

1988 PASTOR'S REPORT

By the grace of God, I have completed 40 years in the Holy Priesthood, 27 of which have been spent here in St. Thomas parish. On October 8, we celebrated my 40th ordination anniversary, one of the highlights of this year for me.

During my years here at St. Thomas, I have seen numerous changes in our parish. New faces have come forward to enlarge our St. Thomas family; at the same time we must never forget those who are not longer with us. We celebrated the 23rd anniversary of the building of the Church sanctuary in March.

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

WORSHIP SERVICES: Divine Liturgy was celebrated every Sunday but 2. There was no Badarak on March 13 (NY area churches were closed because of Karabagh demonstration) and May 15 (Diocesan Assembly). We were pleased to have several guest celebrants during the year: Fr. Carnig Hallajian on May 29 & July 17; Fr. Mesrob Benlian on June 26, July 3 & 10; and Bp. Kevork Seraydarian on November 6. Mrs. Regina Ohanyan and Dr. Peter Balakian each spoke in place of the sermon on separate occasions. Deacon Joseph Kalemkerian conducted services when I was at Diocesan Assembly, and also delivered the sermon on several other occasions, as well, always receiving favorable comments.

The ecumenical Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was celebrated in Tenafly here at St. Thomas on the evening of April 24, with the participation of the local clergy. Fr. Jeffrey MacKnight, Assistant to the Rector of the Church of the Atonement (Episcopal), preached eloquently. On Friday, December 9, we conducted an ecumenical service for the victims of the Earthquake. It is heartwarming to be part of such a caring ecumenical relationship as we enjoy with our sister churches in Tenafly.

SACRAMENTAL SERVICES: During the year, 29 baptisms were performed, one of which was an adult (36 last year); 19 marriages were blessed (15 the previous year); 23 funerals took place (25 the year before).

At this time let us remember our departed members: John Froonjian, Penyamin Noorigian, Haganoosh Menegigian, Albert Keusey, Michael DiRoma, Vahe Haledjian, Siranoush Tekirian, Zabell Pekmezian, Satenig Nahabedian, Shooshanig Shahinian, Bertha Keoseian, Margaret Tashjian, Haigazoon Vartivarian, Erania Takourian and Rachel Hogrogian.

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 Cambridge, Mass., in May. I led a group of 22 A.C.Y.O.A. members to Armenia at the invitation of the Primate, leaving June 22 and returning July 20.

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 thank you to Alyce Parseghian for providing most of the photographs, and to Gregory and Richard Saraydarian for preparing the photographs for publication.

This fall we began a special periodical just for our college students, entitled NOW AND THEN. It is intended to be another means to keep in touch with our young people, and keep them in touch with each other.

This year there has been a great deal of enthusiasm shown by our parishioners, and a renewed willingness to volunteer and accomplish projects. This is due to the quiet and gentle leadership of our Parish Council Chairman, Edward Parseghian. Ed's gentlemanly ways, and efficient manner have been a real blessing to the parish. Ed does not seek personal recognition, but serves with enthusiasm and devotion. Thank you, Ed, for all you have done.

We were disappointed when our Office Manager Anita Anserian informed us in April she was leaving for another position. Anita was very competent in every way, and we were sorry to see her depart. In October we were privileged to find another equally qualified and capable Office Manager, Toni Barker. Toni takes care of all our secretarial needs, and has mastered the computer.

Thanks to our expanded pastoral staff, we have extended our services in various areas this year. We have organized numerous spiritual, educational and cultural programs, including: the Instructed Divine Liturgy, a day-long presentation by Fr. Dajad Davidian, an overnight Lock-In for the A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs., a play by Jan Balakian about the Genocide, a presentation by Dr. Vartkis Kinoian about Yeghishe Charentz, summertime softball games, and Bible Studies for the A.C.Y.O.A. Srs. Together with my Pastoral Assistant, Louise Kalemkerian, we conduct day-time Bible Studies twice a month on Monday mornings, which are attended by people of other churches as well as St. Thomas. Of late we have been conducting an evening in-home Bible Study in a particular town. Our Nareg Prayer Group continues to meet on a monthly basis. We conducted a 4 session evening series on the Badarak in April, which was well-received.

We work together on my sermons every week. We have made numerous home and hospital visits together, as well as individually. Our home visitations, personal contact and recruitment efforts have resulted in a number of new families joining St. Thomas this year. I welcome many of them to today's meeting. The enlarged membership reflects in the increased income from pledges in our Financial Report.

Louise edits the Beacon, prepares the Sunday Bulletin, and works with the A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors and Seniors, planning programs and projects, and attending most of their meetings. She participated in the A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors Cultural Weekend in February.

Louise has been of assistance and support in all aspects of my pastoral work, with the exception of performance of the sacraments. I am positive that these efforts will continue and bear greater fruit for the betterment of St. Thomas Church.

Since December 7, our thoughts, efforts and energies have been spent in great measure on the Earthquake and its aftermath. The response from the community in which we live has been incredibly generous, for which we thank God. Gifts and donations have come from churches, synagogues, individuals, companies, service organizations and in very liberal amounts. We have much to be grateful for, and will always be indebted to our non-Armenian friends for their humanitarian gestures. May God strengthen the survivors of this enormous tragedy, and enable them to bounce back as Armenians always do.

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I would also like to bring to your attention, on the occasion of this our annual meeting, some pastoral concerns of mine.

I have tried to serve all segments of our parish, but a few people complain that I am not sensitive to their needs. There are some who feel comfortable when everything in our worship is as they experienced in their childhood. There are others who feel they must understand and participate in the services. The preservation and continuation of our Armenian identity comes as our first priority. But, life always requires change and accomodation. It has never been easy. But those who do not accomodate to their situations are the ones who lose out. The reason we have endured as a nation and a Church for so many centuries is because of our ability to change and accomodate. We have "borrowed" customs and practices from non-Armenian churches and nations through the centuries and adopted them as our own and today everyone thinks they have been part of the Armenian Church from the days of St. Gregory. We forget that what we call our old customs are nothing more than what we have seen in our childhood, in the parish church in which we grew up, and were, most of the time, accomodations to another situation in another era.

I am not a salesman for St. Thomas Church. I am a priest of Christ. I am trying to keep alive the Armenian Church and community in this difficult time in America, just as my predecessors did in their own difficult situations in other centuries. I am responsible for my flock, for their care and spiritual growth and nurture, and I will have to answer to Christ for the way I have cared for them. I am trying my best.

May God grant us the patience and wisdom to do His will in our time and in our situation, through His Armenian Church.

Fr. Arnak Kasparian, Pastor

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

With the directives of the 1988 Parish Assembly still fresh in our minds, the following proposals and recommendations were taken under consideration and acted upon by the current Parish Council in the early part of the year.

GUIDELINES FOR CHURCH ORGANIZATION TREASURY LEVELS. After many lengthy discussions, the guidelines for all Church organization treasury levels were passed by this Council, based on Acticle 33, Paragraph D of the Diocesan By-Laws. A meeting was called with all Church organization chairpersons and treasurers to explain and discuss these guidelines. All organizations have agreed to and are abiding by these guidelines. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in this matter.

PROCUREMENT OF PERMANENT BUILDING MORTGAGE. On January 11, 1989 the Building Committee with the approval of the Parish Council closed on a \$200,000 fixed mortgage at 10% for 10 years, with no prepayment penalty clause. Our thanks to Michel Izmirly for processing and negotiating the mortgage and to Ronn Kenderian for his legal counsel.

