ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH Sunday, February 7, 1993 following Church Service

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For the Parish Assembly V. Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian Antranig Ouzoonian, Chairman Martha Saraydarian, Secretary

PASTOR'S REPORT

It has been a pleasure and privilege for me to have served as Pastor of St. Thomas Armenian Church for more than a year and a half now. Ours is one of the largest parishes in the Diocese, with a multitude of programs and endeavors. As your shepherd, I have welcomed the tremendous challenge presented by such a growing and diversified flock, and thank God for the strength He has given me to carry out my pastoral and leadership duties.

My heartfelt thanks go to our outgoing Parish Council Chairperson Joanne Torigian, the Parish Council members, Board of Trustees and Diocesan Delegates, as well as all our organization and event chairpeople for their devoted service to St. Thomas this past year. Also, I wish to express deep appreciation to the countless volunteers who assisted in all areas and made such a special contribution to our success.

Listed below are highlights of the activities, projects and efforts in which I was involved in 1992:

WORSHIP SERVICES: The Divine Liturgy was conducted regularly every Sunday, according to the traditions and canons of the Diocese of the Armenian church of America. I am pleased to report that our Deacons, Altar Servers and Choir also participated weekly with me in Morning Services prior to the Divine Liturgy and have steadily been increasing their knowledge of church rituals. In addition, I am conducting Deacons' Training.

<u>SACRAMENTAL SERVICES</u>: All sacramental services were performed in accordance with the rites, rituals and cannons of the Armenian Church. During this past year 30 baptisms, 15 marriages and 13 funerals took place.

SPECIAL SERVICES: Special services and feast days for the Nativity and Revelation of Christ our Lord (Armenian Christmas Eve and Day), Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter Eve and Day, Transfiguration, Assumption and Exaltation of the Holy Cross were all properly and conscientiously conducted as per our Church Calendar and Diocesan Guidelines. For the Feast of the Exaltation, I obtained a fragment of Christ's True Cross and brought it to St. Thomas for the faithful to revere. On this occasion, as on Easter Sunday, the services were attended by overflow crowds. I am delighted that a capacity congregation filled the church on all the other feast days as well.

HOSPITAL & OLD AGE/NURSING HOME VISITATIONS: Hospital visitations to the sick were done regularly, whenever we had knowledge that someone was ill. Also, I visited the sick and elderly at the Emerson Old Age/Nursing Home a minimum of once a month. Services were held and Holy Communion was given there on Armenian Christmas (January 6th) and Holy Thursday (April 16th).

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: The Children's/Junior Choir that I organized last year for youngsters ages 9-13 continued its rehearsals in 1992. Susan Shamamian, our Senior choir Director/Organist, has assisted me with teaching these children the Divine Liturgy. They participated in the Armenian Christmas Eve and Palm Sunday Badaraks as well as the Anniversary Dinner in April and American Christmas Eve Service in December.

<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>: The NOR TAR, our monthly St. Thomas publication, has been well received and contains parish news as well as educational and cultural material. Many thanks to all our writers for their contributions, and special appreciation to my capable Editorial Board: Madlen E. Setian, Managing Editor; Susan Shamamian, Associate Editor; and Seta Yavru-Sakuk, Graphic Arts/Illustrator. This year we realized approximately \$4,000 in income from the solicitation of advertisements in the NOR TAR, which partially offset its publication cost.

The SUNDAY BULLETIN has been published weekly to inform our faithful of important events, meaningful scriptures and liturgical information.

<u>NEW MEMBERSHIP</u>: During the past year, a good number of new members joined St. Thomas, thus strengthening our parish. Both old and new members are precious to us and vital to our continued prosperity.

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>: Our Sunday School continues to thrive under the leadership of Mrs. Shnorig Bashian, Director, and her dedicated staff of teachers. Their time and effort are truly appreciated. I was the lecturer at the Sunday School's religious education program on November 7th, and attend and support all their special events.

KIRIKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL: The Armenian School also continues to flourish under the Leadership of Mrs. Ani Capan, Superintendent, and her excellent faculty members. Their time and effort are truly appreciated. I support and attend all their programs.

<u>ECUMENICAL</u>: I also serve as a member of the Tenafly Clergy Council, representing St. Thomas Armenian Church.

Good Friday: On Good Friday, I, in the name of St. Thomas Church, hosted a special ecumanical service which took place at our Church. At the ecumenical service I also delivered the sermon.

<u>COMMUNITY RELATIONS</u>: I continue to promote and maintain good relations between government and our church. We were honored to have N.J. Senator Frank Lautenberg and Tenafly Mayor Walter Hemberger and Mrs. Hemberger as special guests at our 27th Anniversary Dinner on Palm Sunday, April 12th.

<u>HOME BLESSINGS</u>: I have personally blessed 125 homes, thus getting to know my wonderful parishioners and their families.

<u>COUNSELLING & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</u>: My pastoral activities this year have included family counselling and religious education. I am always eager and available to be of assistance to all members of our flock in times of personal need or misfortune.

CHURCH CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS: All our church clubs and organizations are very important to St. Thomas. They have my unequivocal support, and I have attended their special functions. The Women's Guild, Men's Club, ACYOA, Avak Society, Choir, New Directions, Sunday School and Kirikian Armenian School are the pillars of our parish, and they are the key to uniting us all into one family. I applaud them and all their wonderful members.

YOUTH PROGRAMS: I am especially grateful for the sincere and hardworking young people we have in our parish. Our Sunday School and Armenian School students, Junior Choir and ACYOA members are our future church leaders, so it is imperative that we provide them with the best possible Christian-Armenian training and foundation at St. Thomas. During the past year our youth have been a true credit to us, serving on the altar, assisting at important parish events such as the Anniversary Dinner, Memorial Day Picnic and Bazaar, participating in religious services at Easter and Christmas, and enthusiastically "pitching in" whenever called upon. How inspiring it was to see young people of all ages and from all our church groups participating together on December 24th, when we celebrated American Christmas Eve with special all-English church services! I have made it a priority to support and encourage them in every way possible and truly appreciate the enthusiasm with which they have responded. I am committed to promoting and expanding our youth programs in the future, both religious and recreational.

In conclusion, my past year at St. Thomas has been most gratifying. Our rapidly growing membership is a healthy sign, and I am pleased that so many of the Armenians who now live in Bergen County have joined our church. There is tremendous potential here, as evidenced by the <u>record-breaking crowds</u> that have been present at our religious services and events the past year. Our 1992 fundraisers surpassed previous years' events in profits and attendance. Our Bookstore has also been reorganized and expanded under its conscientious new Director, Dikris Malool, whose sales speak for themselves.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

St. Thomas & the Karabagh Committee: On October 30, 1992, St. Thomas in conjunction with the Karabagh Committee organized a lecture and a fundraiser at St. Thomas Church. St. Thomas was the first Armenian Church that undertook such an action with the Karabagh Committee.

<u>World Renowned Scholar:</u> Professor Pars Tuglaci, a world renowned Armenian scholar, on the history of Armenians in Contantinople, lectured on March 29, 1992 at St. Thomas before a capacity crowd.

<u>Kef Night:</u> Kef Night which took place on December 4, 1992, was a very successful fundraiser for St. Thomas Church. My heartfelt thanks to Sylva & Jack Torossian and the members of the committee.

<u>New Year's Eve:</u> 1992 came to a grand finale with a gala New Year's Eve Dinner-Dance on December 31st that glowed with fellowship and good cheer. What a magnificent occasion it was for our church family to usher in the New Year! Heartfelt thanks to Arpi Arslanian and her committee.

In December, the Parish Council, Board of Trustees, Diocesan Delegates and I sent the attached letter to our parishioners, reminding them that all Armenians are welcome at St. Thomas Church. Regardless of origin, together we constitute one Christian-Armenian Family. I pray that our blessed parish will continue to grow in the future, and I look forward to serving God and St. Thomas for many years to come.

Very Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian

CHAIRPERSON'S PERSONAL REFLECTIONS ("IT IS DONE")

As a member of the Council for six years and Chairperson for three of those years, my main goal has always been to work for the "Church" and refrained from any personal agenda. The benefit to the Church has been paramount in each of my actions and decisions. While my decisions have not always been popular, they did represent the best ones that I could make with the information I had at that time.

Now that I have completed my tenure, I simply want to express my best wishes to my successor and sincerely hope that he or she will not have to contend with the numerous misunderstandings and conflicts that have spanned my last few years and will enjoy a tenure of peace and harmony.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the warm and gracious parishioners who welcomed me, a non-Armenian, into their church family some twenty years ago.

I thank, too, my colleagues that served with me on the Council these past six years as well as my two Pastors. There were times of agreement and those of disagreement; but even with strong disagreement, while I sometimes experienced anger, never malice.

My successors will face some new problems. In my opinion, the most urgent problem facing St. Thomas is the task for accommodating the needs of both the old-timers and the newer parishioners.

We must both reach out to one another.

It will be accomplished, sooner or later -- why not sooner?

Joanne Torigian Chairperson

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

During this past year St. Thomas increased the number of its members by approximately a total parish membership of approximately 705.

We are indeed a goodly number and by working together as a unified church family have every opportunity to attain meaningful accomplishments in 1993.

REPORT OF FUNCTIONS & OTHER MATTERS

ANNIVERSARY DINNER:

This year, it will be held on Sunday, April 4th (Palm Sunday). We will be honored by the presence of our Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian. St. Thomas Award recipients will be Dr. & Mrs. Haroutune Mekhjian.

In addition there will be the Haig Markarian Tribute. Planning Committee Chaired by Jack Charshafian.

BAZAAR:

November 14th & 15th, 1992. Chaired by Mr. & Mrs. Gregory & Richard Saraydarian. Our net profit was approx. \$45,000.00. Our heartfelt thanks to this warm and gracious family and their committee for enabling St. Thomas to enjoy one of its most successful Bazaars.

BUILDING CONTRACTOR SETTLEMENT:

Al Victoria negotiated a settlement with Kiseli Brothers in the amount of \$22,500. Kiseli made final repairs to doors, beams, and the roof. This leaves approximately \$39,000 in the dissolved Building Committee Fund. Thank you, Al, for consummating this final settlement.

COMPUTER OPERATIONS:

A second computer has now been acquired through donations and Parish Council assistance. Its purpose is to be used for accounting for which Puzant Torigian donated a wide carriage printer. Aram Setian made the software installation so that both computers are compatible and interchangeable. The cost was \$1,600 above the printer. The accounting data entries are now being made by the church secretary.

