian Chapian, and George Mekenian.

A. Church School

The Church School began its academic year on September 7, with an enrollment of 107 students (compared to 97 last year), in new facilities and with renewed dedication. The students are divided into 11 classes, plus Nursery. Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to noon, concurrently with the Divine Liturgy. The students' courses of study are prescribed by the Diocesan Department of Religious Education, and include the faith, doctrine and teachings of the Armenian Church, biblical study and history, Armenian church history, and Christian living. Regular church attendance and reception of the Sacraments is at the center of the Church School program.

One of the goals of the Church School is to help its young people develop into worshipping members of the Armenian Church. Weekly Assembly programs conducted by Yeretgin Violet Kasparian include opportunities for learning the hymns and songs of the Badarak, as well as learning about the performance of the rituals themselves. The Assemblies have been a welcome addition to the Church School program this year. Students of the eight, ninth, tenth and eleventh grades again read the Scripture lessons during Christmas Eve and Easter Eve services.

The Junior Choir continued to grow in 1986 from 16 to 23 members, choir director, Mrs. Rose Mekenian. The young people aged 8-14, met weekly for rehearsal to learn the hymns of the Divine Liturgy and other services, as well as folk songs and other religious music. They sang at St. Vartan Cathedral on Poon Paregentan, at the children's program marking the opening of the St. Thomas Expansion March 22, during the church services several times during the year, and at Armenian Christmas Eve Services on December 24.

The ST. THOMAS SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS, a publication of the fifth grade class, continued to be produced under the direction of teacher Douglas Martaian.

Five young people received their Diocesan graduation diplomas in June, upon completion of all the requirements for graduation, including a year of service to the parish.

The Church School is blessed with dedicated teachers who try to provide our children with a firm Christian foundation, especially by their own example. Their devotion deserves the thanks and gratitude of the entire St. Thomas family. It is heartwarming that several Church School "alumni" have become members of the teaching staff this year. The staff meets monthly for meetings and teacher-training sessions. The staff pledged \$1000 toward the Diocesan Curriculum Project.

For more than twelve consecutive years, the students have been buying gifts and foodstuffs for needy families at Christmas. This project is coordinated by Lorraine Kapakjian of the Division of Youth and Family Services of the State of New Jersey. The children also raised money through "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" in October. Non-perishable foodstuffs were collected at Thanksgiving for the Center for Food Action in Englewood.

A trip to the Emerson Home for the Armenian Aged took place in March, allowing the children to meet with some of the residents. The students sang some Badarak songs, prayed and worshiped with the residents, and then socialized with them before returning to St. Thomas.

The program to train youngsters to serve as acolytes during the Divine Liturgy was discontinued mid-year after receipt of the Primate's directive prohibiting girls from participating.

Annual events of the Church School include: Armenian Christmas Eve supper, Easter Communion breakfast, Pot Luck Supper, Christmas dinner and program, bus trip to St. Vartan Cathedral for Poon Paregentan, and graduation reception. We are thankful for the support and cooperation of the entire parish family which ensures the success of these events.

B. Adult Education

An eight-week session on "The Armenian Church and Contemporary Issues" was conducted jointly by the Pastor and Director of Religious Education in March and April. It was very well received.

A monthly periodical, AVEDIS, was distributed to all Church School families and other interested parishioners throughout the year.

Eleven adults and young people participated in the CROP Walk for Hunger on October 19, along with Christians from all the communities around Tenafly. St. Thomas was the first Orthodox congregation that has ever participated in the northern NJ CROP Walk, and our parishioners raised \$662 through pledges and donations for the cause!

A prayer group was organized in May, and meets monthly to read Scripture and pray together for persons and concerns brought to its attention. A locked box marked "prayer requests" has been placed in the narthex to receive such petitions.