REORGANIZATION OF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE. The Parish Relations Committee of five members, three Parish Council members and two members from the Parish was restructured to one Parish Council member and four members from the Parish. The rationale for this change was that parishioners would be less reluctant to express their complaints. This committee came through 1988 with flying colors since there were few complaints, if any. As instructed by the 1988 Parish Assembly, the amount of \$800 budgeted for World Wide Charity was transferred over to the Good Samaritan Fund. This fund is in place and working very effectively.

MANAGEMENT OF MEMORIAL FUNDS. A Parish Council member, Ara Martaian, accepted the assignment of being liaison to all the Memorial Funds which exist in our Parish. It is his function to see that the interest generated by their respective ACEF accounts are appropriated to the proper uses as spelled out in the By-Laws of each Fund. It is also his duty to notify the benefactor of each Fund when funds are being used, for which purpose and how much. This is a courtesy the Parish Council felt should be extended to the benefactor.

HALL FUNCTION AND PRICING STRUCTURES. Hall Rental Committee headed by Virginia Victoria and aided by Peter Ajemian and Grace Hagopian has done a wonderful job this past year. It is no joke having to give up your weekend time, sitting in the hall to the wee hours of the morning, making sure your rental party is happy with the heat or air-conditioning, or having to watch that the caterer is not accidentally walking off with Church equipment. The responsibility of clean-up personnel and seeing that every spoon, knife, fork and dish are clean and returned to its proper place also rests on the shoulders of this committee. This is a new venture for St. Thomas and we are on a learning curve which could lead to substantial source of income for the future.

Parish Council has had two meetings with the Rental Committee during this past year and both times the only subject we could not agree on was the discount extended to Church members. Finally, after much deliberation, we all agreed to change the existing 10% rate to 20% discount for Church members only. The new Parish Council will have to put much emphasis in this area to keep the ball rolling.

HIRING OF FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN. Parish Council managed to use the generous services of Gary Horn to take care of the most demanding custodial duties. As time went on, we realized our complex is just too large and a full-time custodian is required. After a number of interviews we hired George Paesler. A very comprehensive employment package covering job description, work schedule, pay scale, benefits, vacation and holidays were spelled out with Parish Council approval. In December our Custodian was given a very favorable job review. His experience, diligence, work habits and positive attitude are obvious to everyone.

Our hats off to Gary Horn who took over the custodial duties on a part-time basis after Garo Arakelian left due to illness. We thank you immensely for your help and support.

So be it for the recommendations and proposals of the 1988 Parish Assembly.

One of the main tasks confronting this Parish Council was the maintenance of our new expanded complex. We divided the Building and Grounds assignment between two Parish Council members. Ara Pekmezian has been handling building and supervision of the custodian and Garabed Yazidjian has taken on the responsibility of the grounds. We feel this arrangement has worked out well and should be continued.

Air-conditioning in the church has been a problem. Parish Council tried to find the cause of our problem by calling in the service company. After little success in improving the air-conditioning, we have signed a maintenance contract with another company, which will tackle the air-conditioning problem in April.

Another existing problem is the leaking roofs over the two rooms adjoining the courtyard. We have had the roof replaced, but the leaks remain. The ceiling in both rooms will have to be pulled down so we can find the exact source of the leaks. The roofer has promised to fix the leaks. Once this is done, we have two people who will revive the Bookstore in its previous location, and it will be open every Sunday after services.

We are very pleased to announce that through the efforts of our Membership Committee and through the home visitations of Der Hayr and his Pastoral Assistant Louise Kalemkerian, we have managed to increase parish membership by 27 new members, or 8%. Just getting new members is not enough. We must all make a total effort to welcome them and keep these new members interested and involved in our parish life.

Der Arnak's 40th Ordination Anniversary celebration dinner and program was chaired in a very organized and professional manner by Suzanne Daghlian. As part of this committee Shake Mekhjian and Douglas Tashjian did a great job in raising over \$20,000 for the Kasparian Library and Conference Center. Lisa Adams Thompson and her committee of four Culinary Institute graduates did monumental job in feeding over 314 people. We have an untapped reservoir of ability and talent in our young adults, but seldom do we recognize them. The Parish Council urges the membership to encourage our young adults to get involved. We need them desperately. They are the future of our Church.

I also wish to announce that the Library Committee is now being formed. Anyone who is interested and has knowledge of library organization, please contact Arax Parseghian. She is the Parish Council liaison to this committee.

Our Youth Room is now furnished with very comfortable oak upholstered chairs, with matching tables and benches, making it a pleasant place to hold meetings. Parish Council thanks Virginia and Albert Victoria for this generous and thoughtful gift.

The earthquake in Armenia was recorded on seismographs around the world. The devastation also registered in the hearts and minds of all concerned mankind. There has been an outpouring of aid and money to Armenia, unsurpassed in modern times. The generosity of the world during this tragedy should never be forgotten by the Armenian people.

Over \$80,000 has been collected through St. Thomas and more continues to come in. Parish Council has instituted an earthquake fundraiser by sending a professionally written letter addressed to the chief executive officers of 750 major business establishments in Bergen County. The letter, read and approved by the Parish Council, is a personal appeal by Der Hayr for financial aid. It also explains that these monies will go directly to His Holiness, Vazken I. The letter was composed, printed and prepared for mailing by Albert Markarian of Kalmar Advertising Agency of Fort Lee.

Another earthquake fundraiser will be the benefit performance of the Duquesne University Tamburitzan Folk Dance Group on February 17. Parish Council urges everyone to support this function. Tickets are on sale in the Church Office.

The following represents your 1988 Parish Council:

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	LIAISON
Rev. A. Kasparian	President	
Edward Parseghian	Chairman	Building Committee
Joanne Torigian	Vice-chairman	A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs. & Srs.
Joseph Kalemkerian	Secretary	Armenian School
	Membership	
Alice Arzoomanian	Treasurer	Women's Guild
Sam Demirjian	Narthex	
Paul Kahaumjian		AVAKs
Ara Martaian	Memorial Funds	Choir
Richard Papazian	Ass't Pledge	
	Membership	
Arax Parseghian	Pledges	
Ara Pekmezian	Building Maintenance	
	Custodial Supplies	
Garabed Yazidjian	Grounds	Sunday School

The Parish Council met on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, with additional meetings when necessary. Meetings were well attended with 13 meetings enjoying 100% attendance, and an average monthly attendance of 91%. Sunday Church attendance of Parish Council members was also very good, with two members on duty on every Sunday. Parish Council meetings were presided over by the President, Fr. Arnak Kasparian, and conducted by the Chairman, Edward Parseghian. The Council meetings were always open to interested individuals, Delegates, Trustees, and parish organizations.