COPY MACHINE:

A new Xerox copy machine was leased for 36 months at \$185.00/mo. Thanks to Charles Amerkanian for making this arrangement.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY 1992:

Held on April 22 to May 3 in Boca Raton, Fla. Delegates in attendance: Victor Arzoomanian, George Mekenian, Shakae Shahinian, and Joanne Torigian. This year more attention was given to the Youth (our future). The Assembly generously devoted one-half day's session to allow the youth to express their concerns and needs.

EXTERNAL AUDITOR:

The 1992 Parish Assembly had voted to engage an External Auditor to examine and report on the validity of the 1991 financial records of the Church and its collective organizations. The P.C. appointed a Financial Sub-Committee to help select an external auditing firm and work with them by providing the necessary data. The Sub-Committee

consisted of Puzant Torigian, Chairman; Charles Amerkanian; Grace Hagopian; Leon Nigohosian. The Very Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian and Joanne Torigian were ex-officio members. A mid-sized firm, experienced in church auditing, was chosen by name of Bedros Tashjian, C.P.A., P.C.

FUND RAISERS:

This year, the Church had two additional fund raisers: Kef-Night, December 4, Chaired by Sylva Torosian; and New Year's Eve, Co-Chaired by Arpie Arslanian and Sylva Der Stepanian. Thank you ladies for making these festivities successful events.

HALL RENTALS:

Proposed net income for 1992: \$35,000 actual; \$40,000 plus. All Hall Rentals are now handled through the Church Office.

LANDSCAPING:

The P.C. voted to have the landscaping done by an outside company, since the custodian was unable to attend to it. Virginia Victoria as Grounds Liaison was able to engage a professional landscaper to cut the lawn for \$120 each cutting. He did a general spring cleanup for approximately \$800 and does snow removal for \$150 each time. Thank you, Virginia.

This year the landscaper re-dressed the area designated as a Memorial to Mrs. Michael Fuhrmann. Mr. Fuhrmann donates \$1,000 annually for this purpose.

LIBRARY (The Rev. Arnak & Yeretzgin Violet Kasparian Library):

Committee Members: Very Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian; Virginia Victoria, Chairperson; Shnorig Bashian; Ani Capan; Susan Shamamian; and Seta Yavru-Sakuk. The Committee is actively working towards organizing this library.

MEMORIALS:

- (1) Eileen Barsamian: Stained-glass window (Mt. Ararat). This window is to be revised and is scheduled to be installed around mid Feb. 1993.
- (2) Choir: Stained-glass window (Gomidas) to be completed and installed by mid Feb.1993. Well deserved accolades to Seta Yavru-Sakuk, the artist, and Al Victoria for locating the glass artisans, negotiating prices and working closely with them. Many thanks.

MEMORIAL FUNDS:

This past year the P.C. was obliged to vote on a new Board of Directors to tend to the Caspar M. Kasparian Memorial Fund. This was done in accordance with the Fund's Charter & By-Laws. New Board members are: The Very Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian, Pres.; Lillian Kasparian Chapian, Chairperson; Dr. Levon Capan, Vice-Chairperson; Henry Hagopian, Treasurer; and Charles Amerkanian, Secretary.

MORTGAGE:

In October 1992 members of the Board of Trustees made the following proposal to

pay off the Church mortgage of \$117,000: To the \$39,000 remaining in the Building Fund, Nazar Nazarian would add \$11,000 plus the Trustees would transfer approximately \$55,000, which was the balance after the refurbishing of the Parish House. An additional balance of approx. \$12,000 required to pay off the mortgage would be borrowed from a bank.

The majority of the Council members enthusiastically accepted the idea, however, felt that, it should be decided upon by the Parish Assembly.

SECRETARY:

Our gracious and efficient secretary is Mary Tashjian. Mary has worked for the Hovnanian Armenian School as well as the private sector. She has an excellent command of both English and Armenian and is exceedingly conscientious towards her work. Welcome, Mary.

MISCELLANEOUS:

With respect to the two articles that disappeared from the Church, namely the sculpture of Der Arnak's head and the Men's Club VCR: we were allotted \$850 by our insurance company. Of this sum, \$600 was given to Der Arnak and \$250 to the Men's Club.

SPECIAL THANKS!

Memorial/Endowment Funds - for assistance given this year towards:

Caspar M. Kasparian - Christian Education George Shahinian - Cultural Martin (Sonny) Tashjian - Sports

For Filling a need: Dr. Haig Garjian, Car Raffle Chairman; Dr. Haroutune Mekhjian, Picnic Chairman; Michel Izmirly, Picnic Co-ordinator.

To Sam & Alicia Demirjian for Co-Chairing one of our most successful Anniversary Dinners.

To the Torosian Brothers, Hagop & Misak, for refurbishing the Votive Candle areas in memory of their father.

To Rupen Saddler for his generous donation towards Choir Shabigs.

To all who generously supported and worked diligently for the Ryan Kashishian Memorial Fund.

To our Custodian Yang and his wife Azizah for keeping St. Thomas in good order and always doing their chores with a smile.

The following represent Your 1992 Parish Council:

ASSIGNMENT NAME LIAISON

President V. Rev. Fr. P. Anoushian

Joanne Torigian Chairperson Vice-Chairman Dr. Levon Capan Choir/Memorial Funds

Susan Shamamian Secretary Grace Hagopian Treasurer

Charles Amerkanian Supplies/Bldg.Maint. Pledge/Membership/ Ara Babigian

Co-Chairman Sylva Der Stepanian Armenian School Richard Keuraiian Bldg./Maint.

W.Guild/Men's Club Joseph Kalemkerian Gregory Tembekjian ACYOA Jrs. & Srs.

Pledges/Mmbrshp/S.Sch. Virginia Victoria

DIOCESAN DELEGATES

Victor Arzoomanian George Mekenian Arthur Azarik, Alternate Shakae Shahinian

The Parish Council met on the second Tuesday of each month, with additional meetings when necessary. Meetings were well attended with an average monthly attendance of 95%. Sunday Church attendance of Parish Council members was good with always two members every Sunday. Parish Council meetings were presided over by the President, Very Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian. Meetings were conducted by the Chairperson, Joanne Torigian. The Council meetings were always open to interested individuals, Delegates, Trustees and Parish organizations.

This year the Parish Council met twice with the Board of Trustees.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1992

Armenian Christmas Eve Service and Badarak followed by light supper. Jan 4

Armenian Christmas followed by Armenian School Dinner & 5 Program chaired by Ruby Kherlopian & Madlen Setian.

Badarak at Emerson Home and Women's Guild visitation. 6

Bible Study Classes & Lecture by Very Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian for a period of 12 weeks. House-warming for Fr. Papken chaired by Grace Hagopian & Virginia Victoria.

- 11 25th Annual Sports Dance.
- 19 Church Women United sponsored by Women's Guild "Blanket Sunday".
- 26 Parish Assembly Session I.
- Feb 2 Parish Assembly Session II & Elections.
 - 3 World premiere performance, in New Jersey of Paul Kalinian's production "William Saroyan the man, the writer".
 - 8 Art Auction sponsored by Women's Guild.
 - 14-16 ACYOA Jrs. Sports Weekend.
 - 28 Leap Year Pot Luck Supper sponsored by Women's Guild.
 - 29 Poon Paregentan Party & Fair for Kirikian Armenian School & Sunday School.
- March 1 Sunday School cake sale.
 - 2, 9 & 16 Armenian History classes by Dr. George Bournoutian.
 - 14 Sunday School Teachers' Seminar.
 - 27 Women's Guild Fish & Chips Dinner.
 - 29 Armenian Lecture by noted scholar and historian Parsegh Toughlajian.
- April 2 Women's Saints Day.
 - 12 Palm Sunday Anniversary Dinner Co-Chaired by Alicia & Sam Demirjian. St. Thomas Award recipients Alyce & Edward Parseghian.
 - 16 Maundy Thursday Badarak at Emerson Home and Women's Guild visitation.
 - 18 Armenian & Sunday School Easter Communion and Breakfast. Easter Eve Services followed by fellowship.
 - 29 Kirikian Armenian School Annual Spring Brunch.
- May 23 35th Annual Cotillion sponsored by Women's Guild and Chaired by Celia Martaian. Held at Sheraton Crossroads Hotel.
 - 27 Memorial Day Picnic Chaired by Dr. Haroutune Mekhjian and coordinated by Michel Izmirly. Car Raffle Chaired by Dr. Haig Garjian.
 - 30 Armenian Spring Dance sponsored by Knights & Daughters of Vartan.
 - 31 Gomidas Choir Sang Badarak.
- June 7 Sunday School Graduation and Reception.
 - 14 Kirikian Armenian School Annual Hantes.
- July 10 First Anniversary Pot Luck Dinner for Fr. Papken.
 - 20 Women's Guild Blood Drive.
- August 16 Blessing of the Grapes. Choir Bake Sale.
- Sept. 12 Kirikian Armenian School Registration.
 - 13 Pilgrimage The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Sunday School Registration
- Sept. 13 Pot Luck Brunch.
 - 17 Armenian History Lectures (12 weeks). Conducted by Dr. George Bournoutian.
 - 20 Ryan Kashishian Kidney Fund Walk A Thon.
 - 24 "Avak Society" Luncheon Sponsored by the Women's Guild.

- Oct.9 11 ACYOA Jr. Sports Weekend, Wynnewood, Pa.
 - 28 Women's Guild Membership Tea.
- Nov. 8 Vagram Saradjian World famous Armenian cellist John Harms Theater, Englewood.
 - 14 & 15 St. Thomas Annual Bazaar Co-chaired by Gregory & Richard Saraydarian.
 - 14 Christian Education Seminar & Lectures by Very Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian.
 - 19 St. Thomas Blood Drive.
- Dec. 4 Kef Night.
 - 24 American Christmas Eve Services and Fellowship.
 - 31 New Year's Eve Celebration.

In addition, ongoing activities of the Parish include: Armenian and Church School activities and weekly classes; meetings of the Men's Club, Women's Guild, Parish Council, Trustees, Avaks, ACYOA Jrs./Srs., and Maintenance committee; Choir rehearsals, Church Basketball team's practices and games, and the making of Mahs.

St. Thomas has undertaken several outreach activities to extend itself to others in need. On a monthly basis, a parish organization prepares a meal for a men's shelter in Paterson; this year we have sent monies to organizations that were in need.

