

**31ST ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH
Sunday, February 4, 1996, following Church Service**

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PASTOR'S REPORT

It is with a great sense of pride and accomplishment that I report to you today that our spiritual and financial aspects at St. Thomas Armenian Church are indeed very strong. We have so far about \$7,000.00 in the building fund for any capital improvements of the existing complex; we also have about \$27,000.00 in a Money Market account set aside for any emergency and during 1995 close to \$61,477.75 was acquired in surplus funds.

Undoubtedly it has been a pleasure and privilege for me to have served as Pastor of St. Thomas Armenian Church for more than four and a half years 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. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Dr. Levon Capan, Parish Council Chairman, and to our very capable Parish Council members for all their dedicated and effective efforts.

My heartfelt thanks go to our Parish Council Chairman, Dr. Levon Capan, the Parish Council members, Board of Trustees and Diocesan Delegates, as well as to 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 1995:

WORSHIP SERVICES: The Divine Liturgy was conducted regularly every Sunday, according to the traditions and canons of the Armenian Church. 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.

SACRAMENTAL SERVICES: All sacramental services were performed in accordance with the rites, rituals and canons of the Armenian Church. During this past year 23 baptisms, 10 marriages and 12 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. On December 24, a special service was held on the occasion of St. Stepanos dedicated to all the Deacons of the Church, in addition to the traditional Christmas Eve services in English. For the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross a special service was held and was extremely well attended. 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. I also 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 and Holy Thursday.

PUBLICATIONS: 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, and Seta Yavru-Sakuk, Graphic Arts/Illustrator. This year we realized approximately \$3,420 dollars in income from the solicitation of advertisements in the NOR TAR, through the efforts of Seta Yavru-Sakuk. My heartfelt thanks to her for her dedicated service to our church newspaper, which partially offset its publication cost since 1992.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 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. During their scholastic year I attended and supported all their 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. During their scholastic year, I supported and attended all their programs.

HOME BLESSINGS: I have personally blessed many homes, thus getting to know my wonderful, good and pious parishioners and their families.

COUNSELLING, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & BIBLE STUDY: 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, Family Auxiliary of St. Thomas, ACYOA, Avak Society, Choir, 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 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 service! 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. And I believe that there is tremendous potential here, as evidenced by the record-breaking crowds that have been present at our religious services and events the past year.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: This year has been an especially successful year for St. Thomas Armenian Church both spiritually, morally and financially.

FALL DINNER-DANCE: The Fall Dinner-Dance which took place in October was a very successful fundraiser for St. Thomas. My heartfelt thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Jack & Sylva Torosian, and their committee, for all their efforts.

NEW YEAR'S EVE: 1995 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 Dr. & Mrs. Levon & Ani Capan, Dr. & Mrs. Bedros & Seta Yavru-Sakuk and their committee members.

CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE: During the past year the Cultural Arts Committee chaired by Mrs. Lucy Piligian planned and carried out a number of events, all of which were very successful and drew large crowds. Special thanks to Mrs. Lucy Piligian, Chairman, for her wonderful work.

FR. PAPKEN SPECIAL PROJECT/CHURCH ARTIFACTS: The Fr. Papken Special Project/Church Artifacts Program involves obtaining donations from the faithful in our parish to be used towards the maintenance and replacement of worn vestments, altar cloths or obtaining artifacts and other items which the church has lacked in its sacristy and other activities. Toward this end, a group of ladies has been formed for sewing and constructing the vestments, altar cloths etc., under the direction of Mrs. Ani Capan. Mrs. Capan and all the ladies serve voluntarily. They have worked continuously and regularly week after week to sew and complete the items needed. My sincere and heartfelt thanks go to them for their dedication and love for our church. I encourage our parishioners to contribute toward this program since there are still many items we need.

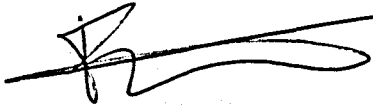
PALM SUNDAY ANNIVERSARY DINNER/MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC &

CAR RAFFLE/FALL BAZAAR: I am glad to report that all annual events have been maintained and successfully continued during 1995. My heartfelt thanks to Dr. & Mrs. Bedros & Seta Yavru for chairing the 30th Anniversary Palm Sunday Dinner, to Dr. & Mrs. Harout & Shake Mekhjian for underwriting the entire expense of the Memorial Day Picnic, to Mr. & Mrs. Nerses & Sirvant Demirjian for chairing the Memorial Day Picnic, to Mr. Jack & Silva Torosian for chairing the Car Raffle, and also for chairing the Annual Fall Bazaar. God Bless them all!

SPECIAL THANKS: I would like to sincerely thank Dr. Levon Capan, Chairman of the Parish Council, for all of his help, guidance, experience, and steadfast support to me during this past year. His exemplary faith and dedication towards the Armenian Church and the Armenian Nation has strengthened me in my calling. Special thanks also to Deacon Bedros Sarkissian, sub-deacon Levon Altiparmakian, Sub-deacon Dr. Levon Capan, Sub-deacon Bedros Yavru-Sakuk, sub-deacon Andrew Martaian and Alter Server Tavit Cakirdas, who voluntarily came to serve upon the Holy Alter on Sundays and other occasions.

Prayerfully,

Very Rev. Fr. Papken Dz. V. Anoushian



CALENDAR OF EVENTS-1995

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| January 5 | Armenian Christmas Eve Services-Bible reading by children |
| 6 | Armenian Christmas Services |
| 7 | Badarak & Christmas Services at Armenian Home for the Aged in Emerson. |
| 8 | Armenian Christmas & Blessing of Water
Kirikian Armenian School Armenian Christmas Dinner |
| 13 | Family Auxiliary of St. Thomas Pot Luck Dinner |
| 21 | Annual A.C.S.S.A. Sport Dance |
| 29 | Parish Assembly (first session) |

- February 5 Parish Assembly (second session)
17 Women's Guild General Meeting & Valentine's Celebration
26 Poon Paregentan Party & Fair Sponsored by the Kirikian Armenian School w/the Sunday School
- March 10 Family Auxiliary of St. Thomas Pot Luck Dinner
17 Women's guild Lenten Dinner
31 St. Thomas Cultural Activities Committee presents the feature film "Mayrig"
- April 9 Palm Sunday Anniversary Dinner
13 Great & Holy Thursday-Services at the Home for the Aged in Emerson,
-Vodun Luvah, washing of the feet services
-Khavaroom
14 Great & Holy Friday - Taghoom, Burial Services
15 Easter Communion & Breakfast for children sponsored by Kirikian Armenian School & Sunday School
16 Easter Badarak
19 Women's Guild "Special Occasion & Bridal Show" & Luncheon
21 Men's Club & Women's Guild Third Annual Sports Award Dinner
29 38th Annual Cotillion & Ball sponsored by Women's Guild
- May 6 Cultural Evening by Young Adults commemorating the Armenian Genocide
17 Kirikian Armenian School Spring Brunch at Season's Restaurant
14 Mother's Day Champagne Brunch
24 Slide & lecture presentation on "Reflections of the Armenian Genocide in the Works of the Armenian Painters" by Dr. Levon Chookasian from Yerevan sponsored by St. Thomas Armenian Church's Cultural Committee
28 Year-end Sunday School Communion & pizza party
29 Memorial Day Picnic chaired by Mr. & Mrs. Nerses & Sirvart Demirjian
Car Raffle chaired by Mr. Jack Torosian
- June 3 ACYOA Jrs. Dance
4 Sunday School Graduation & Reception
9 Family Auxiliary of St. Thomas Pot Luck Dinner & Armenian dance lesson
11 Kirikian Armenian School Graduation & Hantes
- July 20 Women's Guild Blood Drive organized by Queenie Tashjian
23 Celebration of Holy Transfiguration-Vartavar
- August 13 Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God & Blessing of the Grapes
- September 16 Kirikian Armenian School opening day
17 Exaltation of the Holy Cross-Khatchverats
17 Sunday School opening day
30 St. Thomas Fall Dinner Dance with Barteve
- October 11 Bible Study beginning of second session
Kirikian Armenian School Fall Luncheon
15 Sunday School Crop Walk
17 Adult Armenian Conversation classes begin
18 Women's Guild 39th Annual Silver Membership Tea
22 ACYOA Jrs. Garage Sale
28 "Taghaganeen Greenuh" play, sponsored by St. Thomas Armenian Church's Cultural Committee
- November 11-12 Annual Bazaar at St. Thomas chaired by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Torosian, Cake Sale by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Saraydarian & Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Saraydarian, & the raffle by Mr. & Mrs. Haig Kupelian
16 Women's Guild Blood Drive organized by Mari Camcikyan
17 Pot Luck Dinner with the Men's Club
- December 6 Women's Guild Annual Christmas Dinner
17 Sunday School Christmas Dinner & program
24 American Christmas Eve Service-Feast of St. Stepanos
31 New Year's Celebration at St. Thomas