1988 CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

January	3	Instructed Liturgy
	5	Armenian Christmas Eve Badarak and Supper following
	6	Badarak at Emerson Home and Women's Guild visitation and fellowship
	15	A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs. Progressive Dinner
	16	Fr. Dajad program on "What does the Armenian Church say about being born again?"
	17	"Welcome" Reception for 1987 new members

22-24 Kasparian Fund Retreat
 24 "Thank you" Reception for Bazaar workers
 30 A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs. Ski Trip
 31 First session Parish Assembly

February 5 Church School Pot Luck Supper
 7 Parish Assembly
 9 Ghevontiantz Celebration for all area clergy and public program
 12-15 A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs. Sports Weekend
 21 Kirikian Armenian School Dinner

March 4 Women's Guild Fish and Chips Dinner
 12 Armenian and Church School students' visitation to Emerson Home
 13 Parish trip to NYC for Karabagh demonstration
 18-19 A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs. Lock-In
 27 Parish Anniversary Dinner - Dr. Dennis Papazian, speaker
 31 Badarak at Emerson Home and Women's Guild visitation and fellowship

April 6,13 "Everything You Wanted to Know About the Badarak
 20,27 but Were Afraid to Ask"
 16 Cotillion at Woodcliff Lake Hilton
 22 "Home" play by Jan Balakian followed by reception
 24 Procession of Remembrance and Madagh
 24 "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" service for all Tenafly churches
 30 A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs. Spring Dance

May 1 A.C.Y.O.A. Srs. Car Wash
 12-15 Diocesan Assembly, Cambridge, MA
 30 Memorial Day picnic

June 4 A.C.Y.O.A. Srs. Spring Dance
 8 "The Poetry of Politics" program with Dr. Vartkis Kinoian, reception following
 11 Picnic for Armenian School and Church School students
 12 Church School Closing Exercises and Graduation
 12 Armenian School Hantes and Graduation
 19 Reception for high school and college graduates

July 20,27
 August 3,10 Summer Softball games in parking lot
 17,24,31

September 10 Re-opening of Kirikian Armenian School
 11 Re-opening of Church School
 10-11 One World Festival at Diocese
 14 Armenian History course (first session) with Dr. George Bournoutian (14 consecutive weeks)
 24 "On the Edge" Activity for Jr. High Students
 25 A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs. Car Wash

October 8 Fr. Arnak 40th Ordination Anniversary Celebration Dinner, program and dance
 15 A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs. Trip to South St. Seaport
 16 CROP Walk for Hunger

November 4 Karabagh lecture by Dr. George Bournoutian, reception following
 16 Women's Guild Membership Tea
 18 A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs. Spaghetti Dinner & Game Night

December 3-4 Parish Annual Bazaar
 7 Parish trip to NYC for Karabagh demonstration
 9 Prayer service & Hokehankisd for earthquake victims, with participation of Tenafly clergy
 16 A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs. visit to Emerson Home
 18 Church School Dinner & Christmas Program
 24 A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs. Christmas Eve services
 25 Celebration of St. Stephen's Day and reception honoring Deacons and Altar servers

In addition, on-going activities of the parish include: Armenian and Church School activities and weekly classes, Men's Club, Women's Guild, Parish Council meetings, Building Committee and Trustees meetings, choir rehearsals, AVAK meetings, Bible Study, Narek Prayer Group, weekly Greeters program, the making of MAHS, holiday poinsettia and lily sales, A.C.Y.O.A. meetings, church basketball teams' practices and games, and Armenian history classes.

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank the following for their efforts in service, leadership and fund-raising for the benefit of St. Thomas Church in 1988:

A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors - Serda Arslanyan & Claudine Bogosian, Co-Chairpersons
 A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors - Aram Minnetian & Anne Toufayan, Co-Chairpersons
 Anniversary Dinner - Peter Ajemian, Chairman
 Anniversary Cake Sale - Gregory & Richard Saraydarian
 Armenian Churches Sports Association - Michael Kenajian, chairman
 Douglas Martaian, coach
 Armenian School - Ani Capan, Marion Babigian, Co-Chairpersons
 AVAK Society - Nish Ohanesian
 1988 Bazaar Committee - Victor Arzoomanian, Chairman, Adrienne Tenbekjian, Co-Chairperson
 Bazaar Cake Sale - Rupen Saddler
 Board of Trustees - Edward Bashian, Chairman, Dr. Harout Mekhjian, Co-Chairman
 Bookstore - John Vaniskhian
 Building Committee - Nazar Nazarian, Chairman, Vahan Najarian, Co-Chairman
 Building Technical Committee - Albert Victoria, Coordinator, Moses Kazanjian, George Mekenian, Antranig Ouzoonian, Jerry Keosayian
 Car Raffle - Zaven Poosikian
 Choir - Edward Daghlian, Director, Gladys Fenarjian, Chairperson
 Christian Education & Sunday School - Louise Kalemkerian, Director
 Church Custodian - George Paesler (present), Gary Horn (past)
 1988 Cotillion Committee - Adrienne Tenbekjian, Chairperson
 Deacons' Training - Joseph Kalemkerian
 Hall Rental Committee - Virginia Victoria, Chairperson
 MAHS - Women's Guild
 Memorials' Committee - Edward Bashian
 1988 Memorial Day Picnic - Matthew Keshishian
 Men's Club - Krikor Khorozyan, Chairman, Richard Keurajian, Vice-Chairman
 Narthex Director - Sam Demirjian
 Office Manager - Toni Barker
 Organist - Susan Shamamian
 Photographer - Alyce Parseghian & Albert Papazian
 Publicity - Douglas Martaian
 Rug Sales - Edward Bashian, Michel Izmirly, Mary Ann Saraydarian
 Women's Guild - Roxy Daghlian, Chairperson, Adrienne Tenbekjian, Vice-Chairperson

The Parish Council wishes to acknowledge all of our parishioners not listed above who have volunteered their services working on all the various committees and functions throughout the year. You are the core of the St. Thomas family. Our deepest appreciation and thanks to all of you.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Joanne Torigian, Vice Chairperson, also serves as liaison to ACYOA Seniors and Juniors. Joanne chairs the Parish Relations Committee, which we are very happy to report has had a quiet year. She has the ability to approach problems in a very tactful and diplomatic manner, in order not to alienate anyone's feelings. She is truly an asset and a respected member of this Council, who is always a concerned and willing worker.

Joseph Kalemkerian, Secretary, keeps very thorough minutes of all our meetings. He has attended every meeting except one. Joseph can be found just about any Sunday morning serving as Deacon on the Altar. He also conducts a Training Program for young men who wish to become Altar servers. Joseph is the liaison to the Armenian School and Delegate to the Diocesan Assembly. Membership is another committee Joseph heads. This year was not as productive as last, but 27 new members is not bad. We are privileged to have him on Parish Council. He has been actively involved in the Armenian Church since he was a young boy.

Alice Arzoomanian, Treasurer, also liaison to Women's Guild. Alice has quietly been the bookkeeper of our Church for the past 11 years. Now she is bookkeeper and treasurer. She has a financial report ready every meeting that would satisfy the CEO of any large business corporation. On the 2nd of January, 1989 our books were balanced and closed, ready for the Auditing Committee. She is something else! In nature, she would be classified as an "endangered species."

Sam Demirjian, Membership & Narthex Director. Sam has been assigned to Narthex for many years. He sets the duty roster for Parish Council members and makes arrangements to have two greeters at the door. He is also responsible for an adequate supply of Mahs at all times. Thanks to the following women from Women's Guild for the preparation of the Mahs throughout the year: Roxy Daghljan, Eugenie Gabonian, Adele Jibilian, Sirarpie Kreppel, Mary Norarevian, Violet Ouzoonian and Arax Parseghian.

Paul Kahaumjian, Liaison to Avaks. Paul structured the St. Thomas Church Organization Guidelines and Procedures for Appropriation and Finances. With very few changes, the Council unanimously approved these guidelines. Paul has always worked hard and diligently for St. Thomas. You can always count on Paul to chair a committee or take an active role. This year he took the dual assignment as floor manager and coordinator of our Church Bazaar. Paul, your serious, friendly qualities make it a pleasure to work with you.

Ara Martaian, Memorial Funds & Liaison to the Choir. Being a very active member of the choir, Ara has had an open line of communication to the Parish Council all year. His assignment of liaison to all Church Memorial Funds is a new area Parish Council is managing. His main function is to see that reports are submitted to the Parish Assembly and the appropriation of income to its intended use.