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 1992:

- ACYOA Jrs. Harout Mekhjian, Jr., Chairperson
- ACYOA Srs. Violet Nercessian and Darren Amerkhanian
- Anniversary Dinner Sam & Alicia Demirjian
- Bazzar Cake Sale Dr. Haroutune & Mrs. Shake Mekhjian
- Anniversary Cake Sale Jack & Sylva Torosian
- Architectural & Facilities Management Committee Moses Kazanjian, Chairman
- Armenian Churches Sports Association Douglas Martaian, Vice Chairman Sports Reps.: Douglas Martaian & Levon Altiparmakian

Girls' Coaches: Andrew Martaian, Susan Chagachbanian, Levon Altiparmakian,

Jr. Boys: Douglas Martaian,

Sr. Boys: Douglas Martaian and Andrew Martaian,

Men's Team: Robert Sarajian

- Armenian School Ani Capan, Superintendent
- Avak Society Nish Ohanesian, Chairman
- 1992 Bazaar Committee Gregory & Richard Saraydarian Co-Chairmen
- Board of Trustees Dr. Harout Mekhjian, Chairman, & Edward Bashian, Vice Chairman
- Book Store Dikris Malool
- Car Raffle Dr. Haig Garjian
- Choir Director & Organist Susan Shamamian; and Eugenie Amerkanian,

Chairperson

- Christian Education & Sunday School Shnorig Bashian, Director
- Christmas Cards Dikris Malool
- Church Custodians Yang & Azizah
- 1992 Cotillion Committee Celia Martaian, Chairperson
- Holiday Flowers Virgina Victoria
- Mahs Violet Ouzoonian, Coordinator
- Men's Club Dick Donigian, Chairman, & Dick Keurajian, Vice Chairman
- Outreach to St. Paul's Shelter for the Homeless Bertha Vaniskhian
- Photographers-Alyce Parseghian & Madlen Setian
- Rug Sales Edward Bashian, Michel Izmirly
- Secretary Mary Tashjian
- Women's Guild Adrienne Tenbekjian, Chairperson; Alyce Parseghian, Vice-Chairperson

For the Parish Council:

V.Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian

Joanne Torigian

Susan Shamamian

President

Chairman

Secretary

BOARD OF TRUSTEES CASH REPORT - DEC.31,1992

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Balance Beginning	\$100,000.00	•
Interest Income -	12 20 5 00	
Jan.91 - Dec. 31, 1992	12,295.00	
TOTAL		\$112,295.00
Less Disbursement:		
Parish House Renovation	46,379.00	
Bank Charges: Certified Checks	34.00	
Transfer to St. Thomas Treasury	6,500.00	
Total Disbursement		52,013.00
Cash Balance December 31, 1992		\$59,382.00
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A. C. E. F. FUND, DECEMBER 31. 1992

Vahan Barsamian Memorial Fund	\$5,700.00
Edward Bashian & Family Fund	2,000.00
Serge & Vickie Ganan Memorial Fund	1,745.00
Zakar & Vartoohe Goshgarian Memorial	1,100.00
Fr. Arnak & Yeretsgin Kasparian Fund	5,000.00
Caspar Kasparian Memorial Fund	61,434.51
Annosh Kavazanjian/Kassabian Memorial	1,035.00
Dr. Haroutune & Shake Mekhjian Fund	5,000.00
Arthur & Dorothy Otchy Fund	1,200.00
St. Thomas Armenian Church A.C.E.F.	2,875.00
George Shahinian Memorial Fund	20,586.00
Martin (Sonny) Tashjian Memorial Fund	7,885.00
Ardashes & Siranoush Tekirian	2,595.00

Total: \$118,155.51

MEMORIAL DONORS, DECEMBER 31, 1992

Michael Fuhrman	\$1,000.00
Araxie Pichigian	300.00
Vahan Najarian	500.00
Michel Izmirly	500.00
Edward Bashian	500.00
Rupen Saddler	500.00
Dr. & Mrs. Mekhjian	500.00

\$3,800.00

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman

- Moses Kazanjian
- Members
- Andy Ouzoonian
- Dick Keurajian
- Puzant Torigian
- Albert Victoria

The Builder's claim and our counter claim were finally settled by St. Thomas agreeing to pay the builder the sum of \$25,000.00 and releasing him of any further liability upon the Builder replacing eight doors, refinishing the laminated beams and releasing St. Thomas of any further liability. We feel this settlement was very favorable to us financially.

The Parish House renovation and furnishing were completed under the supervision of our committee and paid for the Trustees of St. Thomas. The final cost of this renovation was \$46,379.00

The following projects were undertaken by the Committee:

- 1. The candle niches at the rear of the Church were marbled to protect against fire hazard. This enhancement was donated by the Torosian Brothers.
- 2. The repair of the marble floor in the Atrium was started and will be completed in 1993.
- 3. The steps and the slate landing at the entrance to the church were repaired and repointed.
- 4. The rooftop HVAC ducting was rewraped and painted.
- 5. New roof was installed behind the alter and extensive work was performed on the Atrium roof to stop the leaks, our efforts were only partially successful. We will continue to work towards the solution of this problem.

The work listed above cost approximately \$7,000.00.

It is mandatory that immediately \$30,000.00 a year be put into a fund to be used by this Committee for ongoing repairs and build up reserves for future capital improvements. These moneys were approved by the special assembly in June '91 and reconfirmed at the annual assembly in February '92 but to this date never made available to us.

The following are some projects that the committee feels should be completed in 1993:

- 1. Complete the repairs to the Atrium marble floor and repolish the entire floor, estimated cost \$3,000.
- 2. Complete the roof repairs to the entire church complex, estimated cost \$15,000.
- 3. Structural repairs to the wood plank roof in one of the classrooms, estimated cost \$3,000.

Replace the computerized control for the Atrium HVAC unit, cost \$900. Moses Kazanjian

BUILDING COMMITTEE CASH REPORT - NOV.1982-DEC.1992

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CHECKS RECEIVED:		
Pledges	1,026,405.66	
Mortgage: First Fidelity Bank	150,000.00	
Loan: St. Thomas Trustees	135,000.00	
Interest from Investment	44,990.89	
Parish Treasury:		
Interest Payment	30,000.00	
Mortgage Payment	40,000.00	
Affairs	17,355.22	
Jokes	49.41	
Profit Sharing	100.00	
Cake Sales	6,842.00	
Exchanges	1,912.01	
Total Deposits		1,452,655.19
DISBURSEMENTS		
Expansion Contract	994,227.16	
Kitchen Equipment	37,428.15	
Water Retention	16,196.20	(x,y) = (x,y) + (x,y
Tiles for Atrium & Carpeting	49,219.92	
Telephone System & Paging	9,138.52	
Interest Expenses	70,584.96	
Prof. Luders, Avakian, Siegler,		
Hurban, Lyon:	79,771.40	
Permits	2,508.98	
Security System	2,760.00	
Wood Stain, Painting, Lighting		
& Acoustic	19,227.02	
Lawning, Landscaping & Paving	44,673.77	
Stationery, Printing & Postage	779.07	
Affairs	16,486.91	
Heating System	33,017.21	
Railing & Store Room	11,682.00	
Ladies Room	7,789.13	
Repairs	7,688.28	
Exchange	4,273.01	
Total Disbursements		1,407,451.69
Bank Balance		45,203.50
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The above balance include \$11,000 - Earmarked for mortgage payment.

CHURCH GROUNDS - LANDSCAPING

This past year an outside lawn service was used for maintenance. After getting several bids, the contractor selected was reliable and good. Spring cleanup was done in a timely fashion. Also, the area subsidized by the Fuhrmann family was cleared, trimmed and beautified.

Snow removal has also been arranged for at a substantial saving.

Plans for the future beautification of our grounds are being worked on. Consideration is being given to doing one section at time and perhaps dedicating each section to a particular family who will be annually responsible for maintenance, or in memory of someone or to commemorate an important occasion. This can be done either singly or by a group. Our grounds are beautiful and with good planning can be spectacular.

Virginia M. Victoria Grounds Chairman

ARMENIAN HISTORY

We have just completed a successful ten week series of Armenian History lectures with Dr. George Bournoutian. A survey course of the Armenians from the earliest years until the present time was stimulating and very interesting. A three week mini-series is being planned for the spring.

Virginia Victoria

CASPAR M. KASPARIAN MEMORIAL FUND

The St. Thomas Armenian Church Caspar M. Kasparian Memorial Fund was established in 1979. The Charter approved by the Annual Parish Assembly stated that the purpose of this fund is "To provide full or partial scholarships to primarily further the religious education of the youth of St. Thomas, and in exceptional cases full-time seminary students of the Diocese of the Armenian Church or youth of Holy Cross Parish of New York and St. Mary Parish of Washington, D.C. In addition the Fund also provides financial assistance to the St. Thomas Christian Education Department, sponsors retreats for Sunday School teachers and provides full or partial scholarships for St. Thomas children to attend the Diocesan St. Vartan Summer Camp.

During the summer of 1992, nine St. Thomas youngsters were awarded scholarship assistance to attend the Saint Vartan Camp.

Scholarship assistance was also granted to sub-deacon Gregory Doudoukjian who is concluding his studies at St. Nersess Seminary.

In March and November, Shnorig Bashian, Sunday School Superintendent, hosted day-long seminars for Sunday School Teachers in our church complex. The expenses for these programs were underwritten by the Kasparian Fund.

Through activities such as the Summer Camp and Seminars the Fund seeks to encourage the religious education experience of the St. Thomas community.

The current members of the Board of Directors are:

- Very Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian - President Ex-Officio

- Lillian Chapian - Chairperson

- Dr. Levon Capan - Vice-Chairperson

Henry Hagopian Jr.
 Charles Amerkanian
 Secretary

Prior to November 9, 1992 the out-going directors were Joseph Kalemkerian, George Mekenian, and Thomas Merjanian.

CASPAR M. KASPARIAN MEMORIAL FUND 1992 FINANCIAL REPORT

Open	ing Balance - Checking Account Income - ACEF		\$4.151.92 4,060.00	
			\$8,211.92	
Disb	irsements -			
	Church Sunday School	375.08		
	Greg Doudoukjian-Seminarian	1,000.00		
	Nerses Demerjian for Viken	275.00		
	Allice Avenian for Shant	275.00		
	Adrenee Aiazian for Armen	275.00		
	Shnorig Bashian for Aram	137.50	,	
	Thomas Merjanian for Berge	200.00		
	Thomas Tovmasian for Lucy	200.00		
	Aren Jebejian for Diran	300.00		
	John Vaniskhian for Darren	300.00		
	Joseph Kalemkerian for Mary	300.00		
*	Reinvestment - ACEF	3,434.51		
**	Commercial Checking Account Fees	119.14	7,191.23	
	Ending Balance			1,020.69

^{*} The present ACEF fund balance as of 9/29/92 is \$86,434.51

^{**} This account will be converted to a nonprofit organization type.