Louise Kalemkerian, Director of Religious Education

CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF

Superintendent	Louise Kalemkerian
Nursery	Diane Markarian
Kindergarten	Susan and Mary Yazidjian
First Grade	Vicky Natale
Second Grade	Suzanne Iskenderian
Third Grade	Marilou Pinajian
	Laura Ekizian
Fourth Grade	Gregory Tenbekjian
Fifth Grade	Douglas Martaian
Sixth Grade	Stephen Jarahian
Seventh Grade	Gregory Hourdajian
Eighth Grade	Suzanne Daghlian
	Ardis Kasparian
Ninth Grade	Thomas Merjanian
Tenth Grade	Lori Kalemkerian
Eleventh Grade/Assemblies/Advisor	Yeretzgin Violet Kasparian
Treasurer	Jeanette Ekizian
Records	Jean Karagosian
Parents' Committee	Adrienne Tenbekjian

CHURCH SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on hand 1986			232.14
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	
Offerings	\$ 554.78		
Lenten Offerings	120.34	\$ 121.00	
Food	298.00	704.17	
UNICEF		86.90 (1985)	
	105.00	105.00	
	100.00	100.00	
Donations	362.00		
100% Award Party		147.53	
Military Bridge	634.75	116.75	
Christmas Dinner	1,600.00	1,080.25	
Postage & Supplies		185.59	
Misc.		37.50	
Diocese		500.00	
	<u>\$ 3,774.87</u>	<u>\$ 3,184.69</u>	
Balance in Bank			\$ 822.32

1986 - Report of the A.C.Y.O.A. Jr.'s - 1987

OFFICERS - September 1986-June 1987

Co-Chairpersons - Donna Barsamian, Elizabeth Papazian

Vice chairperson - Greg Amerkanian

Secretary - Rosette Khorenian

Treasurer - Lisa Devian

Advisors - Douglas Martaian, Albert Papazian

The group has been active with meetings at St. Thomas, membership participation at A.C.Y.O.A.Jr.'s Sport Weekends and activity at other churches. A full years highlights are outlined where attendance ranged from 18 to 32 members.

Calendar of Events

1986

- Feb. 7th Valentine Dance, Greenwich, Ct. Cancelled due to snow, but held on Feb. 22nd.
- Mar. 7th Meeting at Parish "Fish & Chips" dinner with ticket subsidy by Parish Council, for which we express our thanks.
- Mar. 14th Meeting to plan for Spring Dance.
- April 12th Spring Dance (Income \$194).
- April 13th Bake Sale (Income \$35).
- May 2nd Progressive Dinner, hosted by the Papazian, Amerkanian and Ekizian families.
- May 11th Mother's Day Dinner.
- June 20th Elections held present slate elected. Our thanks to the Mekhjian family for opening their home to us.
- Aug 26th Picnic at St. St. Nersess.
- Sep 19th Pizza dinner & meeting at church.
- Oct 5th Bake Sale (Income \$78.50).
- Oct 5th Apple Picking field trip
- Oct 12th Apple Sale (Income \$20.00).

Nov 9th Hay-Ride. This and rain date both cancelled due to rain.
 Nov 9th Bake Sale (Income \$77.00).
 Nov 15-16 Bazaar participation - Sold calendar chances.
 Nov 21st Meeting & VCR movie
 Dec 12th Emerson Home field trip to carol followed by desert social. Our thanks to the Bogosian family for opening their home to us.
 Dec 14th Bake Sale (Income \$80.00)
 Dec 24th Christmas Eve service by A.C.Y.O.A. Jr.'s led by Der Hayr. Our thanks to Miss Susan Shamamian and Vanessa Ouzoonian for the time they gave to rehearse and their encouragement on the 24th. The plate collection at this service went to the Christian Children's Fund to support a needy teenager.

The Jr.'s had a balance of \$307.00 in January 1987. In June, thru their activity, they were able to donate \$1,000.00 to St. Thomas. (Funds from the Bazaar were not retained by the Jr.'s).

The Jr.'s donated \$350.00 this past fall to St. Nersess Armenian Seminary for a gold-plated Gospel book, an item the Seminary has been in need of for the past seven years.

The organization wishes to thank Der Hayr and the Parish Council and Mrs. Grace Hagopian, our liaison, for their support and encouragement. A word of thanks is also extended to the parents and many parishioners who have made most of our activities possible this year.