Richard Papazian, Assistant Pledges, Membership, also Liaison to Men's Club. Richard adds a jovial dimension to our meetings. We can always count on him to lighten things up. He is always volunteering to work on any fund-raising of social function held at St. Thomas, especially those that need rice pilaf on the menu. As Assistant Pledge Chairman he has effectively covered for Arax Parseghian on Sunday mornings. It seems he likes these back-room assignments either counting pledges or cups of pilaf in the kitchen.

Araz Parseghian, Pledge Chairperson, has also been a very conscientious person giving her all to any assignment she takes. After serving as secretary for four years, she takes on another time consuming responsible position. We can thank her also for collection and distribution of holiday flowers at Easter and Christmas. Your pleasant and encouraging attitude is very contagious.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 1988

BANK BALANCES AND OTHER BALANCES, January 1, 1988

Checking Account	\$26,745.00	
Savings Account	3,884.00	
Investment "Repo"	28,574.00	
A.C.E.F. Diocese	<u>58,741.00</u>	
Total		\$117,944.00
1988 Receipts	256,033.00	
1988 Disbursements	<u>188,165.00</u>	
Excess Cash after Disbursements		<u>67,868.00</u>
Total, December 31, 1988		<u>185,812.00</u>

BANK BALANCES AND OTHER BALANCES, December 31, 1988

Checking Account	80,682.00	
Investment M/M	4,359.00	
Certificate of Deposit Due 1/13/89	40,000.00	
A.C.E.F.	<u>60,771.00</u>	
Total, December 31, 1988		<u>185,812.00</u>

Note #1 - Bazaar Checking Account Balance as of 12/31/88, \$2050.00, not included in the above summary.

Note #2 - \$3000.00 Bazaar Receivable Received in January of 1989, not included in the above summary.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairman: Edward Bashian.

Members: Peter Ajemian, Michel Izmirly, George Mekenian, Garbis Kirikian, Haroutune Mekhjian, Vahan Najarian, Nazar Nazarian, Antranig Ouzounian, Rupen Saddler, Richard Turnamian and Albert Victoria.

Honorary Members: Antranig Shahinian and Haig Tashjian.

During 1988, the Board met twice; one of which was a joint meeting with the Parish Council.

The Trustees, being substantially members of the Building Committee, continued to support the efforts to close out the construction contract with the family/estate of our deceased contractor. Also on the agenda was the acquisition of a suitable mortgage to replace the building loan.

Trustees Financial Summary, December 31, 1988

Balance, December 31, 1987	\$94,318.06	
Interest Income to 6/22/88	5,267.10	
Checking Account Balance 12/31/88	143.33	
Total Fund 12/31/88	<u>99,728.49</u>	
Investment: Certificate of Deposit 6/22/89	99,585.16	
Checking Account Balance	143.33	
Total Investment and Checking Account	<u>99,728.49</u>	

Michel Izmirly, Treasurer

St. Thomas Armenian Church, Tenafly, New Jersey
Proposed Budget for 1989
Income for the Years 1988 & 1987

	Proposed <u>1989</u>	Actual <u>1988</u>	Budget <u>1988</u>	Actual <u>1987</u>	Budget <u>1987</u>
Pledges and Offerings					
1. Pledge Receipts	\$60,000	59,674	50,000	48,130	49,000
2. Plate and Candles	11,000	10,179	9,000	9,095	8,000
3. Christmas Offering	3,100	3,080	3,000	5,013	2,300
4. Easter Offering	3,400	3,375	2,500	1,920	2,600
5. Prayers	500	100	600	610	800
Sacraments					
1. Baptisms	3,200	3,150	2,700	2,755	1,800
2. Weddings	6,600	6,550	6,500	6,350	3,400
3. Funerals	1,700	1,650	1,200	1,425	1,200
4. Requiems	4,900	4,840	4,000	3,935	2,900
Auxiliary Organizations					
1. Women's Guild	12,000	31,000	14,000	13,400	12,000
2. Avak Society	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,000	1,500
3. A.C.Y.O.A.			1,500		1,600
4. Men's Club	16,500	16,500	17,500	17,500	11,500
Church Affairs					
1. Bazaar	33,000	28,265	31,000	27,922	29,000
2. Memorial Day Picnic	5,000	4,459	5,500	3,493	8,000
3. Anniversary Dinner	8,200	8,111	7,500	7,152	12,000
4. Oriental Rug Sale	9,700		15,000	12,527	24,000
Donations					
1. Lieu of Flowers	12,000	11,700	14,000	22,808	11,000
2. Altar Flowers	2,200	2,140	1,800	1,785	1,800
3. Memorial Fund	3,700	3,600	2,000	3,600	5,000
4. Holiday Flowers	900	850	1,200	590	1,700
5. Christmas Greetings	1,300	1,260	1,000	1,520	1,100
6. Other Donations	1,800	1,746	4,000	3,238	2,000
7. A.C.E.F.		2,030			3,600
Other Income					
1. A.C.E.F.	2,000	1,636	400	3,818	5,000
2. Bookstore	400	372	350	341	500
3. One World Festival	1,700	1,687	700	[720]	1,000
4. Hall Donations	20,000	19,045	35,690	11,372	13,500
5. Loan and Exchange					
6. Investment Interest	2,000	1,900	4,000	12,103	13,600
7. Library Fund		21,109			
8. Armenian History Lectures	4,500	4,525			
Total	<u>232,800</u>	<u>256,033</u>	<u>238,140</u>	<u>222,682</u>	<u>231,400</u>

St. Thomas Armenian Church, Tenafly, New Jersey
Proposed Budget for 1989
Disbursements for the Years 1988 & 1987

	<u>Proposed</u> <u>1989</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>1988</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>1988</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>1987</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>1987</u>
Salaries, Fees & Benefits					
1. Clergy Salary	\$28,290	27,140	27,140	26,088	26,100
2. Parsonage Expenses	3,000	2,768	3,300	2,497	3,400
3. Clergy Car Expenses	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300
4. Clergy Insurance	3,500	3,423	4,000	3,984	4,000
5. Custodial Salary	21,000	11,087	15,000	13,070	13,700
6. Office Staff	7,500	4,710	7,500	2,240	3,500
7. Complex Administrator			20,000		20,000
8. Adm. Pastoral Assist.	16,500	16,500	16,500	4,754	
9. Dir. of Chr. Ed.	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
10. Choirmaster	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
11. Organist	1,100	1,098	1,100	1,098	1,100
12. Payroll Taxes	5,000	3,896	5,000	3,529	7,000
13. Employee Benefits	2,000	1,067	2,500	1,700	2,500
14. Visiting Clergy	800	275	800		800
Operating Expenses					
1. Telephone	2,100	2,080	2,000	2,267	2,787
2. Supp/Post/Printing	14,000	13,691	7,000	7,183	9,087
3. Candles & Flowers	500	481	1,000	1,013	1,200
4. Bookstore	300	268	500	490	500
5. Paperware & Supplies	2,300	2,225	1,500	1,405	2,000
6. Activities	4,200	4,194	2,000	2,523	2,800
Assessments					
1. Diocesan Dues	24,000	23,530	24,000	25,267	20,000
Educational					
1. Sunday School	1,000	449	2,000	2,256	1,500
2. Armenian School	1,000		1,000		1,000
3. St. Nersess Seminary	1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000
4. World Wide Charity	1,000	1,000	1,000	200	1,000
Church Building Expenses					
1. Mortgage Payment	25,500	100	40,000	30,000	34,000
2. Gas and Electric	21,000	20,884	22,000	21,428	29,000
3. Water	500	445	300	249	300
4. Insurance	11,000	10,947	12,000	11,325	9,000
5. Repairs & Maint.	10,000	9,020	5,000	2,463	10,000
6. Snow Removal & Lawn	2,300	2,293	1,500	1,260	1,926
7. Memorial	400	349	500	339	1,500
8. Loan & Exchange					
9. Miscellaneous	6,000	5,656	3,000	6,815	2,700
10. A.C.E.F.		2,030			
11. China, Copy Mach, 1987 Desk, 1988	8,010	7,559		16,466	10,000
Total	<u>232,800</u>	<u>188,165</u>	<u>238,140</u>	<u>199,909</u>	<u>231,400</u>