GEORGE SHAHINIAN MEMORIAL FUND 1992

Principal at ACEF		\$20,586.00
Balance on Hand, December 31,1991		(181.27)
April 1991 ACEF Interest	<u>Income</u> 1,441.02	<u>Disbursement</u>
December 1991-Kirikian School	,	500.00
December 1991-ACYOA SRS. December 1991-Children of Armenia		250.00
2 Sponsorships @ \$200		400.00
	1,441.02	1,400.00
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BALANCE ON HAND - DEC. 31,1992

MARTIN SONNY TASHJIAN MEMORIAL FUND

(\$140.25)

Upon the death of Martin Sonny Tashjian on August 11, 1981, donations in the amount of \$5,624 in lieu of flowers were given to St. Thomas to be set up into an endowment fund with the Armenian Church Endowment fund of our Diocese.

The fund was established on December 29, 1982 for \$5,100 with the stipulation that all interest accrued to be given to St. Thomas. As of November 25, 1992 the balance in this account is \$7,885.10.

For the past six years, the interest accrued has been given to the St. Thomas Basketball Team to pay for the rental of our hall for their annual Sports Dance. The fund also assisted towards the rental of a bus by the A.C,Y.O.A. Since there are no officers overlooking this fund, the decision as to how the interest is used is decided by Mrs. Sonia Tashjian and the Parish Council.

ACYOA - (SENIORS)

Violet Nercessian

- Chairman

Darren Amerkanian

- Vice Chairman

Levon Altiparmakian

- Recording/Corresponding Secretary

Margaret Akian

- Treasurer

Suzanne Demirjian

- Juniors Liaison

The ACYOA holds monthly meetings throughout the year, at the Chairman's discretion. In 1992, two main events were planned:

- 1. Fundraising Dance with the AYF. Profit of \$1,400 was made which will be donated to the church and another charity organization once all parties settle accounts.
- 2. Halloween Masquerade Dance. Profit of \$300 was made.

Also, a fundraising "Choreg Sale" was done on Easter. A profit of \$300 was made.

The ACYOA has mostly had small social events (without money transactions) such as:

- a) Ski Trip in January 1992
- b) Super Bowl Party in January 1992
- c) Volleyball throughout summer
- d) Trip to Great Adventure in August 1992
- e) Holiday Party in December 1992
- f) Apple Picking in Upstate New York in September 1992

The purpose right now for the ACYOA is more on a social level: Trying to keep all members together and maintain interest, as well as encouraging active participation in the church (for events sponsored by the church).

There are approximately 20 active members and about 12-15 show up regularly for the meetings.

The treasury, right now, holds \$1,500. We are planning a couple more fundraisers in order to make our charity contributions on a larger scale.

Also, a car wash was held on May 17th for the Ryan Kashishian Kidney Fund. A donation of \$160 was made by the ACYOA.

The Seniors also helped out during the Palm Sunday dinner by being waiters /waitresses, along with the Juniors.

In December 1992, a donation of \$250 was given to the ACYOA by a patron. This money will go towards our sports weekend activities.

Please Note: No dues were taken in 1992 per the request of the ACYOA Central Board of Executives. The offerings taken in by the church on Palm Sunday were to go directly to Central Executives and this was to replace all dues obligations by the ACYOA.

ACYOA JRS.

At our first meeting in September the officers were elected:

- Harout Mekhjian Jr.

- Chairman

- Talia Jebejian

- Vice-Chairman

- Peter Jarahian

- Treasurer

- Peter Jaranian

· Treasurer

Nadine Yavru-Sakuk

- Secretary

During the Bazaar we sold raffle tickets.

On Saturday, December 5, 1992 we went Ice-Skating.

On December 24, our members participated in the American Christmas Eve Service by singing in the choir.

On January 15, 1993, there will be a Lock-In at St. Thomas.

On January 16, 1993, we are invited to Holy Martyrs Armenian Church to a Winter Dance.

On the weekend of February 14th St. Thomas Armenian Church and St. Leon Armenian Church are jointly hosting a Retreat.

A.C.Y.O.A. JUNIORS TREASURER'S REPORT

First Fidelity Bank

Checking Account - Balance

\$1,193.12

George Shahinian Memorial Fund -

Check being held by H.A.Mekhjian, Jr.

_250.00

TOTAL

\$1,443.12

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Peter Vartan Jarahian Treasurer

AVAK SOCIETY SENIOR CITIZENS

TREASURER'S REPORT - 1992

OFFICERS:

-	Nish Ohanesian	- Chairman
-	Anne Stepabian	- Secretary
-	Helen Avedisian	- Treasurer
-	Sonia Darakjian	- Asst. Treasurer
-	Bertha Poosikian	- Advisor
-	Betty Papazian	- Advisor
-	Zareh Darakjian	- Advisor

Membership as of November 19, 1992

Balance as of November 14, 1991			3,873.35
	Income	Expenses	
Weekly Dues	3,021.45		
Membership Dues	279.00		ι
Donations	437.00		
Profit on sale of Cheoreg & Lamajun	42.25		
Interest on Savings Account	138.01		
Profit on Mothers & Fathers Day Luncheon	235.00		
Refreshments		1,318.40	
Donations		60.00	
St. Thomas Church		2,000.00	
Cost of making Cheoreg for St. Thomas		49.65	
Supplies		10.00	
Custodian		45.00	
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	4,152.71	3,483.05	669.66

Midlantic Bank Checking Account...... 699.40

Midlantic Bank Savings Account......3,702.61 4,543.01

SENIOR CHOIR

Chairperson:

Eugenie Amerkanian Gladys Fenarjian

Vice-Chairperson: Treasurer:

Rose Ann Arzoomanian

Choir Director/Organist:

Susan Shamamian

Advisors:

Eileen Barsamian, Rose Mekenian & Susan Shamamian

Parish Council Liaison:

Dr. Levon Capan

St. Thomas Church Choir currently has 44 members (this includes Deacons and Altar Servers). Serving on the altar during this year were: Deacons Manuk Capan, Hirant Gulian and Bedros Sarkissian; and Altar Servers Levon Altiparmakian, Krikor Kurceren and Andrew Martaian.

Our Choir Director/Organist, Susan Shamamian, faithfully performed her duties every Sunday, as well as holding a minimum of 2 rehearsals a month, including during the summer. We are all very grateful for her time and devotion. And to our choir members for their faithful attendance at Badarak and rehearsals. We thank them.

Calendar of Events:

<u>February</u>: The choir acquired 15 new choir veils. Funded by the Vahan Barsamian Memorial Fund.

<u>April</u>: Sunday, April 19, our traditional Easter Plate collection was again successful, thanks to the generous contributions of our parishioners.

May: The Gomidas Choir sang during the Badarak, after which a luncheon was given in their honor, hosted by our choir.

June: Bake Sale following Badarak. Proceeds went to the Ryan Kashishian Fund. The choir participated in the Pichigian Wedding.

July: Mr. Rupen Saddler donated \$1,000 towards the Choir Robe Project.

<u>August</u>: Bake Sale following Badarak. Proceeds went towards the Choir Robe Project. <u>October</u>:Choir Annual Assembly, held in Cambridge, Mass., was attended by delegates Mary and Harry Sanossian.

November: The choir participated in the Najarian and Ohanian Weddings. Our choir again participated in the Bazaar by having an Ice Cream and Yogurt Booth. Most of the Ice cream was donated by Van Dyke's Ice Cream, Midland Park, N.J.; All toppings for our ice cream were generously donated by Yum-Yum Yogurt, Cliffside Park, N.J. The choir members together with a few parishioners enjoyed serving. The booth has become a fun as well as profitable booth for our bazaar.

It was a busy and most productive year for our choir. Choir robes have been ordered, thanks to generous contributions. We participated in weddings and funerals. We are now looking forward to the New Year with the much enthusiasm. Our happy group of beautiful voices are always ready and willing to sing. New members are always welcomed!

CHOIR TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on Hand, Jan.1,1992	\$1,677.36 <u>Income</u>	Expenses
Photos for Ed. Daghlian Retirement Dinner		\$ 74.90
Veils (15) AACCA		150.00
Vahan Barsamian	150.00	150.00
Memorial Fund-St. Thomas Church	130.00	
Stained-glass window balance		1,350.00
Easter Plate Collection	310.00	1,550.00
AACCA	510.00	150.00
Expenses for Gomidas Choir Luncheon		49.58
Cake Sale	224.00	.,,,,,
Flowers for Mary Sanossian		29.25
Ryan Kashishian Kidney Fund		150.00
Donation for Choir Robes-		
Mr.Levon Muhibian	50.00	
Mrs. Lucy Pichigian	200.00	
Dr.& Mrs. Levon Capan	100.00	
Mr. Rupen Saddler	1,000.00	
Miss Lucy Nakashian	100.00	
(in memory of Diane Nakashian)		
Dr.& Mrs. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk	100.00	
Mr. Hrant Yavru-Sakuk	100.00	
(in memory of Arshavir Yavru Sakuk)		
Anonymous	300.00	
Mrs. Ohanian	250.00	
Holy Trinity Armenian Church		100.00
Convention Souvenir Booklet	-	
Cake Sale	255.00	
Flowers for Dorothy Kehiayan	•	29.50

Balance on Hand as of December 31,1992 - \$2733.13*

^{*\$1,690} earmarked for 26 choir robes

^{*\$ 800} earmarked for choir books

^{*\$ 200} earmarked for final balance of stained-glass window

JUNIOR CHOIR

The St. Thomas Junior Choir for youngsters ages 9-13 continued its rehearsals twice a month this year, with Very Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian as Director and Susan Shamamian as Conductor. These sessions included instruction in the meaning of the Divine Liturgy, as well as learning Armenian Church sharagans.

Approximately 20 boys and girls sang the Badarak along with the Senior Choir on Armenian Christmas Eve (January 4), Palm Sunday (April 12), and also performed at the Annual Palm Sunday/Anniversary Dinner in 1992. In addition, they participated in the Choir on American Christmas Eve (December 24).

The Junior Choir continues to rehearse in preparation for future events.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- I <u>SUNDAY SCHOOL'S MISSION</u>: The mission of our Sunday School is to help our students:
- a) Love God through increasing their knowledge of Him.
- b) Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.
- c) Serve Him by serving their fellow men.
- d) Apply Biblical truths to their daily lives so that their lives will change.