Opening Balance 11/86	\$307.00
Closing Balance 11/1/86	\$714.00
Savings	\$100.00

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St. Thomas Armenian Church Choir Report - 1986

Chairman:	Eileen Barsamian	Rec. Secy.:	Bertha Vanishkian
Vice Chmn:	Jeanie Amerkanian	Advisors:	Peter Kalemkerian
Corr. Secy.:	Armen Basmajian		Ara Martaian
Treasurer:	Gregory Doudoukjian	Spec. Advisor:	Rose Mekenian
Vice Chmn:	1st half term: Alyce Parseghian		

Choirmaster:	Edward Daghlian
Organist:	Susan Shamamian

St. Thomas Choir currently has 36 members, and our membership is ever increasing. We are always looking for new members, but more importantly, we are continuously seeking to improve the quality of the choir and to use the many subtle nuances in the singing badarak. Our choirmaster, Edward Daghlian, and our organist, Susan Shamamian, faithfully perform their duties with enthusiasm, for which we are grateful. Our choirmaster has scheduled rehearsals on the first Sunday of every month immediately after Church services, Anyone interested in joining the choir is invited to attend.

Serving on the altar during the year were: Deacon Joseph Kalemkerian, Sub-deacon Armen Basmajian, and altar servers Gregory Doudoukjian, Henry Hagopian, Stephen Mekenian and Thomas Kasparian when home from college. We are thankful for their efforts. We also thank the occasional guest altar servers who have participated in the singing of the Badarak.

This year, the choir was very proud to donate to the church a stained glass window which will be placed above the inside entrance doors to the lobby. We are happy to be among the donors contributing to our exciting church complex.

On Theophany and during Lent, a representative group of choir members went with Der Hayr to the Armenian Home for the Aged to celebrate badarak. The Home and its Armenian members look forward to our visits during holy days, and we, in turn, come away with the warm feeling of knowing we have brought the church service and communion to our Senior Citizens.

This year, in commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America, the choir held Requiem Services for our deceased members: Casper Kasparian, George Paloyan and Michael Tekirian. We donated altar flowers in their memory.

The Choir Assembly was hosted by the St. Gregory Choir of Chicago, Ill., on the weekend of October 31st. We were so pleased to send two delegates: Edward Daghlian and Gregory Doudoukjian. Our choirmaster is on the By-Laws Committee of the Choir Assoc., and they will be meeting throughout the year. Gregory Doudoukjian was also our representative at a five-day choir workshop held at St. Nersess Seminary in September. The St. Thomas Parish Council subsidized a portion of the trip to Chicago, and we offer them our thanks. We also thank them for allowing us to have our annual Choir Association collection after Easter services.

Not only can our choir members sing, but they certainly can whip up a collection of delicious desserts for our annual bake sale which is traditionally held in the Spring. We thank the congregation for supporting this endeavor. As another fundraiser, the choir sold Armenian bumper stickers which were donated by one of our board advisors, Peter Kalemkerian.

The executive board has been meeting regularly during the year. We have also had a number of membership meetings, during which time we discussed our choir's goals, along with many new ideas for future projects. As the choir was so busy, the chairman sent out our first Choir Newsletter halfway through the year in order to keep members abreast of the latest happenings. It was warmly welcomed by the membership, and we hope to have a follow-up in 1987.

The choir augmented its supply of lace headpieces by purchasing eight additional ones so that we may have an adequate number on hand.

A representative group from our choir attended a musical cultural evening presented by our sister choir of St. Mary's Church in Livingston, NJ. They were very appreciative of our support, and we came away thinking in terms of a possible musical program of our own.

We are always delighted to welcome the Junior Choir into our midst, ably led by one of our dedicated members, Rose Mekenian. On several occasions they sang with us during Badarak. We are also pleased to periodically have our Church School students in grades six thru ten, on a rotating basis, participate in choir singing.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Eileen Barsamian
Chairman

Balance on hand Jan 1., 1986			\$746.98
	INCOME	EXPENSES	
Easter Plate Collection	\$377.55		
Bake Sale	151.15		
Gift Donation	50.00		
Bumper Sticker Sale	42.00		
			620.70
In-Lieu-of Flowers		\$ 44.40	
Choir Veils		80.00	
AACC Dues		150.00	
AACC Anniv. Booklet		100.00	
Choir Photo-AACC Anniv. Booklet		10.93	
Hokehankisd for Deceased Members		50.00	
Down Payment - Church Window		400.00	
			835.33
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1986			\$532.35

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ST. THOMAS MEN'S CLUB REPORT - 1986

Chairman: Paul Pinajian	Treasurer: Jack Ekizian
Vice Chairman: Steve Jarahian	Publicity: Matthew Keshishian
Recording Secy: Artie Azarik	Corr. Secy: Aram Ajamian

1986 played a most important part in the history of St. Thomas Armenian Church. In September, for the first times, St. Thomas Men's Club and Sts. Vartanantz Men's Club got together here for a most enjoyable dinner-meeting with guest speaker, Dr. Herand M. Markarian, who spoke on Armenian Political Ideology and Armenian literature. In December, we were invited, along with the Women's Guild, to Sts. Vartanantz to join their men's club and women's auxiliary in a joint dinner.