WOMEN'S GUILD

EXECUTIVE BOARD (elected)

Chairman: Mary Ann Saraydarian
Vice-Chrmn/Program: Pauline Pekmezian
Rec. Secy: Alin Papazian
Members: Artemis Arslanian, Beverly Hajinlian, Joanne Torigian
Corr. Secy: Paula Keosayian
Treasurer: Margaret Varbedian
Mailings: Adrienne Tenbekjian

STANDING COMMITTEE (appointed)

Membership: Sona Doudoukjian
Hospitality: Alicia Demirjian, Anna Maksian
Sunday Coffee: Margaret Minassian
Publicity: Martha Saraydarian
Devotionals: Marion Babigian
Sunshine/Visitations: Celia Martaian
Social Services: Queenie Tashjian
CWU: Shakae Shahinian
Historian: Dikris Malool
Photographer: Alyce Parseghian
Emerson Home, Mahs: Violet Ouzoonian

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Marion Babigian, Alicia Demirjian, Artemis Nazarian
Parish Council Liaison: Joanne Torigian

Activities for the year included:

JANUARY 6 Christmas services and fellowship at Emerson Home, Margaret Varbedian, Chairman
15 Sts. Vartanantz Women's Guild joins our meeting, Program: Susan Dworkin Stolen Goods
Fruit and Nut Sale ends - Yeretzgin Violet, Chairman
FEBRUARY 17 Valentine's Day Dinner/Meeting at Charlie Brown's, Violet Ouzoonian, Chairman
28 Luncheon and Canadian Brass Concert, Pauline Pekmezian, Chairman
MARCH 4 Fish & Chips Dinner, Marion Kahaumjian, Chairman, with Sona Doudoukjian
4 & 6 Cake Sale Fundraiser
17 Emerson Home, March birthdays
18 General Meeting - Sew & Show Video
APRIL 9 Women's Saints Day at Cathedral - Guild women help serve and sing in the choir
16 Cotillion - Woodcliff Lake Hilton, Adrienne Tenbekjian, Chairman
29 General Meeting and Gourmet Cooking Demonstration
MAY 4 Alice Zarifian - Armenian Dance Classes (5 weeks)
5 Attended CWU May Fellowship Luncheon
13-15 Diocesan Assembly, Cambridge, MA. A. Parseghian, R. Mekenian, V. Kasparian, M. Saraydarian, delegates
20 General Meeting and Election - Alyce Parseghian, slide show, "Reflections of my Photography"
26 Baking of Bourma/Paklava for Memorial Day Picnic
JUNE 17 Dinner with Men's Club and ACYOA Talent Show

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (at June General Membership Meeting)

Chairman: Roxy Daghlian
Vice Chrmn: Adrienne Tenbekjian
Treasurer: Margaret Varbedian
Mailing: Anjel Yazidjian and Alyce Leiby
Advisors: Mary Ann Saraydarian, Pauline Pekmezian, Paula Keosayian
Ways and Means: Shake Mekhjian
Rec. Secy: Alin Papazian
Corr. Secy: Beverly Hajinlian

STANDING COMMITTEE (appointed)

Membership: Sona Doudoukjian
Sunday Coffee: Margaret Minassian
Sunshine/Visitations: Celia Martaian
Devotional: Louise Kalemkerian
Emerson Home: Violet Ouzoonian
Nominating Committee: Ann Ajemian, Jeannie Amerikanian, Ellen Kenderian
Parish Council Liaison: Alice Arzoomanian
Hospitality: Elise Poosikian
Historian: Pauline Pekmezian
Church Women United: Bertha Vaniskhian
Photographer: Alyce Parseghian
Publicity: Ellen Kenderian

AUGUST	31	Emerson Home - August birthdays
SEPTEMBER	23	Pot Luck Supper with Men's Club followed by General Membership Meeting
OCTOBER	21	General Membership Meeting, Program: Der Hayr's recent trip to Armenia
NOVEMBER	16	Membership Tea, Sona Doudoukjian, Chairman. Seven new members initiated, approx. 150 members Donation: Gift items for Bazaar Boutique Booth
DECEMBER	15	Christmas Luncheon at White Beeches Country Club, Chairman, Jeanne Amerkanian, Virginia Parseghian and Nancy Parseghian CANCELLED due to Earthquake in Armenia

The Guild also participated in pre-Bazaar cooking and as volunteers during the December 3/4 Bazaar. Also, manned various booths. Yeretzgin chaired the annual Fruit and Nut Sale. Thanks to Margaret Minassian for serving coffee every Sunday after services. Also, thanks to Violet Ouzonian for seeing that Mahs was prepared and supplied every Sunday and the members who assisted her.

The St. Thomas Women's Guild submitting this report wishes to acknowledge the outstanding devotion of the outgoing Executive Board (June 1988) chaired by Mary Ann Saraydarian for their leadership, energy and ability in making the Guild a vital, productive force at St. Thomas. This effort resulted in an unprecedented donation to the Parish Council of \$31,000. This amount more than doubled the projected pledge in the Proposed Budget of 1988.

Roxy Daghlian, Chairman

KIRIKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL

The Kirikian Armenian School is a vital and active part of the St. Thomas Armenian Church, teaching our children the basics of their language and instilling pride and knowledge in their ethnic heritage.

The enrollment is 84 students this year, with classes ranging from nursery to seventh grade. All children must take a reading and spelling test at the end of each year. The seventh graders have to pass a three hour test to graduate, and an optional Armenian history test of 100 question to qualify for an award. New this year, every grade must take a standardized test from the Diocese to go on to the next level.

Trophies are given at the annual hantes and graduation for the following achievements: George Shahinian Award for Perfect Attendance, the Edward Bashian Award for Armenian History, the Rupen Saddler Award for Armenian Reading, and the Dr. Harout and Shake Mekhjian Armenian Spelling Award.

The kirikian Armenian School has a paid faculty and other expenses as are noted below. Funds are raised by the School through tuition, the Bazaar, annual Armenian Christmas dinner, luncheons and othe fundraising activities. We are deeply grateful for the help our benefactors give us and extend special thanks this year to Garbis and Alice Kirikian for their tremendous financial support of our school.

Executive Committee: Ani Capan, Martha Saraydarian, Seta Yavru, Marion Babigian, Artemis Arslanian and Mary Ann Saraydarian.