II THE STAFF:

- Mrs. Alice Avanian Nursery
- Mrs. Diane Markarian Kindergarten
- Mrs. Silva Torosian First Grade
- Mrs. Mari Camcikian Second Grade
- Mrs. June Kashishian Third Grade
- Mrs. Sossi Salbashian- Fourth Grade
- Mr. Douglas Martaian- Fifth Grade
- Mrs. Jean Karagosian Sixth Grade
- Mrs. Irene Khorozian Seventh Grade
- Mrs. Shnorig Bashian Eighth Grade
- Mrs. Sandra Alpino Ninth Grade
- Mr. John Bashian Tenth Grade
- Mrs. Mania Tovmasian Treasurer
- Mrs. Jean Karagosian Records/Birthday Cards
- Mrs. Shnorig Bashian S. School Superintendent

III TIME & SCHEDULE:

Sunday school classes are held on Sunday mornings from 10:10 - 12:15. There are 12 classes: Nursery - 10th grade, plus the 11th graders who are the graduating class and are in their year of service.

IV **CURRICULUM**:

Sunday School is using the curriculum texts published by the Diocesan Department of Religious Education.

V ASSEMBLY:

The focus of our Assemblies has been to teach the students various parts of the Badarak. In conjunction with this, we are also attending the Badarak at different times. During Assemblies we are also teaching various sharagans, Christian choruses, and various aspects of our faith in Jesus Christ.

VI <u>ACTIVITIES ACCOMPLISHED:</u>

September 13/92 - Registration and first day of Sunday School.

October 31/92 - Sunday School students took part in the "Trick or

Treat for UNICEF"campaign at Halloween.

November 14,15/92-St. Thomas Armenian Church Bazaar. Sunday School had its own booth and made \$1,536 for the church.

November 14/92 - Sunday School Teachers' Seminar.

December 5/92 - "Toy Sale" with Armenian Kirikian School.

December 20/92 - "Christmas Dinner and Program" -- more than 250 people attended.

December 20/92 - Fifth grade released its first issue of "Sunday School News".

VII FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

February 14/93 - Valentine's Day "Pizza Party" after Sunday School.

February 20/93 - Poon Paregentan Party and Fair, 1:00-3:00 P.M.

Organized by Kirikian Armenian School.

February 21/93 - Sunday School Cake Sale.

April 10/93 - Easter Communion and Breakfast, 9:00 A.M.-12:00 noon for all children of St. Thomas Armenian Church.

June 6/93 - Awards and Graduation Reception.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Our thanks go first to God-for giving us another year to serve Him. Next we thank our beloved Pastor, V. Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian, for his spiritual guidance and advice. Then we thank our Parish Council members, the Caspar Kasparian Memorial Fund-Committee, the parents of our Sunday School students and all the members of the Church for their support and encouragement. Special thanks to our devoted Sunday School Teachers for their willingness to teach our children about our faith. Our prayer is that God is pleased with our labor and that He is honored and glorified in all that we do for our Church and our children.

Respectfully submitted by:

Shnorig Bashian Sunday School Superintendent

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TREASURER'S REPORT-1992

Balance on Hand 1/1/92		1,946.18
.,,,,	Expenses	Income
Sunday Offering		607.55
Textbooks	2,184.07	
Registration	·	1,800.00
Fundraising(Bake Sale)		221.25
Christmas Dinner		1,910.00
Donation	80.00	735.00
Miscellaneous	1,747.85	
School Supplies	646.64	i
Events	382.04	
Telephones	422.51	
Postage	72.50	
Adjustment to opening balance	.25	
	5,535.86	7,219.98
	=====	=====
Balance on Hand 12/31/92		\$1,684.12
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KIRIKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL

A vital and growing part of the parish, the Kirikian Armenian School serves in teaching our children their language and instilling pride and knowledge of their ethnic heritage.

The record enrollment this year is 115 students with classes ranging from nursery to seventh grade. Due to a growing need there are now bilingual classes, one for English speaking students and another for bi-lingual students, in the 2nd, 3rd and 5th grades. All children must take a reading and spelling test at the end of each year. The seventh grade students have to pass a comprehensive 3 hour test to graduate for an award. Every grade must also take a standardized test from the Diocese to go on to the next level. Also, an incentive gift is given to encourage promptness.

Trophies or certificates 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 are as noted in our financial report. Funds are raised by the School largely through tuition. The Mothers' Committee is responsible for the Bazaar Booth, Annual Armenian Christmas Dinner, Luncheons, end of year Hantes, the publications of our cookbook (750 cookbooks have already been printed with a 3rd printing ordered), and many other events. We are also deeply grateful for the help our benefactors continually give us.

The special events of the past year included: 1)A Paregentan Fair in February. 2)Commemoration of Holy Translators Day (Soorp Tarkmantchatz) with Mr. Krikor Markarian as a guest art collector of Armenian Art. 3)Hokehankist and fellowship commemorating the Anniversary of the earthquake in Armenia. 4)Commemoration of Armenian Martyrs day.

Executive Committee: Ani Capan, Martha Saraydarian, Seta Yavru-Sakuk, Sam Demirjian, Marion Babigian, Artemis Arslanian, Mary Ann Saraydarian.

Faculty:Ani Capan, Hourig Brookian, Nivart Ezik, Vartuhi Kucukbaltaoglu, Queenie Tashjian, Seta Yavru-Sakuk, Sossi Salbashian, Marie Zokian, Margrit Sinanian, Maro Hajakian, Mari Camcikyan, Siranus Gulbenkian, Nazig Sesetian, Araksi Diratzouian, Mary Tashjian, Shnorig Bashian, Arpi Cankar.

KIRIKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT - 1992

Balance on Hand 12/31/91			\$3,617.16
	<u>Income</u>	Expenses	
Tuition (102 x \$150)	15,300.00	-	
Salaries (\$725x35 Weeks)		25,375.00	<i>:</i>
Armenian Christmas Dinner	5,487.50	3,229.87	
Spring Brunch Knckbker CC	6,125.00	660.16	
Hantes	700.00	967.01	
Bazaar	1,461.55		
Donations	2.208.00	•	
Scarves & Ties Uniform	124.00		
Class Pictures	180.00		
Cap & Gown	284.00	286.00	
Bank Charges		50.00	
Food-Teachers'Meetings		96.00	, et .
Holiday Parties		820.00	
Cookbook	1,172.00	1,025.18	
Taranto Bus Company	750.00	670.00	
St. Vartan Bookstore		3,922.60	
Memorial Donations		75.00	
Xerox Cartridge		271.70	
Diocesan Assembly		287.27	
Postage, Coffee, Supplies	49	1,033.36	
A. Sakarov Foundation Booklet	•	20.00	
Armenian Reporter(Ad/Schl Op	ening)	64.00	
Donation/Sister School in Arme	. •	40.00	
	\$33,792.7 2	\$38,893.25	\$1,483.37)

7,486.00 has been given to the school payable as loans against a CD for 10,000 which is due 2/14/93. (5,000 general use loan and 2,486 payment for the Spring Brunch bill).

MEN'S CLUB REPORT

MEN'S CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD:

- Richard Donigian - Chairman

- Richard Keuraiian - Vice Chairman

Jack Ekizian - Treasurer

- Charles Sarajian - Recording Secretary

Armen Ajamian - Corresponding Secretary

Matthew Keshishian - Publicity

For the year 1992 the Men's Club of St. Thomas was eventful enough to keep it a strong and dedicated group. Purpose of the Men's Club is to support our youth. Through the years we have been sponsors of the St. Thomas basketball teams and this will be a Men's Club responsibility.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month with a dinner prepared by our members, with a program.

Activities include an evening of "Nite at the Races" held in the church hall twice a year and this is a successful fund raiser.

Also the fruit sale which is in December 3 a good money maker. Orders should be placed in November for your fresh oranges and grapefruits.

Two weekends we go to the mountains and have dinner engagements at the Meadowlands Racetrack with our own private room.

Our annual Christmas party is held in December.

The Men's Club strives to do its utmost for St. Thomas; it is a closely knit group that has been in existence for many years.

We will continue to stay on a progressive course for the sake of the St. Thomas Armenian Church.

Richard Donigian - Chairman

MEN'S CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT 1992

Balance on Hand			\$2,210.44
	<u>Income</u>	Expenses	
Membership Dues	510.00		
Postage		139.00	
Dinner Meetings	1,968.00	1,555.00	•
Fruit Sales 1991	147.00	•	
Fruit Sales	4,737.00	3,048.75	
Armenian Churches Sports Assoc	•	1,810.00	
St. Thomas Basketball Uniforms		674.75	4
Get Well Gifts to Members	•	108.11	
Night at the Races	2,852.00	1,492.26	
Speaker Gifts		45.50	
Family Basketball Donations 90-91	135.00		
Tables for Avak Society		112.45	
Ryan Kashashian Fund Raising Dinner		636.76	
Christmas Party 1992	3,465.00	3,900.00	
Super Bowl Party 1991	66.00		
VCR Insurance Settlement	250.00		
	\$14,130.0 0	\$13,522.58	
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Balance on Hand 12/31/92			\$2,817.86

WOMEN'S GUILD 1992 REPORT

EXECUTIVE BOARD (elected)

Chairman: Adrienne Tenbekjian

Vice Chairman/Programs: Alyce Parseghian

Treasurer: Margaret Varbedian

Recording Secretary: Susan Avakian-Stoneson Corresponding Secretary: Marion Kahaumjian Coordinator of Refreshments: Mary Varteresian

Ways & Means: Celia Martaian

Volunteer Coordinators: Grace Hagopian & Beverly Hajinlian

STANDING COMMITTEES (appointed)

Membership: Sona Doudoukjian Devotional: Marion Babigian Publicity: Sonia Takoushian Telephone Chain: Joan Bogosian

Parliamentarian: Yeretzgin Violet Kasparian & Rose Mekenian

Sunshine/Visitation: Elise Poosikian Old Age Home: Violet Ouzoonian Historian: Pauline Pekmezian Social Services: Queenie Tashjian

Church Women United (Key Woman): Grace Haledjian

Mahs: Violet Ouzoonian

Guild Photographer: Alyce Parseghian

Cotillion: Celia Martaian

Dance Group: Arax Parseghian & Madelyn Karanfilian Fish 'n' Chips: Gladys Fenarjian & Mary Lou Pinajian

Art Auction: Susan Avakian-Stoneson

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (elected):

Gladys Fenarjian, Mary Lou Pinajian and Lillian Takourian

WOMEN'S GUILD DELEGATES:

Adrienne Tenbekjian (chairman), Roxy Daghlian, Grace Hagopian & Celia Martaian

PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON: Joseph Kalemkerian

Activities for the year included:

January 6 Emerson Old Age Home - Armenian Christmas Celebration - Chaired: Violet Ouzoonian and Queenie Tashjian