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Another successful year for the Saint Thomas Armenian Church. We closed 1995 with a surplus of \$62,477, and we are starting 1995 with an operating fund of more than \$250,000. Our restricted building fund reached \$ 71,550. As I have stated for the past several years, our success is a direct result of the genuine interest, dedication and hard work of the members who do not spare any effort to come forward with their invaluable help. The Parish Council once again expresses its sincere and immense gratitude and appreciation to all those who helped the church last year. Here I also would like to express my thanks to each Parish Council member, and to the members of all church committees for their help that, without a doubt, was a result of substantial sacrifices. The Parish Council would like to express its special thanks to the Pastor, Very Rev. Fr. Papken Dz. V. Anoushian, whose strong faith in Christianity, honest and straightforward character, brave personality, sincere love for the Armenian nation, and countless efforts to preserve the Armenian church tradition, have been a great influence and inspiration to us. Thank you, Hayr Sourp, for being an excellent guiding light for us. With all your fine qualities, you exemplify the model Armenian clergyman.

REPORT OF FUNCTIONS

Anniversary Dinner: The traditional Anniversary Dinner was held on Palm Sunday. The recipient of the Saint Thomas award was our long term treasurer, Mrs. Grace Hagopian, whose meticulous work has been a major factor in the church's strong financial status. The affair was superbly organized by Dr. and Mrs. Bedros and Seta Yavru-Sakuk. As usual, the A.C.Y. O. A. Juniors worked as servers; their enthusiastic efforts were deeply appreciated by everyone. The cake sale for this event was organized by Mr. and Mrs. Varujan and Linda Arslanian. The total profit was \$10,000. Thanks to Seta, Bedros, Linda and Varujan and everyone on their committees.

Mothers Day Brunch: Our long time treasurer Mrs. Grace Hagopian, was the organizer of the Mother's Day Brunch, which went very well and yielded \$400. Thank you, Grace.

Memorial Day Picnic: Mr. and Mrs. Nerses and Sirvart Demirjian chaired the annual picnic. As always it was a very successful and enjoyable event owing to the concerted effort and hard work of the Chairmen and members of the Picnic committee. The total profit was \$ 10,100. Thanks to Demirjians and all those who helped them.

Car Raffle: Mr and Mrs Hagop and Silva Torosian organized the car raffle. Hagop's hard work again showed in the impressive result. People from St. Thomas and other parishes supported the project for the raffle of another Mercedes-Benz 280C. The net profit was \$17,100. Thanks to Hagop and Silva not only for the car raffle, but also for their vital help on other projects.

Kef Night: October marks the time for the "Kef Night" at Saint Thomas. This year again Hagop and Silva did a marvelous job in organizing this event. The profit was \$10,100. Our heartfelt thanks to the Torosians and to all workers and contributors to this event.

Bazaar: Despite extremely bad weather on the first day of the Bazaar, we still did very well, owing to the tremendous support of parishioners, friends and the public. Again Hagop and Silva and their committee were responsible for the profit of about \$30,000. The cake sale for this event was undertaken by the Saraydarian brothers and their lovely wives Martha and Maryann. Their hard work and dedication yielded \$ 6,590. This year we also had a 50/50 club that was organized by Haig and Talin Kupelian. Thank you so much Torosians, Saraydarians, and Kupelians, and the committee members of the bazaar, cake sale and 50/50 club.

New Year's Eve: This year again Ani Capan and Seta Yavru were the chairladies of the New Year's Eve celebration. The guests at this successful affair had a very pleasant and happy evening; some made reservations for next year's celebration before leaving. The net profit for the church was \$9,200. Much thanks to Ani and Seta.

Administrative Events:

Personnel: Our secretary Mrs. Mary Tashjian was blessed with a grandchild, and had the obligation to look after the baby. Thus she resigned from her position in September. A new secretary has been hired and has been working for us for 3 months. We also have a new custodian who is very devoted to his work. New guidelines has been established for the custodian by a subcommittee of the Parish Council.

Hall Rentals: Intense work for increasing rentals yielded a record high gross annual rental income of \$60,611; the net income was \$52,047. Our sincere thanks to all involved for not only increasing the rentals but also preparing new guidelines for this function. It has been approved by the Parish Council that a 20% discount will be provided for Hall rentals to those who have been dues-paying members for the last 2 consecutive years.

Building Insurance: Coverage has been arranged with a new carrier at a premium of about \$ 17000 per year. Compensation for various water damages has been received.

Closed Circuit TV and Saddler Hall Stage Sound System: A closed circuit TV system has been installed within the sanctuary and the halls. From now, on the Sunday School students will be able to follow the Badarak from their classrooms and obtain information about it from their teachers. This project was funded by the income from the Caspar Kasparian Memorial Fund with the approval of the Kasparian Fund committee. We thank Mrs. Lillian Chapian and her

sons for their important help, work and generosity toward the realization of this project. An electrically operated projection screen was also installed in the Saddler Hall, again using the income from the Kasparian Fund. The Saddler Hall stage sound system would be nonfunctional now, had it not been for Mr. Nelson Torigian's generosity in devoting his time and effort towards its repair. Thank you, Nelson, and God bless you.

Purchase of the Copier and Computer: The lease for the copier ended in May. Mrs. Madlen Setian's valuable analysis of the copier market led us to realize that the purchase of our leased machine would be the best deal. The copier was purchased for \$ 825. One of the two computers in the office completed its useful life in December. Mr. Aram Setian, who very generously donates his time and effort in managing computer related problems in the office, shopped around and bought us an excellent and very inexpensive computer. Thank you so much, Madlen and Aram.

Armenian Language Classes: With the initiation of Mr. Sam Demirjian about a year ago, an Armenian Language Class was organized. Later Mrs. Eileen Barsamian offered her help in organizing this class. With the combined efforts of Mr. Demirjian and Mrs. Barsamian and the help of accumulated money from the Barsamian Fund, the class turned out to be a great success. Preparation for another class for this year is underway. Thank you, Sam and Eileen.

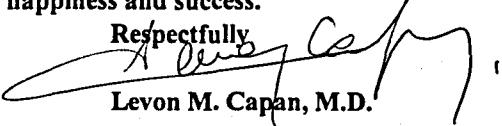
Purchase of a piano for the Saddler Hall: A piano was purchased for Saddler Hall to be used for concerts and other performances. In-lieu-of-flowers money in memory of Anahid Sabounjian, with the permission of her son Vrej Sabounjian, was used to purchase the piano. Thanks, Mr. Sabounjian.