Parish Council Liaison: Joseph Kalemkerian

Faculty:

Nursery - Hermine Chalian

K - Ani Nahabedian

2nd grade - Ani Mardirossian

Conversation, 3rd gr - Sosi Salbashian

4th grade - Maro Hajakian

Conversation, 6th gr - Hourig Mangassarian

6th grade - Sirvart Demirjian

Religion - Shnorig Bashian

Dance - Jenia Kazanjian

Pre-K - Lucy Garabedian

1st grade - Queenie Tashjian

3rd grade - Mari Zokian

5th grade - Araxi Diratzouian

7th grade - Dikran Bomchajekian

Substitute - Hermine Babayan

KIRIKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand, 12/31/87		\$1075.76
Income - 1988:		
Kirikian Donation	\$6500.00	
Shahinian Fund	500.00	
Mekhjian Fund	425.00	
Bazaar	1204.00	
May Luncheon	392.00	
Hantes	725.00	
Armenian Christmas Dinner	3311.50	
Tuition (84 x \$140.00)	12,600.00	
Memorial Donations	215.00	
 Total Income		 \$25,872.50
Expenses - 1988:		
Salaries (14 teachers x 32 weeks)	14,100.00	
Diocesan Bookstore	2860.19	
Diocesan Assembly (Cambridge, MA)	631.10	
Holiday Parties	325.14	
School Supplies	274.72	
Bus to Diocese 2x	380.00	
Gifts/Memorials	77.00	
Hantes	452.48	
Trophies	1066.50	
Armenian Christmas Dinner	2185.56	
TV/VCR & 3 File Cabinets	265.41	
Baikar/Mirror Spectator	90.00	
CamCorder	1407.99	
Bank Printing Charges	23.18	
 Total Expenses		 \$24,229.27
 Balance on hand, 12/31/88		 \$2718.99

Memorial Donors
December 31, 1988

Donor Name	Earmarked For	Amount
St. Thomas Choir	Lobby Stained Glass Window	\$300.00
Araxie Pichigian	Front Main Door	500.00
Lucille Aroosian	Relative Memorial	1000.00
Michael Fuhrmann	Memorial	1000.00
Arman Aykut	Library Books	550.00
Charles Shakarjian	Plaque	125.00
Betty Zoraian		125.00
 Total		 <u>3600.00</u>

The Memorial Committee is comprised of the following:

Chairman: Edward Bashian

Secretary & Treasurer: Michel Izmirly

Members: Vahan Najarian, Nazar Nazarian, Peter Ajemian, and Frank Stoneson

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A. CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School began its academic year on September 13, with an enrollment of 102 students (compared to 97 last year). A number of new families joined the Church School. The students are divided into 11 classes, plus Nursery. Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 10:15 to 12:15. The students' courses of study are prescribed by the Diocesan Department of Religious Education. The new textbooks published by the Diocese in 1987 are in use in the Church School, which convey the faith and teachings of the Armenian Church.

One of the goals of the Church School is to help its young people develop into worshipping members of the Armenian Church. To further this goal, the students have been attending Divine Liturgy every week for at least 45 minutes as part of the regular Sunday morning schedule. An important benefit of this is that children have begun to feel part of the worshipping community. Assembly programs have been conducted by Yeretzgin Violet Kasparian and include opportunities for learning the hymns and songs of the Badarak, as well as learning about the performance of the rituals themselves. Students of the eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades again read the Scripture lessons during Christmas Eve and Easter Eve Services.

Our eleventh grade students are spending this academic year in service to the parish, assisting in the Church School, singing in the choir or serving at the Altar. Two 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" are members of the teaching staff. The staff meets periodically for meetings and training sessions.

Instead of our usual Christmas activity of buying gifts for needy families, all our efforts were turned to the Earthquake, and our children placed their monetary gifts in a Christmas stocking made especially for the occasion by Mrs. Betty Papazian. More than \$283 has been raised thus far. The Church School students participated in the "Trick of Treat for UNICEF" program again this year, in October. They also collected non-perishable foodstuffs at Thanksgiving time for the Center for Food Action in Englewood.

In March, the students and staff made their annual trip to the Emerson Home for the Armenian Aged. Der Hayr accompanied the group as did some students and staff of the Armenian School. The students sang some Badarak songs, prayed and worshiped with the residents, and then socialized with them before returning to St. Thomas.

Annual events of the Church School include: Armenian Christmas Eve Supper, Easter Communion Breakfast, Pot Luck Supper, Christmas Dinner and Program, joint Sunday School Armenian School picnic, 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

A monthly periodical, AVEDIS, published by the Diocesan Department of Religious Education, was distributed to all Church School families and other interested parishioners throughout the year.

Almost 30 adults and young people participated in the CROP Walk for Hunger on October 16, along with Christians from all the communities around Tenafly. St. Thomas is the first and only Orthodox congregation that has ever participated in the northern NJ CROP Walk, and our parishioners raised over \$2000 through pledges and donation for the cause!

The Narek Prayer group organized in May 1986, continues to meet 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.

CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF

Superintendent - Louise Kalemkerian

Nursery - Susan Vaughan	6th grade - Stephen Jarahian
Kind. - Susan & Mary Yazidjian	7th grade - Gregory Tenbekjian
1st grade - Gary Horn	8th grade - Suzanne Daghlian
2nd grade - Ardis Kasparian	9th grade - Thomas Merjanian
3rd grade - Laurie Kasparian	10th grade/adv. - Yer. Violet Kasparian
4th grade - Gregory Hourdajian	11th grade/mo. disc. - Gregory Hourdajian
Treasurer - Jeanette Ekizian	Records - Jean Karagosian
Parents' Committee - Marlené Ross	

CHURCH SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand 1/1/88			\$499.45
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	
Sunday School Offerings	\$509.20		
Pot Luck Dinner		33.90	
Easter Communion Breakfast	100.00	160.47	
UNICEF (1987)		100.00	
Lenten Offering	226.00	226.00	
Cake Sales	323.75		
Torigian Graduation Award	200.00	200.00	
Sunday School and Armenian School Picnic	44.00	131.99	
Graduation Reception		58.87	
Postage & Supplies		89.32	
Miscellaneous expenses		92.80	
Cake for Registration Day		40.83	
Registration Day Fees (for textbooks)	1255.30		
Donation (Sweatshirts for Bazaar)	550.00	612.00	
Donations	255.00		
UNICEF	72.00	72.00	
Christmas Dinner	1304.64	1027.69	
Fr. Arnak Library Gift		40.00	
Money to Parish Council for Textbooks		1052.80	
	<u>4839.89</u>	<u>3938.67</u>	
Balance on hand 12/31/88			\$1400.67

A.C.E.F. Fund, December 31, 1988

Vahan Barsamian Memorial Fund	\$5,260.00
Edward S. Bashian Family Fund	2,000.00
Zakar & Vartoohe Goshgarian	1,040.00
Kassabian/Kavazanjian, Anoush Memorial	1,035.00
Caspar Kasparian Memorial Fund	14,000.00
Re. Arnak & Violet Kasparian	5,000.00
Dr. Haroutune & Shake Mekhjian	5,000.00
Arthur & Dorothy Otchy	1,700.00
George Shahinian Memorial Fund	20,486.00
Martin (Sonny) Tashjian Memorial Fund	6,385.00
St. Thomas Armenian Church A.C.E.F.	2,875.00
Ardashes & Siranoush Tekirian Memorial Fund	<u>2,030.00</u>

Total

\$67,151.00

The above mentioned names and amounts, received from Victor Arzoomanian, Executive Director of A.C.E.F. Fund, are as of 1/30/89

**ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE CASH REPORT
NOVEMBER 1982 TO DECEMBER 31, 1988**

Checks Received:

Pledges	1,011,355.66
Loan First Fidelity Bank.....	225,000.00
Loan from Trustees.....	135,000.00
Interest from investment.....	34,696.69
Parish Coun. Pmt for interest.	30,000.00
Affairs.....	17,355.22
Jokes.....	49.41
Profit Sharing.....	100.00
Cake Sales.....	6,842.00
Exchange.....	1,912.01

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Total Deposits=====> 1,462,310.99

Disbursements:

Expansion Contract.....	942,727.16
Kitchen Equipment.....	37,428.15
Water Retention.....	16,196.20
Tiles for Atrium & carpeting.	49,219.92
Telephone System & paging....	9,138.52
Interest Expense.....	67,397.46
Prof. Luders, Avakian, Ziegler...	76,635.00
Permits.....	2,508.98
Security System.....	2,760.00
Wood stain, painting, acoustics.	15,027.02
Awnings & landscaping.....	44,673.77
Stationery & postage.....	779.07
Affairs.....	16,486.91
Heating Systems.....	33,017.21
Railings & store room.....	11,682.00
Ladies room.....	7,789.13
Repairs.....	1,380.40
Exchange.....	4,273.01

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Total Disbursement=====> 1,339,119.91
Cash Balance after disbursement 123,191.08
Investment..... 0.00
Bank Balance..... 123,191.08

Michel Izmirly, treasurer

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH CHOIR REPORT
1988

CHAIRMAN: GLADYS FENARJIAN
VICE CHAIRMAN :SONA DAMERGY
TREASURER: ROSEANNE ARZOOMANIAN
REC. SECRETARY: IRENE KHOROZIAN

COR.R.SECRETARY:
SHAKE BAYTISTA
ADVISERS:Eileen Barsamian
Ara Martaian
Suzan Shamamian

CHOIRMASTER: EDWARD DAGHLIAN
ORGANIST: SUZAN SHAMAMIAN

St Thomas Church Choir currently has 39 members - including Gregory Amerikanian and Natalie Capan who joined us this year. Our choirmaster, Eddie Daghlian and our organist, Susan Shamamian faithfully perform their duties every Sunday and for that we are grateful!

Serving on the altar during the year were: Deacon Joseph Kalemkerian, Sub-Deacon Armen Basmajian, and altar servers Levon Altiparmakian, Peter Babigian, Gregory Doudoukjian, Henry Hagopian, Stephen Mekenian, and Thomas Kasparian. We thank Deacon Joseph for the time and effort devoted to training our servers. Also, on the altar twice a month is St. Nersess Seminary George Devejian who has been assigned to our Parish.

On theophany and Holy Thursday, several choir members went with Der Hayr to the Armenian Home in Emerson to celebrate the Divine Liturgy. We are happy to make these visits. The joy to the residents is uplifting.

APRIL: Easter Sunday -We had our traditional plate collection following Church services. We were overwhelmed with everyone's generosity. April 24: -We participated in Christian Unity Day in Tenafly (St. Thomas was the host). April 30 :- Choir members attended a choir training workshop held at St. James *church in Whestchester, N.Y. .

MAY: Mother's Day - We held a bake sale and it was a success. The highlight of this day was to honor a dear choir member -Diane Nakashian. The happiness on her face touched everyone!.

OCT: The choir made a donation to the Reverend Father Arnak and Violet Kasparian Library. Our musical gifts are the Khorenian, Yegmalian, and Gomidas Badarak record albums.

The Annual Choir Assembly was held in Connecticut and we were pleased to send Gregory Doudoukjian and Levon Altiparmakian as our delegates. A special thank you to the Parish Council for the subsidy which helped to defray the expense for these young men. Eight additional choir members were in attendance on Saturday representing St. Thomas Church.

NOVEMBER: A thanksgiving bake sale was held. The selection of a winner for the Khorenian Badarak record album was made on this day. The winner Pauline Pekmezian thank you to Gregory Doudoukjian for a well organized cultural endeavor.

It was our month to help homeless. Choir members gathered in the kitchen to prepare sandwiches for these men.

DECEMBER: The choir made a donation to the Bazaar Cake Sale -a first for us! We continue to show presence in the Church, not only on Sunday mornings.

Our future goals have been discussed at meetings. We plan to purchase covers for our choirbooks. We may host a choir workshop in the future. Our voices can be heard on Sundays. We invite any interested singers to join us -we welcome new members at any time.

OPEN CHOIR -The second Sunday of each month. Gladys Fenarjian
Choir Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND JAN 1, 1988 \$ 454.79

INCOME

Easter plate collection	\$ 644.34
Bake Sales	348.76
Gift Donation	25.00
Raffle (Khorenian Badarak)	244.00

	\$ 1,262.10

\$ 1,716.89

EXPENSES

Balance-Stained Glass Window	\$ 300.00
A.A.C.C.A. Donation	250.00
A.A.C.C.A. Assembly Booklet	100.00
Stipend for 2 Assembly Delegates	80.00
Badarak Record Albums	57.50
Bazaar Cake Sale Donation	25.00
Convalescence Flowers	53.50
Miscellaneous	64.83

	\$ 1,180.83

BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1980 \$ 786.06

The George Shahinian Memorial Fund

The George Shahinian Memorial Fund underwrote the cost of:

- 1) January, 1988 - College Students brunch
- 2) January, 1988 - Workshop conducted by Der Kajak Davidian
- 3) April, 1988 - The performance of "Home" written by Jan Balakian.
- 4) June, 1988 - Grant for trip to Armenia to Kirk Varjjan
- 5) June, 1988 - Poetry of politics.
- 6) June, 1988 - Donation to Kirikian Armenian School.

Treasurer's Report:

Jan 1, 1988 Principal amount in ACEF	\$20,486.00
April, 1988 Interest received from ACEF	\$ 1,741.31

Disbursements:

Jan. 1988 - College Students Brunch	\$ 76.41
Jan. 1988 - Workshop, Der Kajak Davidian	\$ 450.00
Apr. 1988 - "Home"	\$ 426.22
Jun. 1988 - Kirk Varjjan	\$ 500.00
Jun. 1988 - Poetry of Politics	\$ 29.00
Jun. 1988 - Kirikian Armenian School	\$ 500.00
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	\$ 1,981.63

Income:

Jan. 1988 - Workshop	\$ 300.00
Donations in memoriam to ACEF for Shooshanig Shahinian:	
m/m J. Arabian	\$ 50.00
Mrs. Araxie Pichigian	\$ 50.00
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	\$ 400.00

Balance on hand:=====>	\$ 59.68
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December 31, 1988

Principal Amount=====>	\$20,586.00
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ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH - CASPAR KASPARIAN MEMORIAL FUND

The purpose of this fund, which was established in 1979 is to provide scholarship assistance to the youth of the St. Thomas Parish to attend religion study conferences, retreats, and other religious educational activities in the church. The money from this fund has been invested in the Diocesan Armenian Church Endowment Fund, and it is the interest that is used annually to assist the youngsters from the St. Thomas Parish.

During the summer of 1988, 12 youngsters were awarded scholarship assistance by the Board of Directors to attend the St. Nersess Summer Study Program. Some of the youngsters were attending for the first time. While there, they had the opportunity of learning more about their church while at the same time sharing their experiences with other youngsters from other Armenian communities. During the past nine years the fund has awarded 140 scholarships to youngsters from our parish.

Our annual fall retreat for Junior High age youngsters was cancelled during the fall of 1988 due to a lack of space at St. Nersess Seminary and our inability to reschedule it at another retreat center.

As you can see from our financial report we receive very few gifts and rely upon the interest from our ACEF investment.

Through activities such as the Summer Study Program and Retreats, the Fund seeks to expand the religious education experience of St. Thomas youngsters and encourage them to grow in the Armenian Christian faith.