7 Women's Guild Executive Board Meeting at Adrienne Tenbekjian's home

17 Women's Guild General Meeting - Program: "How to make Mahs" led by Violet Ouzoonian

"Blanket Sunday" - Church World Services - Grace Haledjian
 Coordinator for St. Thomas

21 Emerson Old Age Home - January birthday celebration -

	26	Mother/Daughter Cotillion Tea at the home of Celia and Ara Martaian	
Feb	ruary 8 28		
Mar	ch 20	Women's Guild General Meeting - Program: Cheryl Whitman of Face Fantasie - make-up hints	
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Apri	1 2	19th Annual celebration of Women Saint's Day of the Armenian Church - St. Vartan Cathedral - New York. Our Guild did the Church Service portion of the event. Co-chaired: Violet Ouzoonian & Martha Saraydarian	
	3	Preparation meeting for May Fellowship Luncheon - Church	
	16	Women United - Chairman: Sona Jones Emerson Old Age Home - Holy Thursday Church service and	
	21	breakfast - Co-chaired: Bertha Vaniskhian and Anna Maksian Women's Guild General Meeting - Program: Pat Yankus - Director of the St. Pauls Men's Shelter in Paterson, NJ Nominating Committee presented slate of candidates for	
	27	May election Shopping for food for May Fellowship Luncheon	
	30	Food preparation for May Fellowship Luncheon	
May	1	Church Women United May Fellowship Luncheon at St. Thomas - Chairman: Sona Jones	
	3	Samvel arrived - Medical Outreach Child sponsored by our Guild	
	8	Ryan Keshishian Kidney Fund Spaghetti Dinner - Our Guild members provided salad and dessert	
	15	Women's Guild General Meeting - Elections	
	19	St. Thomas Annual Cotillion and Ball - Rehearsal for debs, deb fathers and escorts	
	23	St. Thomas 35th Annual Cotillion and Ball at the Sheraton International Crossroads Hotel in Mahwah, NJ - Chaired:	
	0.5	Celia Martaian	
	25 26	Annual Memorial Day Picnic Women's Guild Executive Board Meeting at the home of	
	20	Adrienne Tenbekjian	
June	11	Meeting with Hayr Soorp	
	16	Emerson Old Age Home - June birthday celebration - Chaired: Violet Ouzoonian	
•	19	Women's Guild General Meeting - Barbecue with Men's Club and installation of new officers	
	22	Meeting with Hayr Soorp	

EXECUTIVE BOARD (elected)

Chairman: Adrienne Tenbekijian

Vice Chairman/Programs: Alyce Parseghian

Treasurer: Margaret Varbedian.

Recording Secretary: Susan Avakian-Stoneson Corresponding Secretary: Marion Kahaumjian

Hospitality: Mary Varteresian Publicity: Marion Babigian Ways & Means: Celia Martaian

Coordinator of Volunteers: Beverly Hajinlian

STANDING COMMITTEES (appointed)

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19 "Blanket Sunday" - Church World Services - Grace Haledjian Coordinator for St. Thomas

21 Emerson Old Age Home - January birthday celebration -

Chaired: Violet Ouzoonian

- 26 Mother/Daughter Cotillion Tea at the home of Celia and Ara Martaian
- February 8 Art Auction Chaired: Susan Avakian-Stoneson
 - 28 Women's Guild Leap Year Pot Luck Supper Coordinator: Elise Poosikian
- March 20 Women's Guild General Meeting Program: Cheryl Whitman of Face Fantasie make-up hints
 - 23 Provided meal for St. Pauls Men's Shelter Coordinator: Bertha Vaniskhian
 - 27 Fish 'n' Chips Dinner Co-chaired: Gladys Fenarjian and Marilou Pinajian
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 - 3 Preparation meeting for May Fellowship Luncheon Church Women United Chairman: Sona Jones
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 - 21 Women's Guild General Meeting Program: Pat Yankus Director of the St. Pauls Men's Shelter in Paterson, NJ -- Nominating Committee presented slate of candidates for May election
 - 27 Shopping for food for May Fellowship Luncheon
 - 30 Food preparation for May Fellowship Luncheon
- May 1 Church Women United May Fellowship Luncheon at St. Thomas Chairman: Sona Jones
 - 3 Samvel arrived Medical Outreach Child sponsored by our Guild
 - 8 Ryan Keshishian Kidney Fund Spaghetti Dinner Our Guild members provided salad and dessert
 - 15 Women's Guild General Meeting Elections
 - 19 St. Thomas Annual Cotillion and Ball Rehearsal for debs, deb fathers and escorts
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	Income	Expenses	Balance
Balance on Hand - January I, 1992	42 (00 00		\$3,187.12
Cotillion Booklet	12,600.00	74 70/ 45	
Sheraton Crossroads Cotillion Reservations	31,650.00	31,386.15	
Dues	1,710.00	4 440 47	
Art Auction	1,422.14	1,119.14	
Fish & Chips Dinner	1,336.94	950.94	
Church Women United Luncheon - 5/1/92	436.00	459.16	
Women Saints day	361.00	361.00	
Harbor House Restaurant September Meeting - 9/18/92	310.50	310.50	
Interest Income on Checking Account	234.36		
Men's Club-Women's Guild			
Dinner-Meeting - 6/19/92	190.00	•	
Emerson Home	129.99	87.02	
Homeless Shelter - Paterson	1,100.00	1,148.21	
Donations	50.00		
Portion of \$17,000 held in Reserve			
by Parish Council since 1988	9,000.00		
St. Thomas Pledge - 1992 (\$8,000+\$9,000 from 1988 Reserve))	17,000.00	
Band Deposits (2) for Cotillion 1993		647.00	
Woodcliff Lake Hilton Deposit for Cotillion 1994		1,000.00	
Medical Outreach (Final from Derenek Fund)		2,202.27	
Avak Luncheon - 9/24/92	*	633.56	
Women's Guild - Cabinet & File (2)		430.50	
Women's guild Central Council Delegate Fees - 3 a \$12 each	1	36.00	
W.G.C.C Assembly - Delegates Expenses		400.00	
Armenian Children's Book Bag Expenses		400.00	
Postage		469.83	
Refreshments		296.38	
Donation - Karabagh Committee		200.00	
Gift - Custodian		200.00	
W.G.C.C. Dues - 1992 (\$1.00 per member)	•	144.00	
Blessing of the Grapes - 8/16/92	*	100.00	
March Meeting - Guest Speaker & Door Prizes		100.00	
Church Women United - dues 1992		75.00	
Xerox Copies - March & April Meetings		64.30	
Sunshine		52.45	
Women's Guild 35th Ann'y Tea - 10/28/92		714.80	
In Lieu of Flowers		75.00	
Miscellaneous		22.69	
Film		20.00	
Album - Historian		20.00	
Bank Fee - Stop Payment check #842 7/29/92		15.00	
Visitation	7 7/4 00	10.00	
Christmas Luncheon	3,246.00	3,084.03	
Fruit & Nut Sales	1,489.75	1,489.75	
Children of Armenia Sponsorship		400.00	
Cotillion - 1993 - Printing Expense		150.00	
St. Tarkmanchatz - Student Fee		100.00	
C.W.A Homeless Children Fund		100.00	
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27TH ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH SESSION I - SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1992

Eileen Barsamian, Chairman of the Nominating Committee began with the verification of membership in order to establish a quorum of 50 in order to begin the meeting. Annual reports were given one to a family to those present.

The meeting was opened at 1:00p.m. when Hayr Soorp Anoushian led us in prayer. Antranig Ouzoonian then introduced Mary Ann Saraydarian as Secretary and himself as Chairman/Moderator and welcomed all.

Mr. Ouzoonian explained the format of Session I as: 1. Reading of minutes of previous years' assembly. 2. Presentation of candidates for this year's election. 3. Establish 'order of day' for Session II, February 2, 1992.

Secretary Saraydarian then read the minutes from Session I of the 1991 Assembly. The minutes were accepted as read. Since a copy of these minutes are attached to the Annual Report, Peter Ajemian made a motion, seconded by George Ajemian to dispense with the reading of last years' Session II minutes. Even though the reading of the minutes were waived, corrections can still be made at next week's meeting.

Eileen Barsamian then thanked Celia Martaian, Albert Papazian, Richard Papazian and Zaven Poosikian for serving on this year's Nominating Committee. She then introduced the following:

1. For Parish Council: Peter Ajemian Krikor Khorozian Sandra Alpino Ara Martaian Dr. Levon Capan Richard Papazian Stephen V. Jarahian Zaven Poosikian Paul Kahaumjian Alice Shahinian

Five are to be elected with 6 present members remaining on council; Ara Babigian, Joseph Kalemkerian, Richard Keurajian, Gregory Tenbekjian, Joanne Torigian and Virginia Victoria.

Nominated from the floor by Edward Bashian and seconded by John Armen were:

Charles Amerkanian Sylva der Stepanian Grace Hagopian Susan Shamamian

Armen Basmajian nominated and Arthur Azarik seconded Matthew Keshishian.

Puzant Torigian motioned that nominations for Parish Counci' closed. Passed.

- 2. For Diocesan Assembly: No delegates will be elected since the 3 present still have not completed their terms. Hayr Soorp explained that Soorpazant via the Diocesan Council advised that the election be held next year, but that no reason was given. George Mekenian said that until the Diocesan Council reallocates distribution of Parishes on a 4 year rotating basis, the 3 present delegates have a 4 year term which is not yet over.
- 3. For Nominating Committee:

Arman Ajamian Arthur Azarik Gladys Fenarjian Peter Jamgochian June Kashishian Jerry Keosayian Rose Mekenian Shake Mekhjian Alin Papazian Susan Shamamian (name withdrawn)

Nominated by Dr. Harout Mekhjian and seconded by Peter Ajemian were:

Dr. Bedros Yavru Sakuk, Rose Garjian and Albert Victoria.

Dr. Sakuk nominated Alex Markarian. This was seconded.

Peter Ajemian moved to close nominations. Passed.

4. For Auditing Committee:

Hermine Ajemian Harry Hajinlian Dikris Malool Edward Fehmian Gregory Hourdajian Artemis Nazarian

There were no new nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed.

5. Officers Chairman

Moses Kazanjian

Antranig Ouzoonian

Nominations closed by Ed Bashian, seconded by George Mekenian.

Secretary

Mary Sanossian

Martha Saraydarian

The Chairman thanked Eileen and her committee for all their work, and told new candidates that Al Papazian would be in the lobby to take their pictures for display at elections. Joanne asked new candidates if they could present a bio for that day. The Chairman also announced that all new nominations would follow those made by Nominating Committee on next week's ballot.