Installation of the Ajemian Window: In memory of our very well liked Mr. Peter Ajemian, the family donated a stained glass window. The design was made by Mrs. Seta Yavru-Sakuk. Blessing of the window will take place in March. Thanks to Mrs Ajemian, Seta Yavru and Al Victoria.

Bookstore: Just about a year ago, Mrs. Sirvart Demirjian graciously accepted the operation of the bookstore. Thanks to her, the bookstore inventory has grown significantly and the annual profit increased from \$700 to over \$4000. Of course, Nerses and Vicken also bring their help to Sirvart every Sunday. Thank you so much, Demirjian family and God bless you.

Last year in my report I wished that 1995 would be at least as good as 1994. Well, with God's help and your generosity, 1995 was far better than 1994. Once again we, the members of the Parish Council, would like to thank you, and wish that 1996 brings each one of you health, happiness and success.

Respectfully


Levon M. Capan, M.D.

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Organizations for their efforts, service, leadership and fund raising for the benefit of Saint Thomas church in 1995:

- ACYOA Jrs. - Hourig Kherlopian and Kim Karagosian
- Architectural and Facilities Management Committee - Mr. Al Victoria
- Armenian Churches Sports Association - Douglas Martaian, vice chairman
- Armenian School - Ani Capax, superintendent
- Avak Society - Jack Hajinlian, chairman
- Board of Trustees - Very Rev. Fr. Papken Dz. V. Anoushian, chairman
- Book Store - Sirvart and Nerses Demirjian
- Choir Director and Organist - Susan Shamamian
- Choir Chairman: Marie Zokian
- Family Auxiliary of St. Thomas - Ani Capax, Silva Torosian and Mari Camcikyan
- Women's Guild - Mrs. Violet Ouzoonian
- Men's Club - Mr Ara Babigian
- Sunday School - Mrs. Shnorhig Bashian
- Anniversary Dinner - Dr. and Mrs. Bedros and Seta Yavru-Sakuk. Cake sale chaired by Mr. and Mrs. Varujan and Linda Arslanian
- Mother's Day Brunch - Grace Hagopian
- Picnic - Mr. and Mrs. Nerses and Sirvart Demirjian
- Car Raffle - Hagop Torosian
- Kef Night - Mr. and Mrs. Hagop and Silva Torosian
- Bazaar - Mr. and Mrs. Hagop and Silva Torosian. Cake Sale by Mr. and Mrs. Richard and Martha Saraydarian and Mr. and Mrs. Gregory and Mary Ann Saraydarian
- New Year's Eve - Ani Capax and Seta Yavru- Sakuk
- Nor Tar - Madlen Setian and Seta Yavru- Sakuk

BOARD OF TRUSTEES-1995

Chairman: The Very Rev. Papken Dz.V. Papken Anoushian
Secretary: Mary Ann Saraydarian
Treasurer: Jack Torosian
Members: Arpi Arslanian, Arthur Azarik, Edward Bashian, Michael Halebian, Garbis Kirikian, Vahan Najarian, Leon Nigohosian, Rupen Saddler, Antranig Shahinian, Richard Turnamian, Dr. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk, Dr. Levon Capan.

There were two meetings this year. The topics discussed were methods of major fund raising for the parish. There was agreement on establishing a stewardship program at St. Thomas through the Parish Council.

Certificates of appreciation for service have been sent to all members who no longer serve on the Board of Trustees.

Respectively Submitted by
Mary Ann Saraydarian,
Secretary

A.C.E.F. FUND, DECEMBER 31, 1995

Ajemian, Peter & Ann Fund	5,000.00
Barsamian, Vahan Memorial Fund	6,000.00
Bashian, Edward & Family Fund	2,000.00
Ganan, Serge & Vickie Memorial Fund	1,745.00
Goshgarian, Zakar & Vartoohe Memorial	1,100.00
Kasparian, Fr. Arnak & Yeretsgin Fund	5,000.00
Kasparian, Caspar Memorial Fund	61,434.51
Kavazanjian/Kassabian, Annoush Memorial	1,035.00
Mekhjian, Dr. Haroutune & Shake Fund	5,000.00
Otchy, Arthur & Dorothy Fund	1,200.00
Saddler, Rupen Fund	6,500.00
St. Thomas Armenian Church ACEF	2,875.00
Shahinian, George Memorial Fund	20,586.00
Tashjian, Martin (Sonny) Memorial Fund	8,135.00
Tekirian, Ardashes & Siranoush Fund	2,595.00

TOTAL \$130,205.51

**ARCHITECTURAL & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
1995**

Members

Raffi Arslanian Jack Charshafian
Andy Ouzoonian Jack H. Torosian (Parish Council Liaison)
Albert Victoria (Chairman)

There were no activities or meeting requested. Al Victoria, Chairman

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

- Furnished & installed new 40 gallon hot water tank.
- Removed & replaced damaged marble tiles in Atrium.
- due to cold weather, we developed a frozen water line at the north side of the altar, behind the wood panelled wall. After repairing the frozen pipe, the wood panels were re-installed & the carpet was cleaned.
- The above damaged areas were settled with the Insurance Company for the sum of \$20,600.00.
- With the Parish Council's unanimous decision, I was able to hire a handyman to repair various things in the building complex.

The following are some projects that the committee feels should be completed in 1996

- Repair various areas of building complex--roof.
- Repair or replace wallpaper throughout the complex
- Continue repairs of the Atrium marble floor.
- Repair cracks in the plaster ceiling
- Folding door in classroom #2 needs repair.
- Main church entrance slate floor and concrete sidewalk needs major repair or replacement.

Thanks to Parish Council Chairman, Dr. Levon Capan and all the members of the Parish Council for setting aside \$2,000 each month in 1995 as a building maintenance reserve and the promise to continue to do so in 1996.

Respectfully Submitted
Jack Torosian

ARCHITECTURAL & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT

Opening Balance 1/1/95		47,850
Capital Expense Charged Against Reserve	300	
Hitech Electrical		
\$2,000 X 12= \$24,000 Allocation	<u>\$24,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>
		<u>71,550</u>

CHURCH GROUNDS - LANDSCAPING

The way our neighbors and town see us, the grooming of our grounds, is important. A bit here, a trifle there adds up to appearances. Our appearance was helped this year by a contribution from Varujan Arslanyan and Michael Fuhrmann as well as our Parish Council budgeting.

We accomplished this through the dedicated and reasonable services of Lubrano Landscaping Co., as well as their reliable snow removal service.

The flower planing, tree removal, cleaning up and lawn care are not specifically noticed, but together are critical to our being good and welcome neighbors.

Thank you for your continued support.

Virginia M. Victoria
Grounds Chairman

**CASPAR M. KASPARIAN MEMORIAL FUND
1995**

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 Christian children to attend the Diocesan St. Vartan Summer Camp.

This year, we deviated from our normal practice of awarding scholarships so that the Fund could provide all St. Thomas Sunday School students the opportunity to understand the various aspects of our Divine Liturgy through the use of a closed circuit T.V. A Panasonic color camera has been installed in the church balcony ceiling along with a sound system. It can televise the altar. Each classroom, the Library, the Youth Room and Saddler Hall have monitor jacks. It is a powerful teaching tool for understanding and explaining the beauty of the Badarak on a first hand basis within the classroom setting.

After obtaining three bids, the contract was awarded to Ronald Chakmakian of Night Owl Security Systems of Closter, New Jersey. The installation was under the supervision of Albert Victoria, Chairman of the Building and Ground Committee. The members of the Fund thank Albert Victoria and Ronald Chakmakian for their perseverance and commitment in completing this worthy project in time for the September opening of the Sunday School. The Fund also purchased and installed a 12' X 12' motorized screen in the Saddler Hall. A proposed project for 1996 is a Sunday School Spring Retreat.