Our men's club members were involved with the raffle booklet chairman to sell booklets at \$10.00 each. We also asked for donations for the Wheel of Chance prize booth and finally a donation bar was set up and tended by our members.

Activities, Programs, Special Events and Accomplishments - 1986

Our club provided the chairperson for the St. Thomas annual Memorial Day picnic and annual car raffle - 1986 Audi 5000S. Cotillion booklet donation, Atlantic City bus trip, men's bowling team, men's club family picnic, sponsorship of all church youth sports activities, fund raiser sale of fruit, 50-50 raffles, guest speakers, gala New Year's Eve affair, in addition to our monthly meetings with cooking and cleaning.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand January 1st, 1986		\$1,328.47
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Membership Dues	\$520.00	
Postage		97.00
Dinner Meetings	1,351.00	1,122.50
Men's Club Bowling Donation	500.00	500.00
Men's Club Raffle	1,545.00	620.00
Men's Club Picnic	352.00	60.00
St. Thomas ACYOA Sports Activities		950.00
Women's Guild Cotillion Ad		100.00
Men's Club Awards		39.80
1985 Christmas Pictures		10.20
Lumber for Loft in Kitchen		29.00
Atlantic City Trip	920.00	555.00
Men's Club Fruit Sales	3,128.00	1,609.50
Men's Club New Years Eve	8,788.00	8,322.03
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	\$ 17,104.00	\$ 14,015.03

Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1986 \$4,417.44

CAR RAFFLE

Sale of Tickets	\$ 30,000.00	
Interest in Savings Account	232.00	
Purchase of the Car		18,200.00
License for Raffle		205.00
Printing of Tickets		98.00
Turned over to St. Thomas		11,500.00
Balance in Savings Account as of July 8th, 1986		229.00
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	\$ 30,232.00	\$ 30,232.00

ARMENIAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT - 1986

The Armenian Language School is an integral part of our Parish, teaching our children the basics of their language and instilling pride and knowledge of their ethnic heritage. The School's success can be credited to the efforts of its Superintendent, Sylva Der Stepanian; its dedicated faculty; the Mother's Committee, Lucy Nakashian, our Parish Council liaison; and the parents who faithfully bring their children to class each week. This year we have a record enrollment.

The School has annually sponsored an Armenian Christmas Dinner and program since 1977, a hantes and graduation in June, a booth at the Church Bazaar, representation at the Diocesan Assembly, Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas parties for the children, visits to the Diocese, and a highly successful Club for after school.

activities from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturdays. There is also an adult class and a class especially for non-speaking students with an emphasis on conversation. This year our students performed at the 1986 Liberty Bazaar. Also, the school initiated a two-week summer program entitled Summer Wonderland with over 40 students participating. This year also, each month, a different class, with teacher and parents have attended church as a group.

At its Armenian Christmas Dinner, the School has established the George Shahinian Award for Perfect Attendance, the Edward Bashian Award for Achievement in Armenian History, the Rupen Saddler Award for Armenian reading, and this year, the Dr. Harout and Shake Mekhjian Armenian Spelling Award.

FACULTY

Nursery - H. Chalian	Pre-K - S. Yumusaciyan	K: A. Nahabedian
1. Q. Tashjian	2. A. Mardirossian	3. M. Zokian
4. D. Yumusaciyan	5. G. Hariutunian	6. M. Hajakian
7. M. Tashjian	Conv: H. Mangasarian	Adult: S. Yavru
Piano: A. Arslanian	Alumni Aides	Religion: S. Bashian

Executive Committee: M. Babigian/A. Capan
 Treasurer: M. A. Saraydarian

TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE from June 1986 \$2112.65

INCOME

Tuition 84 X \$100	\$8,400.00	
Mekhjian Endowment	438.58	
Shahinian Endowment	500.00	
Summer School	1,037.00	
Liberty Bazaar	800.00	
Memorial Donation	375.00	
Armenian Christmas Dinner	4,500.00	
Fund Raising Luncheon	1,450.00	
Hantes	1,500.00	\$19,045.58