The Chairman then asked for approval of the agenda for next week's meeting: Establish quorum, recess for lunch and voting, reconvene in 1 1/2-2 hours, tally votes while assembly is in session. A motion was made by Yeretzgin Violet Kasparian to establish the time of voting from the end of the Divine Liturgy to 2:00 pm. The motion was defeated. After considerable discussion. a motion by Leon Nigohosian seconded by John Armen was passed agreeing to establish the voting time as from the end of Divine Liturgy to 3:00 pm.

Chairman Ouzoonian then entertained a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Peter Ajemian made the motion seconded by Susan Shamamian. Charles Amerkanian made a motion to adjourn the meeting (seconded by Darren Amerkanian) at 1:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

They Can Saraylarian

Mary Ann Saraydarian

Secretary

1991 Parish Assembly

27th ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH SESSION II - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1992

Immediately after the Divine Liturgy, the meeting was called to order at 12:25pm to establish a quorum of 50 paid members in order to begin the meeting. Nominating Committee Chairperson Eileen Barsamian asked a members' show of hands from which a quorum was raised. Soorp then led the Assembly in an opening prayer. Chairman Ouzoonian opened Session II by explaining voting procedures. He stated voting would take place in Mekhjian Hall. Deacon Bedros Sarkissian explained the procedure in Armenian. It was also stated that those who had not paid dues to date could do so in the Church office before voting. Peter Ajemian made a motion to recess to vote and have lunch and to reconvene at 2:30 pm today. The motion was seconded and carried.

Matthew Keshishian complained that his autobiography was not presented in a manner comparable to the other four on the page that was to parishioners for Parish Council nominees made from the floor. Keshishian stated that it was an insult to him in the way it was prepared and asked for an explanation.

The Chairperson of the Parish Council responded.

Yeretzgin Kasparian asked if members were aware that they were allowed only one vote in one Church. This was confirmed by Chairman Albert Victoria asked what would happen if a person voted for more than the number requested in a given category. The answer was that the entire ballot would be void.

Shake Shahinian asked if all were aware that they must have pledged membership by July 1, 1991 in order to vote. The Chairman added that their dues must be paid for the year.

Chairman Ouzoonian said that although he was given a handout by some members of the Parish Council who asked that it be distributed during the meeting, he would not entertain doing so during the Assembly.

Babigian asked if Judge Vincent Gurahian, President of the Council, would be here to supervise election. Diocesan Chairman Ouzoonian said he will be present as an observer. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 until 2:30pm.

The meeting reconvened at 2:35. All present were asked to raise pink index cards, given as proof of membership, to establish a quorum. On of himself and the assembly, Chairman Ouzoonian thanked Ann Ajemian and her committee for a delightful lunch. He then introduced Judge Vincent Gurahian as an observer of this meeting, and further announced that the meeting would be run according to the Diocesan By-Laws and Robert's Rules of Order. He then reminded all that voting for the candidates would be closed at 3:00 pm.

The Chairman then referred to the tabled motion from Session I waiving the reading of the 1991 Parish Assembly Minutes but asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. There being none, Peter Ajemian made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Steve Jarahian. Chairman Ouzoonian asked the same for the Special Assembly held on June 2, 1991. Steve Jarahian so moved, seconded by Peter Both motions were carried.

Hayr Soorp felt it was unnecessary to review his written Report (starting from July 1, 1991) since it would be redundant. He welcomed all in peace. Yeretzgin Kasparian stated that information regarding statistics for sacramental services from January to June, 1991 should have been included as well. Hayr Soorp responded in the affirmative.

Joanne Torigian than gave the Parish Council Chairman's report. She reported that she neglected to include that Dr. and Mrs. Mekhjian had been awarded the St. Vartan's Award at the last anniversary dinner. She also thanked all volunteers who helped in the office during the summer before a new secretary was hired. She particularly mentioned Ani Capan, Seta Yavru and Madlen Setian for their help with the Nor Tar.

Regarding corrections to the Annual Report from the floor, Martaian mentioned that it should read Armenian Church Sports Assn. instead of Sports Weekend Dance on p.7; Arthur Azarik asked for an explanation of Hall Rentals at \$40,000 less 30,000 expenses. explained that the punctuation was wrong there and that it should read \$40,000, less \$10,000 expenses leaves approximately \$30,000 profit in Adrienne Tenbekjian added Beverly Hajinlian as Cotillion Chairperson as a correction on p.11. Joseph Kalemkerian said that on p.6, Library/Cultural Center should be more accurately called the Rev. Arnak Kasparian and Yeretzgin Violet Kasparian Arthur Azarik stated that he and others took exception to Library. the last paragraph in Joanne's report regarding the naming of certain parishioners as ultra-liberals. Mrs. Torigian clarified that she felt the new priest was more conservative and that she felt that calling someone a liberal was not an insult. She also stated that Suzanne Daghlian's name should have been taken off the report since she did not have part in writing it. She then asked for us all to unite together for the good of St. Thomas.

Further discussion took place regarding Mrs. Torigian's report. PC Vice Chairman Greg Tenbekjian felt that the PC report should be submitted by 'we' not 'I'. He stated that the Parish Council had its own report, but since only 8 of 11 members signed it, Chairman Ouzoonian felt it did not represent the entire council.

Chairman Ouzoonian reported it was 3:03pm and that voting was officially closed.

Haig Varjian made a motion to read the report. Seconded. Chairman Ouzoonian called upon Judge Gurahian to rule upon the motion. After explanation, the Judge stated the motion should be voted upon by the Assembly. Chairman Ouzoonian called the motion which was defeated. Parish Council Vice Chairman Tenbekjian then made a motion that the report be submitted as a supplement. George Mekenian stated that this motion did not need a voted since as a Parish Council report it stood de facto. Leon Nigohosian reminded him that it was a report by 8 and not 11. After considerable additional discussion, and interjection, the motion to include the Parish Council's report as an amendment to the 1991 Assembly report was defeated.

Rose Mekenian again appealed to Chairman Ouzoonian to read her statement. He did not feel it was appropriate at this time. He then called on Ardis Kasparian Waldron for the Financial Report.

She asked for approval of the report on p.12. Peter Ajemian moved to accept, it was seconded and approved.

As for the Board of Trustees report, Edward Bashian reported that the \$6500 interest received on the \$100,000 invested would go to the Parish Council. He further stated that the Building Committee paid approximately \$44,000 toward furniture and repairs for the Parish House, and that the Trustees would reimburse these funds when their CD was due.

Albert Victoria corrected an item on p. 15, stating that \$500 for carpeting should in reality be for carpet installation.

Jack Charshafian asked that since there was such a large amount of funds involved with the Church budget that we hire an outside accountant. Chairman Ouzoonian felt this should be brought up under New Business.

Rupen Saddler noted that Memorial Donations on p.13 should add up to \$1500 and not \$3000 as listed. The notation will be corrected.

George Mekenian added Church School Teacher's Workshop for \$357.49 to the Kasparian Fund report.

Shake Shahinian noted that the cent figure on the Shahinian Fund report should read .19 instead of .14.

Thomas Kasparian came forward and read the ACYOA Srs. Report which was not included in the Assembly Report. A copy of his statement will be attached to these minutes.

Eugenie Amerkanian corrected the Choir Assembly as being in Cleveland and not in Detroit as stated.

In the Sunday School Report, Thomas Kasparian should be listed as 7th grade teacher and Sandra Alpino as 8th grade teacher.

Vahan Soukiasian came forward to speak about youth and Christianity.

Mary Ann Saraydarian, Kirikian Armenian School Treasurer made corrections in her report stating that certain expenses were listed incorrectly in the income column.

Adrienne Tenbekjian made two corrections to her report stating that Elise Poosikian chaired the Sunshine and Visitations Standing Committee and Celia Martaian was chairing this year's Cotillion.

Ardis stated that there should be an income of \$735. included under the Bookstore entry.

Queenie Varjian inquired as to why the profit from the Diocesan Assembly was listed as \$6628 and not accurately as \$13652. Ardis stated that \$3700 would be deducted from Diocesan dues from our Parish and the other money missing was spent on Bathroom supplies.

Vahan Najarian asked why, since it was mandated by the June, 1991

Assembly, was \$20,000 not set aside in the budget for the annual maintenance of the church complex. Chairman Ouzoonian said Vahan should bring this up again when the 1992 Budget is discussed.

Several other questions regarding the Financial report were raised by Parishioners and satisfactorily answered by Treasurer Waldron.

There followed a lengthy discussion on the question of whether the Parish Council Chairperson had the right to lease a car for and rent a room for Hayr Soorp at the Clinton Inn until Der Arnak and Yeretzgin moved out of the Parish house (on October 15, 1991) This was done without Parish Council consultation even though there were emergency conditions. Finally, Leon Nigohosian moved to ratify and approve the action that Chairperson Torigian took regarding the Clinton Inn and Hayr Soorp's car expenses. Assembly Chairman Ouzoonian stated that since the matter was over and done with there was no reason to vote on it.

Mr. Najarian again proposed that under Church Building expenses (Disbursements) a certain amount be set aside to take care of future expenses for the church complex. He stressed the importance of ongoing care and made a motion proposing that a minimum of \$10,000 or up to \$20,000 be included in the proposed budget for 1992 for ongoing repair and capital maintenance of the church complex. Seconded Jack Berberian. Furthermore, Albert Victoria amended the motion that the \$15,000 Reserve Fund monies should also be included and a line budget item of \$35,000 be applied to the Building and Capital Improvement Program of the Architectural and Facilities Management Committee for 1992. Also, that the balance remaining in the Building Fund be transferred to the Architectural Committee as well. Mr. Avakian seconded. Moses Kazanjian explained the difference between capital improvement and maintenance. The motion was carried.

Jack Charshafian then suggested that since the Church budget was dealing with larger and larger figures, that we put \$3500 in the budget for an outside CPA on a monthly basis. After considerable discussion, it was felt that we had capable accountants in the Church who could handle the situation. Sandra Alpino moved that the Parish Council treasurer follow 'Guidelines" as proposed in the Auditing Committee Report of 1991. Al Victoria seconded. The motion was carried. (A copy of these 'Guidelines" are attached to these minutes).

Puzant Torigian moved to bring an outside firm to set up procedures for our church records and safeguard funds in the Church for \$3500-5,000 a year, on a monthly basis for one year to set up a program. George Mekenian amended that this be done with a \$5000 limit on three written proposals. The motion was carried.