The Current Members of the Board of Directors are:

Very Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian	President Ex-Officio
Lillian Chapien	Chairperson
Dr. Levon Capan	Vice-Chairperson
Henry Hagopian Jr.	Treasurer
Albert Victoria	Secretary
Leon Nigohosian	
Michael Kasparian	
David Kasparian	

Respectfully Submitted
 Mrs. Lillian Chapien
 Caspar M. Kasparian Memorial Fund

**CASPAR M. KASPARIAN MEMORIAL FUND
 FINANCIAL REPORT 1995**

January 1, 1995 Opening Balance		5,990.53
<u>INCOME</u>		
A.C.E.F. Income		4,146.83
		10,137.36
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>		
Herbert's Camera	992.75	
Hye Tek Electric	250.00	
Night Owl Security	<u>2,970.00</u>	<u>4,212.75</u>
December 31, 1995		<u>\$5,924.61</u>

VAHAN BARSAMIAN MEMORIAL FUND - 1995

The Vahan Barsamian Memorial Fund was established in 1986. St. Thomas Church set up an endowment fund with the ACEF at the Diocese, with all the interest going to St. Thomas. At present there is \$6,000 in the ACEF Fund.

This year the interest from this Fund was used to underwrite the expenses of the St. Thomas Adult Armenian Conversation Classes, a new endeavor at St. Thomas. The session was held for eight weeks, starting on October 17th and it continued every Tuesday evening from 8:00 - 9:00 pm until December 5th.

These language classes required five teachers for approximately thirty six students who were taught at four levels of

Armenian language comprehension. The teachers who participated are: Mrs. Angel Torosian, Mrs. Araxie Diratzouian, Mrs. Seta Jebejian, Mr. Haroutioun Diratzouian and Mr. Aren Jebejian. Due to the students' enthusiastic responses, the Fund will continue to support the next session of these language classes to be held in March and April of 1996.

The Fund seeks to encourage the advancement of the art of Armenian conversation for adults sincerely interested in learning to speak our unique language. The Board of Directors of the Fund are comprised of the members of the Barsamian Family and the Parish Council appointees.

VAHAN BARSAMIAN MEMORIAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Principal at ACEF			6,000.00
Sept. 1995 ACEF Int. on hand	1,147.00		
<u>Donations</u>			
Mrs. Angel Torosian	160.00		
Anonymous Student	100.00		
Teachers' Salaries		800.00	
Expenses (Books, teaching materials, Xeroxing, etc.)		264.00	
	1,407.00	1,064.00	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, '95			<u>\$343.00</u>

GEORGE SHAHINIAN MEMORIAL FUND

Principal at ACEF		20,586.00
Balance on hand as, Dec. 31, '94		1,228.86
ACEF Interest, April 1995		1,389.56
		2,618.42
TOTAL		2,618.42
 <u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>		
May, 1995 - CASP		400.00
December, 1995-Kirikian Armenian School		500.00
		900.00
TOTAL		900.00
BALANCE ON HAND, DEC. 31, '95		<u>\$1,718.42</u>

Respectfully Submitted
Shakae Shahinian

MARTIN SONNY TASHJIAN MEMORIAL FUND

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 purpose of the fund is to provide funding for sports activities and towards the needs of the youth at St. Thomas Armenian Church.

The fund was established on December 29, 1982 for \$5,000 with the stipulation that all interest accrued be given to St. Thomas. As of November 25, 1994 the balance in the account is \$8,135. For the past seven 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 Board of Directors of the Fund is comprised of members of the Tashjian Family and Parish Council appointees.

A.C.Y.O.A. JRS - 1995

The A.C.Y.O.A. (Armenian Cultural Youth Organization of America) is a group organized by the church and the board members to bring positive activities and discussions to the Armenian youth. Members of the organization consist of adolescents ages thirteen through eighteen. Our ultimate goal is to preserve our Armenian ethnic history and religion and to keep our culture alive. The only way to achieve this is by teaching the youth of today about our background by means of discussions and trips. The A.C.Y.O.A. brings us together to converse and learn about ourselves and others like us. Our schedule of activities for the 1995 year was as follows:

January 20	Meeting & speaker on Armenian customs (Mrs. Seta Yavru-Sakuk)
22	Bake Sale
February 4	Ski trip with St. Leons
17	Meeting (AIDS) & refreshments
19	Bake Sale
March 17	Spaghetti Dinner & meeting
April 9	Palm Sunday serving, A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs. honored
21	Meeting
23	Bake Sale
29	Spring Dance
May 19	Meeting
20	Picnic at Van Saun Park with St. Leons
21	Bake Sale
26-29	Watertown Sports Weekend
29	Memorial Day Picnic-helped
June 2	Progressive Dinner & meeting
16	Elections, good-bye party for seniors
30	Great Adventure
July	Board meeting with Hayr Soorp
August	Board meeting with Hayr Soorp, trip to bank board meeting
Sept. 15	Meeting/Friendly's/Carnival..Welcome Back!
17	Car Wash
24	Car Wash - rain date
October 20	Meeting, Armenian circle dancing, pizza
22	Bake Sale
28	Halloween Dance
November 11-12	A.C.Y.O.A. works at the Bazaar
17	Meeting
December 3	Bake Sale
10	Trip to Emerson Old Age Home
22	Rehearsal for Christmas Eve singing
24	Christmas Eve singing

Chairladies Hourig Kherlopian
Kim Karagosian

Secretaries Garin Hamalian
Lucy Tovmasian

Treasurer Berj Khatchadourian

All A.C.Y.O.A. Jr. meetings take place on the third Friday of each month. They promptly start at 7:00 pm, in the Youth Room of St. Thomas Armenian Church.

A.C.Y.O.A. JRS. TREASURE'S REPORT 1995

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Balance on Hand as of Jan. 1995			2,433.36
Nets tickets	749.40	758.50	
Ski trip bus/lift tickets	308.00	629.00	
Stamps for mailings		142.88	
Spaghetti dinner	275.00	50.00	
Palm Sunday Church donation		1,000.00	
DJ Spring Dance		325.00	
Spring Dance	631.00	94.00	
Sports Weekend team dues		136.00	
Garage Sale	152.05		
Dues	190.00		
Bake sales	194.00		
Donations	29.00		
Halloween Dance DJ		350.00	
Halloween Dance	1,982.60	118.27	
Merchandise for Bazaar		101.50	
Pizza for Meeting		33.50	
Petty Cash	<u>78.00</u>		
	4,589.05	<u>3,808.65</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 1995			<u>3,213.76</u>

Respectfully Submitted
Berj Khatchadourian-Treasurer

**AVAK SOCIETY SENIOR CITIZENS
TREASURER'S REPORT 1995**

OFFICERS:

Chairman	Jack Hajinlian
Secretary	Arax Berberian
Treasurer	Helen Avedisian
Asst. Treasurer	Sonia Darakjian

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Balance as of 12/31/94			2,588.18
Membership as of 12/31/94 (43)			
Weekly dues	1,595.00		
Membership Dues	129.00		
Interest on Savings Account	47.19		
Profit Lemajun Sale	40.25		
	<u>1,811.44</u>		<u>1,811.44</u>
Refreshments	260.67		
St. Thomas Church	1,548.64		
Supplies	5.50		
Cost of Mothers & Fathers Day Luncheon	8.28		
	<u>1,823.09</u>		<u>1,823.09</u>
			<u>2,576.53</u>
Midlantic Bank Checking A/C	67.49		
Midlantic Bank Savings A/C	<u>2,509.04</u>		
	<u>\$2,576.53</u>		

ST. THOMAS CHOIR 1995

Chairwoman: Marie Zokian
Vice-Chairman: Ara Martaian
Treasurer: Andrew Martaian
Recording Secretary: Mary Sanossian
Corresponding Secretary: Araxie Diratzouian
Advisors: Jeanie Amerkanian
Ara Martaian
Susan Shamamian
(Parish Council Liaison)

Choir Director/Organist: Susan Shamamian

The St. Thomas Choir once again had a very busy and edifying year. Susan Shamamian, our Director/Organist enthusiastically led us every Sunday in singing the Morning Service and Divine Liturgy and held rehearsals regularly, including during the summer. This year we made a special effort to attend additional practice sessions and master the very numerous, difficult hymns of our Holy Week Services. Our diligence paid off, and we were able to sing the challenging "sharagans" of these lengthy services with skill and confidence.