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

Kasparian Fund Financial Report

<u>A. 1988 Activities</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Interest	\$1,190.00	
Donations	200.00	
1987 Retreat (Held in Jan. 88)		530.44
St. Nersess Scholarships (12)		<u>865.00</u>
Totals	<u>1,390.00</u>	<u>1,395.44</u>
Net		(-) 5.44
<u>B. Assets</u>		
1. December 31, 1987		
Armenian Church Endowment Fund	14,000.00	
Checking Account (1st Fidelity)	<u>3,650.23</u>	
		17,650.23
2. December 31, 1988		
Armenian Church Endowment Fund	14,000.00	
Checking Account (1st Fidelity)	<u>3,644.79</u>	
		17,644.79
3. Change in Assets - 1988		
Principal Funds	200.00	
Operating Funds	<u>(-) 205.44</u>	
	(-) 5.44	(-) 5.44

MEN'S CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand, 1/1/88			\$3028.49
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	
Membership Dues	640.00		
Postage		110.00	
Dinner Meetings	849.00	856.00	
Men's Club Raffle	2850.00		
Men's Club Picnic	154.00	60.00	
Payback of Sports Tickets	725.00		
Fruit Sales	3764.00	2236.95	
Kitchen Awning		1800.00	
Kitchen Equipment (cleaning)		81.00	
Numbering stamp		55.50	
Cotillion booklet		100.00	
Pictures		21.00	
Men's Club Plaque and gifts		67.00	
TV in ACYOA Room		1498.00	
Cabinet & Wiring in ACYOA Room		415.78	
Armenian Churches Sports Association		1360.00	
Basketball Uniforms		234.40	
	<u>8982.00</u>	<u>8895.63</u>	

Balance on hand 12/31/88 \$3114.86

	CAR RAFFLE		
Sale of Tickets	37,500.00		
Interest in Savings Bank	460.00		
Purchase of Car		21,500.00	
License for Car		245.00	
Printing of Tickets		115.00	
Turned over to St. Thomas		16,000.00	
Balance in Savings account		100.00	
	<u>\$37,960.00</u>	<u>\$37,960.00</u>	

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY ACYOA SENIORS INCOME STATEMENT

Balance on Hand 1/1/88		\$699.01
1988 Income:		
Membership dues	\$540.00	
Proceeds from Car Wash	210.00	
Proceeds from June 4 Dance	414.00	
Miscellaneous	50.00	
Total Income		\$1214.00
1988 Expenses:		
Sports Weekend Team Fees	450.00	
Archbishop's Tournament Team Fees	300.00	
Membership Dues to ACYOA Central Council	295.00	
Donation to St. Thomas from Dance Proceeds	200.00	
Delegate to ACYOA Assembly	182.02	
Postage	146.00	
Refreshments	58.01	
Bible Study Expenses	20.00	
Miscellaneous	57.00	
Total Expenses		\$1708.03
Balance on Hand 12/31/88		\$204.98*

*Includes accounts receivable of \$67.50

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH - 1988 REPORT OF THE ACYOA JR'S

OFFICERS- September 1988 to June 1988

Co-Chairmen- Serda Arslanyan and Claudine Bogosian

Vice Chairmen- Natalie Capan

Secretary- Maria Jebejian and Maral Kazanjian

Treasurer- Raffi Barsoumian

Publicity- Eric Barsamian

Advisor- Douglas Martaian

The ACYOA has been active with meetings every month at St. Thomas, membership at ACYOA JR'S Sports Weekends and activities at other churches such as dances. The membership is currently at 55.

Calendar of Events:

January: Progressive Dinner. Our thanks to the kenderians, Amerkanians, and Vaniskians for opening their homes to us.

Ski trip to Vernon Valley.

February: Co-Hosted the Sports Weekend with St. Leon's

March: Members participated in the Regional Retreat.

Lock-in at St. Thomas.

April: Hosted Spring Dance.

May: Members attended the benefit dance for St. Nersess at St. James, Westchester.

June: Elections and swimming party. Our thanks to the Mekhjian family for once again opening their home to us.

September: Car Wash (Fundraiser)

October: Trip to South Street Seaport. Our thanks to Mrs. Bogosian and Mrs. Ekizian for being chaperones.

November: Benefit Spaghetti Dinner for St. Nersess Seminary.

Bake Sale (Fundraiser)

Several members participated in the Crop Walk to feed the hungry.

December: Participated in the Bazaar. Selling of raffle tickets. (Calendar, Bicycle and Supervising the game room)

Trip to the Emerson Home for the Aged and Christmas caroling, followed by a short meeting and social at the Bogosian's home.

Christmas Eve services led by the ACYOA. Our thanks to Susan Shamamian and Gregory Doudukjian for their time and effort. This year's collection went to the Armenian earthquake victims. The ACYOA also provided refreshments after the services.

The ACYOA JR'S would like to thank Der Hayr, Mrs. Kalemkerian, the Parish Council, our liaison Mrs. Joanne Torigian, and our advisor Douglas Mataian for all of their support and encouragement. We would also like to thank our parents for all of their help, and the members of St. Thomas Church.

WOMEN'S GUILD
of the
ST THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH

1988 FINANCIAL REPORT

	INCOME	DISBURSEMENTS	
Funds on hand, December 31, 1987			\$6,078.20
Final Total from Money Market a/c	\$16,684.11		
Donation to St Thomas (MM a/c)		\$17,000.00	
St Thomas 1988 Pledge		14,000.00	
Loan for Purchase of Fruit & Nuts	2,500.00		
Repaid Loan, Fruit & Nuts		2,500.00	
Fruit & Nuts	3,841.55	3,160.45	
Cotillion	37,854.96	29,528.20	
Dues	1,230.00		
John Harm's Theatre Party	1,190.00	133.83	
Fish & Chips Dinner	1,434.00	990.53	
Charlie Brown's-WG Valentine Dinner	555.00	555.00	
Book Sale-January Meeting	406.80	262.80	
Saint's Day	180.00	180.00	
Afghan Raffle	135.00		
Bake Sale	438.50		
Interest on Checking account	178.74		
Donations	88.00		
Miscellaneous	85.00	6.93	
Postage	20.00	310.43	
Diocesan Delegate's Expenses		353.71	
Church Women United-1988 Dues		75.00	
Women's Guild Central Council Dues		127.00	
Women's Guild Central Council Fee		40.00	
Student - St Tarkmanchatz		100.00	
Sunshine		91.03	
Gift - Library Fund		250.00	
Gift - Outgoing Chairman(2)		190.00	
Gifts, Christmas Luncheon-1989		282.86	
Refreshments - WG Meetings		236.44	
Women's Guild Tea		169.13	
In Lieu of Flowers		125.00	
Emerson Home - Armenian Christmas		23.28	
Emerson Home - Birthdays		41.67	
Sunday School Halloween Party		46.25	
Armenian School Halloween Party		39.48	
Telegrams-WG-St Leon's & St Mary's		25.90	
Film & Prints		42.75	
New Women's Guild Ledger		41.95	
Photo Album-Historian		15.00	
Milk for Sunday Coffee		80.35	
	66,821.66	71,024.97	
Net / Income and Disbursements			(4,203.31)
Funds on hand, December 31, 1988			\$1,874.89

MEN'S CLUB REPORT

Chairman: Krikor Khorojian
Rec. Sec'y: Paul Pinajian
Publicity: Matthew Keshishian

Vice Chairman: Richard Keurajian
Treasurer: Jack Ekizian
Corr. Sec'y: Arman Ajamian

1988 was another busy and productive year for the Men's Club. Our members were involved with the Raffle Booklet Chairman to sell booklets for the St. Thomas Annual Bazaar. We also asked for donations for the Wheel of Chance prize booth.

Activities, Programs, Special Events and Accomplishments - 1989

Our club provided the chairperson for the St. Thomas Annual Memorial Day Picnic and annual Car Raffle - 1989 325 BMW. Women's Guild Cotillion Booklet donation, men;s bowling league, Men's Club family picnic, sponsorship of all church youth sports activities, guest speakers, trips to local sporting events, fruit sale, and finally our monthly meetings with cooking and cleaning. Men's Club donated a TV, VCR, and Audio Cassette Cabinet to Church.