Dr. Levon Capan than asked for the formulation of an agreement with Hayr Soorp regarding his financial contract with the Parish Council for 1992. Puzant Torigian 2nd. The motion was called and carried.

Since there was no further discussion on 1992 Disbursements, Chairman Ouzoonian went on to Income. Treasurer Waldron reminded the Assembly that we now need \$20,000 for maintenance, \$5000 for an accountant and ? for Hayr Soorp. Albert Victoria moved that we transfer the entire

balance of the old Building Fund to the new Architectural Committee. He expressed that that and the \$15,000 Reserve Fund will take care of a substantial part of the maintenance money due for several years to come. The motion was carried. Also, Mrs. Waldron asked about a potential Board of Trustee fundraiser as mentioned in last year's June Assembly minutes. Mr. Najarian said that one was underway, but in deference to the need of funds in Armenia, it was delayed and will be sent out again soon.

A motion was made by Joanne Torigian to increase Parish dues from \$100 to \$125. yearly. The motion was seconded and carried.

Virginia Victoria asked that the salary of the Sunday School Superintendent, Shnorig Bashian, be raised from \$3500 to \$5000 yearly. It was approved.

Yeretzgin Violet asked that the Choir Director and organist, Susan Shamamian, have her salary raised to \$5000. This, too, was accepted.

Peter Ajemian made a motion to adopt the 1992 Budget. It was seconded by Dr. Krikorian and carried.

Under Old Business Paul Pinajian asked about an insurance claim on the Men's Club VCR which was stolen. Mrs. Torigian said a claim will be submitted for that and for Der Arnak's missing bust and that the Men's Club will be notified of the settlement amount so that they can replace the VCR.

Yetezgin Violet said that according to p.7 of last year's minutes a report regarding in-lieu-of-flower donation transfers to memorial funds was supposed to have been prepared. Mrs. Torigian promised it would be forthcoming within the next month.

Old Business was closed and there was no New Business.

Election Results

Nominating Committee Chairperson Eileen Barsamian announced the election results. With 578 eligible, 416 ballots were cast.

For Parish Council: Charles Amerkanian, Dr. Levon M. Capan, Sylva der Stepanian, Grace Hagopian, Susan Shamamian with Richard Papazian as alternate.

For Nominating Committee: Rose Garjian, Alex Markarian, Shake Mekhjian, Albert Victoria, Dr. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk with Arthur Azarik as alternate.

For Auditing Committee: Hermine Ajemian, Dikris Malool, Artemis Nazarian with Harry Hajinlian as alternate.

For the 1992 Assembly: Antranig Ouzoonian as Chairman and Martha Saraydarian as Secretary.

Leon Nigohosian made a motion to adjourn at 6:20pm seconded by Ruby Kherlopian.

The meeting concluded with a prayer by Rev. Father Anoushian.

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Ann Saraydarian

Secretary

1991 Parish Assembly

INCOME - ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH - BUDGET 1993 ASSEMBLY

Through 12/31/92	93Proposed	92Actual	92Budget	91Actual
Pledges and Offerings	·		•	
Dues and Pledge Receipts Plate and Candles Christmas Offerings Easter Offerings Prayers	87000 16000 3300 3500 400	85957 16433 1225 (1) 3580 460	67000 16000 3300 4500 300	71503 15003 2410 4480 460
<u>Sacraments</u>				
Baptisms Weddings Funerals Requiems (Hokehankist)	4000 3300 1200 4500	4350 3325 1250 4795	3600 3300 1500 4000	2650 2550 900 3426
Auxiliary Organizations				
Womens Guild Avak Society Mens Club Singles Club ACYOA Seniors	10000 1000 0 (2) 0 500	8000 2000 0 0	17000 1500 20000 300 0	15000 1500 24000 300 0
Church Affairs (net of expenses)			
Bazaar Memorial Day Picnic Palm Sunday Anniversary Dinne Palm Sunday Cake Sale Other Affairs Diocesan Assembly Kef Nights New Years Eve	43266 8000 r 2000 5500 2000 0 20000 15000	40130 (3) 13476 2500 6010 339 0 9947 14571	35000 5000 500 5500 2000 0 0	31000 5026 223 6425 2022 6628 0
Donations				
Lieu of Flowers Altar Flowers Memorial Donors Holiday Flowers Christmas Greetings	10000 1200 2000 500 750	10383 1520 3150 787 950	17000 2100 500 750 1500	22805 1005 1550 281 191

INCOME - 1993 BUDGET PROPOSAL - CONTINUED - PAGE 2 - INCOME

• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	93Proposed	92Actual	92Budget	91Actual
Other Donations	1500	2159	6000	5590
Other Income				
ACCE Interest	1200	1007	1000	1162
ACEF Interest	1200	1227		1163
Bookstore	[1700] (4)	80	300	238
Car Raffle - net	15000	15377	0	0
Hall Rentals - net	35000	38448	35000	32650
Nor Tar Income	2500	3160	0	0
Investment Interest	1200	1842	1000	2413
Miscellaneous Bond	0	3000	0	2940
Interest on Trustees Reserves	0 (5)	6500	3000	6000
Armenian History Lectures	1000	1850	500	825
Armenian Language School	0	375	700	700
PSE&G Rebate	0	356	0	0
Total Income	300616	309512	259650	273857
Reserves	0	0	0	14671
Reserve - Transfer from Trustees	0 (5)	0	15000	0
Reserve - Youth Dance	0	612	0	0
Reserve - Father Papken Project	0	5067	0	0
1992 Surplus	23308	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL	323924	315191	274650	288528

FOOTNOTES:

- (1) Additional Christmas Offering of \$2135 was received in Jan. 93
- (2) The Mens Club will be subsidizing \$3000 directly to Youth Sports Programs
- (3) Actual Bazaar income was \$43342, however as of 12/31/92 only \$40130 has been turned over to the Parish Council
- (4) An outstanding invoice of \$1700 from 1991 remains to be paid to the Diocese
- (5) Might not exist if Assembly votes to apply Trustee funds to reduce Mtge. Balance

EXPENSES - ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH - BUDGET 1993 ASSEMBLY

	93Proposed	92Actual	92Budget	91Actual
Salaries Fees & Benefits	_			
Clergy Salary	45750	45750	37500	35945
Clergy Benefits	3000	3000	3000	5356
Parsonage Repairs & Maint.	1000	828	1000	2600
Clergy Housing Costs	0	0	0	10881
Hackensack Wtr./Parsonage	100	80	200	112
NJ Bell/Parsonage	0 (1)	0	350	286
Gas & Electric/Parsonage	1500	1344	2000	1618
Tolls & Parking, Plus				
Clergy Auto Expense	3000	3068	1500	2405
Auto Lease	2800	2790	2800	4255
Auto Insurance	2000	1817	2000	1373
Clergy Insurance	5300	5227	4300	4422
Custodial Salaries	23410	23410	23100	21000
Office Staff	18720	12505	13260	11267
Pastoral Assistant	0	0	0	11990
Director of Christian Ed.	5000	5000	3500	3029
ChoirMaster, Plus				
Organist	5000	5000	3000	2532
FICA Expenses	3800	3403	3050	3617
IRA	2000	1000	1000	3500
Visiting Clergy	1000	950	600	300
Workmens Compensation	1500	1487	0	• • •
Priest Search Committee	0	0	• 0	1108
Operating Expenses				
NJ Bell/Church	3500	3518	3000	2614
Office Supplies	2500	2918	2000	1839
Candles and Flowers	3000	3869	3000	1588
Computer Supplies	2000	1997	2000	2384
Print Nor Tar	8500	8325	7000	8462
Print Other	3000	2989	700	634
Print Office Stationary	1000	800	1200	1116
Postage for Office	250	185	400	382
Postage Nor Tar	1500	1457	900	860
Postage General Mailings	1600	1502	1550	1442
Hospitality Activities	1750	1637	4000	4061
Copy Machine	3000	1539	6000	1295
Audit Fee (outside CPA)	0	4000 (2)	0	0

EXPENSES - 1993 BUDGET PROPOSAL - CONTINUED - PAGE 2 - EXPENSE

	93Proposed	92Actual	92Budget	91Actual
<u>Assessments</u>				
Diocesan Dues	37000	36256	28960	25257
Youth Ministry Dept Fund	2600	2600	2600	2435
Educational & Good Works			e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	
Sunday School	500	500	500	258
St. Nersess Seminary	2000 (3)	0 (3)	1000	0
World Wide Charity	1000	1000	1000	1390
Good Samaritan	0	0	1000	0
Church Building Expenses				
Mortgage Expense	24144 (4)	24144	24144	24144
Gas & Electric	26500	26008	24500	23558
Hackensack Water	1000	944	1000	807
Building Insurance	15000	14702 (5)	15000	13545
Repairs/Church & Office	2000	1715	2000	2056
Repairs/Electrical & Plumbing	2000	2556	1000	1087
Lawn Maintenance	5000	4560	0	0
Building Maintenance	5000	4706 (6)	2000	2012
Snow Removal	600	600	1000	400
Garden Supply & Equipment	0	0	1000	2061
Building Supplies	4000	3695	3000	8158
Kitchen Supplies	8000	5905	4000	7860
Air Conditioning & Heating	3500	3425	3000	3184
Pest Control	500	372	536	560
Memorial	1000	1089	0	0
Diocesan Assembly	3000	2513	2000	ŏ
Gifts	600	550	500	3858
Contingency	500	0	5000	5275
Miscellaneous	2000	2648	1000	1177
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Total Expenses	303924	291883	259650	283355
Capital Improvements	20000 (7)	0	15000	0
GRAND TOTAL	323924	291883	274650	283355

EXPENSES - 1993 BUDGET PROPOSAL - CONTINUED - PAGE 3 - EXPENSE

FOOTNOTES:

- (1) Unlike our past practice, Fr. Papken pays his personal telephone bills
- (2) The Assembly allocated a maximum of \$5000 for this expense at its 1992 meeting
- (3) Paid \$1000 in January of 1993, for 1992 (Which had not been sent)
- (4) Might not exist if Assembly votes to apply Trustee funds to reduce Mtge. Balance
- (5) Includes 4th quarter 1991 installment which was not paid in 1991
- (6) Includes \$3497 of maintenance which was done on behalf of the Trustees
- (7) To be turned over to the Architectural Committee per 1992 Parish Assembly

SUMMARY

1992 Total Actual Income......\$315,191

1992 Total Actual Expense......\$291,883

1992 NET SURPLUS.....\$23,308

BANK BALANCES

First Fidelity Checking Account Balance 12/31/92\$56,245	
First Fidelity Money Market Balance 12/31/92\$26,157	

TOTAL.....\$82,402

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