Our Choir members faithfully attend Divine Liturgy and rehearsals and are always willing and ready to sing for any occasion, including sacraments such as weddings, wakes and funerals. Assisting Hayr Papken on the altar during this year were Deacon Bedros Sarkissian and Altar Servers Levon Altiparmakian, Tavit Cakirdas, Dr. Levon Capan, Vicken Ezgilioglu, Andrew Martaian and Dr. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk, as well as a host of young boys who served as candle-holders. We thank all these dedicated individuals for their devoted service to God and our parish.

Special thanks also to our Executive Board headed by conscientious current Chairwoman Marie Zokian and former Chairwoman Jeanie Amerkanian for their hard work and support of all Choir activities.

Our Choir members also accompanied Hayr Papken on his Armenian Christmas and Easter visits to the Armenian Home for the Aged in Emerson, N.J., where they sang the Divine Liturgy and brightened the day of the many pious residents. In addition, we have responded to and participated in all metropolitan-area joint Choir events sponsored by our Diocese.

As is the practice every year, our Choir contributed part of the proceeds from its Easter Sunday Plate Collection to the Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America (AACCA) to assist with its many worthwhile programs. St. Thomas is one of the largest donors to this annual appeal by the AACCA.

This year the St. Thomas Choir initiated a fundraising effort that will be directed to the purchase of a painting by the renowned artist Levon Mnazakanian for the Votive Candle area in the rear of our church. We will continue this program until adequate monies are raised to formally commission Mr. Mnazakanian for a painting of St. Gregory of Narek.

**ST. THOMAS CHURCH CHOIR
1995 BALANCE SHEET**

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Wedding Donation Bekeroghullari	250.00		
Wedding Donation Beylerian	250.00		2,045.80
St. Joachim & St. Anne Choir Assembly Booklet Ad.		100.00	1,945.80
In Lieu of Flowers		25.00	1,920.80
Donation from John Armen	5.00		1,925.80
Balance on Hand December 31, 1995			<u>\$1,925.80</u>

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The mission of St. Thomas Sunday school is to teach the children and youth of this parish to love God, to worship Him, to serve Him, and to live for Him.

This is accomplished by teaching them about our Christian faith, the Badarak, the Bible, our Saints, and how to live the Christian life on a daily basis. To accomplish this, we use the Bible and the curriculum textbooks published by the Diocesan Department of Religious Education. The devoted staff are: Kim Karagosian (year of service), Gareen Hamalian (year of service), Jean Karagosian, Diane Bairamian, Diane Markarian, Douglas Martaian, Hourig Kherlopian, Sona Aaris, John Bashian, and Shnorig Bashian.

Additional special activities include Crop Walk for Hunger, "Trick or Treat for UNICEF", St. Thomas Church Bazaar booth (this past year we earned \$1,000 for the church), Christmas Dinner & Program, Poon Paregentian Pizza Party, Easter Communion breakfast with the Kirikian Armenian School, Year End Pizza Party, and our Graduation/Reception. All the students partake of Holy Communion once a month. During the other Sundays, we attend Badarak at different parts in order to experience the whole Badarak.

This year, through the generous contribution of the Caspar Kasparian Memorial Fund, a closed circuit TV system was installed. Our teachers will now be able to view various portions of the Diving Liturgy while they are teaching about it in the classroom.

We thank God for giving us another year to serve Him. We also thank our beloved Parish Priest, Very Rev. Fr. Papken Dz. Vartabed Anoushian for his spiritual guidance and advice. We also thank our devoted Parish Council members, the Caspar Kasparian Memorial Fund committee, and the parents of our Sunday School students for their support and cooperation always. A special thanks goes to our devoted teachers for their faithfulness in coming regularly to Sunday School in order to teach our students about our Christian faith and church.

Last but not least, a special thanks to our precious students who give us the pleasure of serving them by coming to Sunday School on a regular basis.

Jesus said, "Let these children come unto me." Indeed, through the Sunday School, St. Thomas Church is helping our children come to Him.

Respectfully Submitted by
Shnoring Bashian
Sunday School Superintendent

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
TREASURER'S REPORT 1995**

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Balance on hand Jan. 1, '95			1,034.58
Registration	1,300.00		
Sunday School Offering	522.76		
Donation	800.00	110.00	
Christmas Dinner	1,492.35	698.36	
Bibles	125.00	46.39	
Supplies		309.56	
Textbooks		753.35	
Telephone		131.81	
Postage		124.94	
Graduation		212.37	
Gifts		506.67	
Children & Teacher's Parties	87.00	787.81	
Miscellaneous		185.97	
	4,327.11	3,867.23	1494.46
ENDING BALANCE DEC. 31, '95		<u>1,494.46</u>	
BANK BALANCE		1,550.46	
		56.00	O/S
		<u>1,494.46</u>	
BOOK BALANCE		<u>\$1,494.46</u>	

FAMILY AUXILIARY OF ST. THOMAS

The Family Auxiliary of St. Thomas was founded in May, 1994. It is an organization where every member of the family is welcome. The main objective is to regularly bring together all household members in a family atmosphere and at the same time to assist St. Thomas Armenian Church whenever help is needed. The spirit of friendship and belonging to St. Thomas is fostered on these occasions as the whole family is involved.

The Family Auxiliary held the following activities during 1994:

The September Fall Dinner Dance and December 31, New Year's Eve celebration were both a financial and social success. In addition there were two Pot Luck Dinners/Meetings held at church for all the members of the Family Auxiliary of St. Thomas. The members of the Family Auxiliary also organized the Palm Sunday Dinner, the Mother's Day Luncheon on May 14, the Memorial Day Picnic and the Annual Bazaar.

The organization is open to all parishioners. Everyone is welcome to attend. The officers are: Ani Capan-chairperson, Sylva Torosian-co-chairperson, Mari Camcikyan-treasurer, Ani Barsamian-secretary, Mari Kucukyan-publicity, and Ayda Kilerciyan, and Irma Saganda-advisors.

**FAMILY AUXILIARY OF ST. THOMAS
FINANCIAL REPORT 1995**

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Opening Balance			385.77
Fall Dinner Dance	10,677.04		
New Year's Eve Party	9,227.23		
Mother's Day	400.00		
Membership	320.00		
Turned over to St. Thomas		20,304.27	
Postage, etc.	_____	<u>448.00</u>	_____
	<u>20,624.27</u>	<u>20,752.27</u>	<u>\$257.77</u>

KIRIKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL

Language is the ingredient which connects time past with time present and future. The knowledge of language is a vital link to keeping a proud and noble culture alive for generations to come. Toward that end, the Kirikian Armenian School strives to instill in its students a love and pride of knowledge in their ethnic heritage.

Enrollment this year reflects the fact that several families have moved from this area. Classes range from nursery to seventh grade. Due to a growing need, there are bilingual classes, one for English speaking students and another for bi-lingual students, in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th grades. All children must take a reading and spelling test at the end of each year. The seventh graders have to pass a comprehensive three hour test to graduate, and an optional Armenian History test of 100 questions to qualify 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 entirely by the School. Most of these monies are derived through tuition. However, the Mothers' Committee augments income through 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. An Armenian Christmas dinner in January
2. Vartanantz Day and Poon Paregentan celebration in February.
3. In April, participation during Easter Week Services
4. Easter Communion Breakfast.
5. Commemoration of Martyrs Day
6. In May, annual Spring Brunch for parents and friends.
7. Year end Hantes in June
8. Opening of the school in September.
9. Celebration of Soorpotz Tarkmanchats at the Diocese.
10. Trip to the United Nations
11. Hokehankisd and Fellowship commemorating the Anniversary of the Earthquake in Armenia.