EXPENSES

Salaries (13 x 31weeks x \$25)	\$10,400.00	
Diocesan Bookstore	1,355.42	
Armenian Christmas Dinner	3,400.00	
Hantes	870.75	
Holiday Parties	250.00	
Baikal Subscription	40.00	
Supplies	176.52	
Taranto Bus to Diocese	165.00	
Diocesan Convention	275.68	
Salaries Summer School	1250.00	\$18,183.27

ESTIMATED BALANCE JUNE 1987 2,974.96

WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT - 1986

Executive Board Officers (Elected)

Co-Chairmen: Pauline Pekmezian/Mary Ann Saraydarian
Vice-Chairman: Alyce Parseghian Treasurer: Sonia Takoushian
Rec.Secy: Alin Papazian Mailings: Anna Maksian
Corr. Secy: Paula Keosayian Member: Seta Jebejian
Joanne Torigian

Standing Committee Chairpersons: (Appointed)

Bridge: Violet Ouzoonian Programs: Alyce Parseghian
CWU: Bertha Vanishkhian Publicity: Martha Saraydarian
Devotionals: Marion Babigian Membership: Sona Doudoukjian
Emerson Home: Violet Ouzoonian Social Svc: Queenie Tashjain
Historian: Dikris Malool Sunday Coffee: Margaret Minassian
Hospitality: Alicia Demirjian Sunshine: Margaret Varbedian

Eight regular monthly meetings with programs were held during the year, generally on the third Friday. The executive board convened as needed. Activities and programs for the year included:

Fish & Chips Lenten Supper - S.Doudoukjian, M.Kahaumjian, S.Jebejian
29th Annual Cotillion - J. Torigian, P. Keosayian
Mystery Bus Trip to Brotherhood Winery - Membership Tea - Mary Ann Saraydarian
Christmas Luncheon - Joint B-B-Q w/ Men's Club - M. Chakmakian
Holiday Fruit & Nuts Sale - Rummage Sale - Yeretzgin Violet
Christmas Eve Coffee - Saturday Night Jive - P. Pekmezian, P. Keosayian
Luncheon And Spiritual Renewal Conference
Bus Trip to Brooklyn and Lower Manhattan
Sew and Show Mid-Lenten Luncheon - A. Ajemian, A. Goulazian
Dinner meeting with St. Vartanantz Women's Guild - W. G. Communion Breakfast

Our members participated in Church Women United activities during the year; we also participated in the Women's Saints Day Lunch at St. Vartan Cathedral. Two abundant tables of refreshments were prepared and served to the residents of the Emerson Home following services on Maundy Thursday and Armenian Christmas. Our members also take an active leadership role in providing "birthday" celebrations for the residents of the Home.

Once again we fulfilled our 1986 pledge to St. Thomas Armenian Church in the amount of \$11,400.00 and continued to support a student at the St. Tarkmanchatz School in Jerusalem. Our Guild agreed to join the Women's Guild Central Council upon approval of their new by-laws.

Cider and doughnuts were provided for the Armenian School and Church School students at Halloween. Our members were instrumental in the success of the annual Bazaar, helped greatly with the pre-Bazaar cooking (Manti) and manned the Gourmet Booth at the Memorial Day Picnic. Members prepare and serve coffee weekly following church

services for the Fellowship Hour.

Our delegates to the Diocesan Guild Conference at Racine, Wisconsin included Yeretzgin Violet Kasparian, Rose Mekenian, and Susan Stoneson.

We had 160 members including 11 new members.

Our thanks and appreciation to each of our members and friends for their continued cooperation and support in our efforts to perpetuate the Guild traditions of fellowship and service to St. Thomas. It was a year filled with great activity with a feeling of warmth and sisterhood throughout.

FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
Balance on Hand January 1, 1986		\$4,216.91
Cotillion	\$9,500.00	
St. Thomas 1986 Pledge		\$11,400.00
St. Thomas Postage		216.54
Dues/Membership Tea	1,350.00	114.79
Meeting Refreshments	5.20	120.11
Sunday Coffee		48.82
In lieu of Flowers Guendjoian, Demirjian, Barsamian Ganan, Vartanian		125.00
Saints Day	275.00	285.00
February Dance Deposit		100.00
Woodcliff Lake Hilton Cotillion Deposit		1,000.00
Bus Trip November	750.00	880.50
Diocesan Delegates (2)		502.58
Church Women United		50.00
Sunshine/Visits & Plants		120.02
Picnic		27.05
Gift Chairlady		65.00
Fruit/Nut Sale	3,760.45	2,599.90
St. Tarkmanchatz Tuition		75.00
Halloween Church Children		53.01
Bazaar	45.00	326.25
Fruit Basket St. Vartanantz		50.00
Reception Deaconess		17.66
Film/Prints		41.87
Rummage Sale	557.15	94.85
Emerson	52.00	53.25
Fish 'n' Chips	1,404.75	776.75
Mystery Bus Trip	1,250.00	891.00
Christmas Luncheon	3,675.00	3,402.00
Interest Checking	214.38	
Interest Transferred from Money Market	219.65	
Bridge Club	360.00	
	<u>\$23,418.58</u>	<u>\$23,436.95</u>
	4,216.91	
	<u>\$27,635.49</u>	
		4,198.54

Balance on Hand December 31, 1986

INSURED MONEY MARKET

BOH January 1, 1986	2,739.14
Cotillion Income	750.00
Interest Income	<u>199.62</u>
	<u>\$3,688.76</u>

Balance on Hand December 31, 1986

\$3,688.76

THE AVAK REPORT

New Executive Committee For Avaks 1987

Nish Ohanesian	Chairman
Anoush Poosikian	Vice Chairman
Betty Papazian	Assistant Treasurer
Ray Hogroglian	Refreshment Committee
Diane Nakashian	Refreshment Committee
Rose Stoneson	Refreshment Committee
Alice Gulezian	Advisory Committee
Zevart Nahabedian	Advisory Committee
Zareh Darakjian	Advisory Committee
Anne Stepanian	Secretary

Avak Society of St. Thomas Church

The Avak Society is a senior citizens group that was formed in 1972, we have been in existence since then, our meetings are on Thursdays at 12:00 O'clock, refreshments are served.

There is socializing, card playing, tavloo, and a knitting group. Many friendships have been made, and every one enjoys the afternoon.

We had trips at various times, but with the weather now, we have to wait for a while.

We try to help in our own way, doing various things at Bazaar time. We also make and donate Choereg. They are a wonderful group of women, all you have to do is ask and they are ready to help in any way they can.

I have to mention one person who was not on the Committee this year and in charge of making the Choereg, or anything she was called on to do. She was on the refreshment Committee last year, my dear friend Bertha Poosikian, a wonderful worker, and also her husband and vice chairman Anoush Poosikian, they bring the refreshments now, and also Nish Ohanesian. They are all that makes our club go on as it is. Also Helen Avedisian, who was our treasurer for years and did an excellent job. So, thank all of you who helped in every way.

So if you are free come and join us at the Church, you will enjoy it, come as a guest.

Sincerely,
Anne Stepanian
Secretary, Avak Society

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH - TRUSTEES - 1986

Chairman: Edward Bashian

Members: Peter Ajemian, Michel Izmirly, George Mekenian, Haroutune Mekhjian, Vahan Najarian, Nazar Nazarian, Rupen Saddler, Antranig Shahinian, Haig Tashjian and Albert Victoria.

The Trustees, being substantially members of the Building Committee, have participated in and support the enhancement and expansion of our Church facilities.

In January 1986, The Board of Trustees received \$40,000.00 from the Parish Council for holding in the Reserve Fund.

During 1986, the Trustees unanimously approved, by telephone poll, the transfer from the Reserve Fund to the Parish Council for the purchase of china for dinner service.

St. Thomas Armenian Church
Trustees Financial Report
December 31, 1986

Balance December 31, 1984	\$ 140,000.00
Interest Income 1985	<u>10,568.20</u>
Total Cash Available	150,568.20
Loan to Building Committee	<u>135,000.00</u>
Balance 1-1-86	15,568.00
Received from Church Treasurer	<u>40,000.00</u>
Total available for Investment	55,568.00
Interest Income 12/2/86	<u>4,175.33</u>
Total available	59,743.33
Investment 12/2/86	<u>51,000.00</u>
Balance	8,743.33
Transferred to Church Treasurer	<u>6,600.00</u>
Balance 12-31-86	<u><u>2,143.33</u></u>

Michel Izmirly
Trustees Treasurer