Faculty: Ani Capan, Hourig Broukian, Mari Kuruzian, Ani Kecoglu, Queenie Tashjian, Seta Yavru-Sakuk, Sossi Salbashian, Marie Zokian, Margaret Sinanian, Maro Hajakian, Siranus Gulbenkian, Nazig Sestetian, Araksi Diratzouian, Mari Camcikian, Sirvart Demirjian, Mary Tashjian, Shnorig Bashian, Nina Terzian.

KIRIKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

1995

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Balance on Hand 12/31/95			<u>21,248.28</u>
Salaries (4730X34) weeks		24,820.00	
Tuition (84X180)	15,120.00		
(6X50)	300.00		
Taranto Bus (Khirimian)	2,100.00	2,400.00	
St. Vartan Bookstore		2,062.90	
St. Thomas Bookstore		370.50	
Armenian Christmas Dinner	4,298.35	2,206.49	
Donations	1,337.50		
Spring Brunch (Season's)	5,010.00	2,215.00	
Annual Bazaar	1,130.55	150.40	
Hantes	364.00	386.85	
United Nations Trip Tickets	88.00	88.00	
Bus		205.00	
Paregentan		333.45	
Cabinets		160.00	
Postage/School Supplies		900.00	
Raffle Ticket Printing/Permit		121.00	
Checkbook Fee		<u>55.63</u>	
	<u>27,648.40</u>	<u>36,387.22</u>	
Balance December 31, 1995			<u>12,509.46</u>

These Figures Reflect Approximated
Activity From January 1 - December 31.

The School Year Is From September 1 - June 30.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Ann Saraydarian
Treasurer

MEN'S CLUB - 1995

1995 activities of the Men's Club were conducted under the direction of the following Executive Committee:

Chairman	Ara Babigian
Vice Chairman	Paul Kahaumjian
Treasurer	Jack Ekizian
Secretary-Rec.	Charlie Sarajian
Secretary-Corr.	Artie Azarik
Publicity	Matt Keshishian

Standing Committee heads were as follows:

Dinner	Paul Kahaumjian
Program	George Mekenian
Special Events	Zaven Poosikian
Membership	Ed Parseghian
Telephone Chain	Arman Ajamian
Beverage	Dick Keurajian
Nominating	Artie Azarik

The Chairman would like to thank all the members of the Executive Committee and Standing Committee heads for their unqualified cooperation in whatever job had to be accomplished.

Money earned from Men's Club special events and other activities are used to pay all the expenses of the St. Thomas

basketball teams in the Armenian Church's Sports Association. The expenses paid by the Men's Club include the following:

1. The forty dollar fee for each individual player.
2. The St. Thomas Church fee for the Armenian Church's Sports Association.
3. Uniforms and equipment.
4. Gym rental fees for practice sessions during the seven month season.
5. Awards and gifts for players and coaches at the Annual Basketball Awards Dinner.

This highlight of 1995 was on April 21, when the Men's Club and Women's Guild jointly hosted 120 players and family members for dinner to reward their participation and support during the seven month basketball season. With 200 people in attendance, team players were awarded St. Thomas tee shirts. Most Valuable Players for the three teams were given plaques for their outstanding efforts and the three coaches, Doug Martaian, Andrew Martaian and Sue Chagachbanian, were given gifts in recognition of their extensive efforts. Levon Altiparmakian and Bob Sarajian, assistants to the coaches, were awarded tee shirts for their help.

The Men's Club Dinner Committee headed by Paul Kahaumjian with the aid of Jack Ekizian, Dick Keurajian, Charlie Sarajian, Artie Azarik and Dick Donigian and Women's Guild members, under the able direction of Lorraine Khatchadourian, provided a delectable array of desserts for all to enjoy. Many thanks to everyone for their help.

A special thank you also to Vic Arzooonian for serving as Master of Ceremonies and entertaining the gathering with vintage narratives and to Alyce Parseghian for taking photographs at the Basketball Awards Dinner.

The year began with a Pot Luck Dinner in January and a Mezze Spread in February with the Women's Guild. Many thanks to the ladies who provided a table laden with delicious dishes on both of these evenings and to Andy Ouzoonian who, in January, gave us a talk about his trip to Russia.

March was the occasion for another of Ara Pekmezian's hearty and generous corned beef dinners which everyone enjoyed enormously. Many thanks to the Men's Club members who assisted in all the phases of the dinner.

Other Men's Club gatherings were held in May and September with an evening of dinner and races at the Meadowlands, thanks to Charlie Sarajian, and weekends at Belmar, thanks to group cooperation.

In June the Men's Club hosted a year-end Barbecue Dinner for which the Women's Guild provided desserts and the ACYOA Juniors were invited as guests. Many thanks to Paul Kahaumjian for handling dinner preparations and chairing the meeting that followed.

Our annual picnic in July, held at Pascack Brook Park, was chaired by Dick Donigian, Armen Kazanjian and Arman Ajamian. With the help of many of our members who pitched in to assist, everyone enjoyed continuous helpings of barbecue delights followed by a delicious dinner.

During September the Men's Club requested permission to run a 50/50 raffle to raise \$5,000 to help pay for church youth activities. The Parish Council felt that this would interfere with the Church 50/50 raffle and asked the Men's Club to pursue alternative fund raising activities.

October was highlighted by an enjoyable dinner which Ed Parseghian and his crew prepared. Dinner was followed by an informative talk by a podiatrist.

Our November gathering was a joint Men's Club/Women's Guild meeting with a Pot Luck Supper that Joan Bogosian very able organized. This was followed by an excellent slide presentation given by Alyce Parseghian. Her subject was Rocky Mountain Passages and with each and every slide, Alyce captured the beauty and grandeur of the Rocky Mountains.

November was also the month during which we had the best Fruit Sale ever. Under the direction of Zaven Poosikian, with assistance from members of the Men's Club and basketball teams, the sale produced outstanding results. Thanks to Zaven for the long hours he devoted to this successful effort. Many thanks also to Men's Club members who gave their time, energy and equipment to facilitate the handling of all the boxes of fruit. A sale of this scope was possible through the sales efforts of our members and of the efforts of the basketball teams as well.

The year's activities concluded with a convivial Christmas Party at the Colonial Manor which Jack Ekizian arranged.

The Chairman's job was greatly facilitated by the complete cooperation from every active member of the Men's Club whenever called upon. In particular, I would like to thank the following three members for their efforts:

Paul Kahaumjian, for taking on the Vice Chairmanship in addition to heading the Dinner Committee. Zaven Poosikian, for his work on the Fruit Sale and 50/50 Raffle and Jack Ekizian, for his continued and extensive work as treasurer.....My hearty thanks to all.

MEN'S CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT 1995

Balance on Hand			\$ 3,769.75
	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Membership Dues	900.00		
Postage		171.00	
Dinner Meetings	2,601.00	2,575.92	
Fruit Sales 1994	21.00		
Fruit Sales 1995	5,999.00	3,881.75	
Super Bowl 1995	80.00		
Men's Club Picnic Park Fees		25.00	
Cotillion Ad		65.00	
Awards to Players & Coaches		632.77	
Turned Over to St. Thomas	40.00	3,048.00	
Basketball Uniforms		199.75	
Basketball Gym Rentals		500.00	
Christmas Party	2,388.00	2,388.00	
Donations	292.00		
Miscellaneous Book Ledgers		<u>8.80</u>	
	<u>12,321.00</u>	<u>13,495.99</u>	
Balance on Hand			2,594.76
Less Reserve for Basketball Gym Rentals			1,232.00
Final Balance on Hand			<u>\$1,362.76</u>

**WOMEN'S GUILD 1995 REPORT
JANUARY 1 - JUNE 30**

President Very Rev. Dz.Fr. P. Anoushian

EXECUTIVE BOARD (ELECTED)

Chairman/Programs	Mary Ann Saraydarian
Vice Chairman	Sona Damergy
Treasurer	Seta Izmirly
Recording Secretary	Susan Avakian-Stoneson
Corresp.Secretary/Mailings	Marion Babigian
Hospitality	Mary Varteresian
CWU Keywoman	Yeretzgin V. Kasparian
Publicity	Lorraine Khatchadourian
Advisors	Linda Karalian
	Paula Keosayian
Alternate	Violet Ouzoonian
Parish Council Liaison	Ann Ajemian

STANDING COMMITTEES (APPOINTED)

Membership	Sona Doudoukjian
Ways & Means	Martha Saraydarian
Historian	Pauline Pekmezian
Visitation/Sunshine	Celia Martaian
Photographer	Alyce Parseghian
Parliamentarian	Rose Mekenian
Social Services	Queenie Tashjian
Emerson Home	Violet Ouzoonian
	Queenie Tashjian
MAHS Coordinator	Violet Ouzoonian
Telephone Chain	Joan Bogosian
Nominating Committee	Elizabeth De Luca
	Adele Jibilian
	June Kashishian

It has been my pleasure to serve as Guild Chairwoman for the past two years. The support I received was given from the heart by all those who came to my aid during my term of office. I appreciate every gesture of assistance and remain deeply in all of your gratitude. Thank you all for helping to keep the name of the St. Thomas Women's Guild alive.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Ann Saraydarian

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
1995**

January 5	Armenian Christmas Services and Table at Emerson Old Age Home. Chairwoman, Violet Ouzoonian.
January 19	January Birthday Celebration-Emerson Home.
January 20	General Meeting/Dinner with Men's Club/Antranig Ouzoonian - Lecture and slides on recent trip to Moscow.
February 17	Valentine Mezza and Desserts with Men's Club General Meeting, Marion Babigian Chairwoman.
March 17	Lenten Dinner, Martha Saraydarian Chairwoman.
March 18	Participation in Women Saints Day Celebration at St. Leon's.
April 13	Holy Thursday visit to Emerson Home.
April 19	Bridal Fashion Show & Luncheon, Ann Ajemian Chairwoman.
April 21	Sports Awards Dinner with Men's Club-General Meeting, Lorraine Khatchadourian Chairwoman.
April 29	38th Annual Cotillion & Ball, Tamcrest Country Club, June Kashishian & Irene Khorozian Chairwomen.
May 5	CWU May Fellowship Day
May 5-7	Diocesan Convention, Nashua, New Hampshire Delegates, Ann Ajemian, Violet Kasparian, Mary Ann Saraydarian.
May 18	General Meeting & Elections-Rose Mekenian-Lecture on recent participation in election of Catholicos.
June 16	End of Year Bar-B-Que with Men's Club-General meeting & presentation of \$10,000 Women's Guild pledge to Hayr Soorp.

The Women's Guild also participated in MAHS preparation for Church.

There were three executive board meetings held at Mary Ann Saraydarian's home.

**WOMEN'S GUILD NEWLY ELECTED EXECUTIVE BOARD
AS OF JUNE, 1995**

Chairwoman	Violet K. Ouzoonian
Vice Chairwomen	Lorraine Khatchadourian Irene Khorozian Hersik Allaverdian
Treasurer	Seta Izmirly
Corresponding Secretary	Marion Babigian
Recording Secretary	Susan Avakian-Stoneson
Church Women United	Yeg. Violet Kasparian
Advisor & Publicity	Mary Ann Saraydarian

STANDING COMMITTEES (APPOINTED)

CASP	Sona Damergy
Christmas Luncheon	Shake Mekhjian
Cotillion	Seta Yavru-Sakuk
Debs	Sona Damergy Beverly Hajinlian
Historian	Mary Varteresian
Hospitality	Elizabeth De Luca
MAHS	Araxi Diratzouian
Membership	Sona Doudoukjian
Parish Council Liaison	Ann Ajemian

Parliamentarian	Rose Mekenian
Photographer	Adrin Kucukyantiryan
Social Services	
Blood Drive & Emerson Home	Queenie Tashjian
Emerson Home	Betty Zoraian
	Araxi Parseghian
Sunshine	Celia Martaian
Telephone Squad	Joan Bogosian
	Marion Kahaumjian
Ways & Means	Martha Saraydarian

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July	18	First newly elected Executive Board Meeting held at church
July	20 am	CWU Bake Sale Yeg. Violet Kasparian, Coordinator
July	20 pm	Blood Drive Queenie Tashjian, Coordinator
August	9	Cotillion Deb meeting at church
September	5	Cotillion Deb meeting, Cresskill(Music)
September	7	Executive Board Meeting held at Seta Izmirly's home
September	15	First meeting & Plant Exchange
September	19	MAHS-Araxi Diratzouian, Coordinator
September	27	Obtain delegates names for General Assembly at Wynnewood, Pennsylvania
October	18	Membership Tea
October	27	Cotillion Meeting at church-Seta Yavru-Sakuk, Chairwoman & Sona Damergy & Beverly Hajinlian,Debs
November	1	Christmas Luncheon Meeting at Shake Mekhjian's home, Chairwoman for the Luncheon
November	2	Bazaar Meeting
November	3	World Community Day, CWU
November	6	Setting up of Bazaar booths
November	10-12	Bazaar: Boutique May Simsarian, Chairwoman & White Elephant Alice Keshian, Chairwoman
November	16	Blood Drive: Mari Camcikian, Coordinator
November	17	Pot Luck Dinner & Meeting: Joan Bogosian, Chairwoman-Program: Travelogue by Alyce Parseghian, "Rocky Mountain Passages"
November		Investigate places for 1997 Cotillion
December	4	MAHS-Araxi Diratzouian, Chairwoman
December	6	Christmas Luncheon at Church; Shake Mekhjian Chairwoman
December	7	Discussions for Culinary Institute in May
December	11	Investigated music in Oradell for 1996 Cotillion
December	18	Executive Board Meeting at Violet Ouzoonian's home

After our election in June, the Executive Board met and it was decided which executive positions were to be filled and by whom. As Chairwoman, I gradually appointed the Chairwomen for the standing committees, as mentioned above. If there is anyone who would like to serve on any committee, please do not hesitate to call me.

Our Women's Guild continues to sponsor a girl and boy under the children of Armenia Sponsorship Program (CASP). This sponsorship will continue until the children are eighteen. We are also responsible for sponsoring a child at the St. Tarkmanchatz Secondary School in Jerusalem.

And last but certainly not least, we will continue to assist Yeg. Violet Kasparian with the Women's Guild Central Council School Bag Program.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Our Guild has been receiving compliments which are a reflection of the efforts of our Executive Board and Standing Committees. Everyone is doing her job and then some. The accomplishments of our Women's Guild is nothing new. The women of this Parish have been working diligently since our church's inception and will continue to do so with dignity and in harmony.

We started out in September with our General Business Meeting, followed by a relaxed Fellowship and a Plant & Flower Exchange. Thanks to Elizabeth De Luca for her spread of the goodies and to Adrin Kucukyantiryan for the spread of

photographs for us to view.

October was our Membership Tea. Efficient Sona Doudoukjian was responsible for coordinating our Executive Board and Standing Committees who prepared the luscious food. One highlight of the afternoon was the enjoyable entertainment provided by Anna Mintancian, pianist. If you are interested in taking piano lessons give her a call. Thanks also to Araxy Gokberk, liaison from Women's Guild Central Council who lead the inspiring initiation ceremony. We welcome the following ladies who have become members of our Guild this year: Elbiz Baghdikian, Maral V. Hajjar, Olympia Jebejian, Shoghig Kherlopiyan, Adrin Kucukyantiryan, Diana Markarian, Lucy Maserjian, Shnorig Minassian, and Vivian

Stepanian. We look forward to their taking an active part in our Guild.

November brought us much busyness. Both Bazaar Booths reflected a financial increase this year. Our Boutique Booth was chaired by our diligent May Simsarian, assisted by her spouse Haig. Irene Khoroizian and June Kashishian donated a "World Book Science Set" for a successful raffle. Alice Keshian nicely chaired the White Elephant Booth, along with assistance from her spouse Charles. Ray Kreppel generously donated a lovely ten-piece Tea Set to our Guild. It is available for rental, should you so desire.

Our Pot Luck was also in November, which was successfully chaired by Joan Bogosian. The Men's Club joined us for this function which made it a lovely and lucrative evening. May Simsarian provided a raffle in which Sona Damergy assisted. The proceeds went to our Social Services Programs. To top off this lovely evening Alyce Parseghian provided an entertaining, interesting, and colorful Travelogue entitled, "Rocky Mountain Passages". If you know of an organization who needs entertainment, tell them to give Alyce a call. Her work is for hire.

Queenie Tashjian ran the Blood Drive like a real "Pro". Don't take my word for it, this is what one of the gentlemen from the Blood Bank thinks of our Queenie.

Our Christmas Luncheon was also socially and financially a success. Many thanks to Shake Mekhjian and her excellent committee which consisted of: Ann Ajemian, Hersik Allaverdian, May Chakmakian, Adrin Kucukyantiryan, Vesna Markarian and Mary Ann Saraydarian. Our dear Susan Shamamian was the pianist, not only during the cocktail hour, but later accompanied our magnificent "Song Bird", Sylva Torosian during her breath taking solos and carol sing-along. Sylva truly made magic that afternoon. I would be remiss if I did not mention the generosity of those who attended. The Social Services envelopes on the tables were laden with moneys which all went to one of the above mentioned Social Services Programs. We truly thank you all for attending and for being so charitable.

Our consistent MAHS makers under the direction of Araxi Diratzouian are extremely conscientious in seeing that our church always has a supply of MAHS. Please feel free to call Araxi at: 666-0802 should you wish to help.

Once again, I want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have been willing to take over a committee or lend a helping hand in some capacity. You are needed. As they say, "Many hands make light work". Whatever part you can play in helping to keep our Guild vital and productive is very important. Having said that, I must express my sincere appreciation to my predecessor, Mary Ann Saraydarian. She has been a true advisor in a most unselfish giving manner, and without competition. My three Vice Chairwomen, Lorraine Khatchadourian, Irene Khoroizian, and Hersik Allaverdian are always there for me, I am not alone. I must also include Marion Babigian, Martha Saraydarian, and Seta Izmirly for also opening her home to us, Celia Martaian, Yeg. Violet Kasparian, Susan Avakian-Stoneson, truly the entire Standing Committees, my husband and family. As I said, they do their job and then some, for which I am deeply appreciative and I know our community is also. If for some reason there is an omission or error, it was not deliberate, but inadvertent.

May God watch over us and keep us healthy, wide and good people. I thank you sincerely for this opportunity to serve in the capacity of Chairwoman of the Women's Guild of St. Thomas Armenian Church. With all of us together, how can we miss. "It is a good thing".

Respectfully Submitted,
Violet K. Ouzoonian, Chairwoman
Women's Guild of St. Thomas Armenian Church

**WOMEN'S GUILD FINANCIAL REPORT
JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1995**

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Balance on hand 1/1/95			2,978.39
Dues	1,610.00		
Interest Income	101.95		
Cotillion Booklet	8,455.00		
Cotillion	21,010.00	22,207.56	
Fashion Show	7,740.00	2,986.25	
Postage		673.43	
Refreshments		46.35	
In Lieu of Flowers		75.00	
Lenten Dinner	1,255.50	309.50	
Sports Dinner/Men's Club	196.00	196.00	
Women's Guild Central Council (Dues 135 member)		270.00	
Delegate Fees		36.00	
Delegate Expenses		200.00	
Expenses/Church Women United Lunc.		25.99	
Emerson Home	148.50	7.50	
St. Tarkmanchatz School		200.00	
WGCC (Children Sp. Donation)		970.00	
WGCC (Book Bags)		300.00	
June Dinner w/Men's Club	1,282.00	1,060.00	
Addit. Expenses Xmas Lunch'94		158.00	
Christmas Luncheon 1995	4,675.00	2,342.50	
Miscellaneous	24.45	218.75	
Church Women United		100.00	
Membership Tea	109.30	82.71	
St. Thomas(paper goods/mtgs.)		200.00	
St. Thomas Pledge 1995		12,000.00	
St. Thomas Pledge/prepayment 1996		1,000.00	
Pot Lunch Dinner (Nov)	151.00		
Sale of Flowers (Feb meeting)	46.50		
Donations	450.00		
Bank Charges B/C		19.00	
	<u>47,255.20</u>	<u>45,684.52</u>	
Income 1995	47,255.20		
Bal on Hand 1/1/95	2,978.39		
	<u>50,233.59</u>		
Expenses '95	45,684.52		
Balance	<u>4,549.07</u>		4,549.07
Money held for Cotillion Deposits	2,000.00		
	<u>2,549.07</u>		

**30th PARISH ASSEMBLY ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH
SESSION I - SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 1995**

Chairman Leon Nigohosian opened the meeting by asking Grace Hagopian, Parish Council Treasurer to establish that a quorum of at least 50 fully paid-up members was present. After establishing that a sufficient number was present, Very Rev. Fr. Papken Dz. V. Anoushian led the opening prayer.

Chairman Nigohosian stated for the record that voting list was available for those wishing to inspect it. He then introduced the Parish Assembly Officers: V. Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian, President, Leon Nigohosian, Chairman, and Madlen Setian, Secretary. He also thanked last year's Parish Assembly Chairman Andy Ouzoonian and Parish Assembly Secretary Sylva Torosian for their efforts.

Chairman Nigohosian stated that the Parish Assembly would be conducted in accordance with the By-Laws of the Eastern Diocese and guided by Roberts Rules of Order. He then stated that the first item on the agenda were the minutes of last year's Parish Assembly. Seta Izmirly made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, but allow for their reading at next week's session, if needed. It was seconded by Sylva Torosian. The motion was passed. He then called Aram Setian to read the nominations on behalf of the Nominating Committee.

Chairman Nigohosian stated that the Diocesan By-Laws have been changed and there is now a requirement that the terms of those holding office in the Auditing Committee be staggered terms. The election this year for those running for Auditing Committee will be as follows: there are three persons on the Auditing Committee and the By-Laws call for three year terms; the person from the group receiving the highest number of votes will be elected for a full 3-year term, the person receiving the second-highest number of votes will be elected for a two year term only, and the person receiving the third-highest number of votes will be elected for one year and one year only. After these terms expire, the persons elected to these positions will serve for full three year terms.

Mr. Setian presented the following candidates for Parish Council: Mari Camcikyan, Lusi Ezgilioglu, Zivart Gulian, Ani Hamparsumian, Leon Nigohosian, Richard Saraydarian, Irma Saganda, Madlen Setian, Hagop Torosian, Virginia Victoria, Sirarpi Yildiz and Joseph Zokian. Chairman Nigohosian asked for nominations from the floor. Edward Parseghian nominated the following for Parish Council: Seta Izmirly, Alex Markarian, Paul Kahaumjian and Arthur Azarik. Mr. Setian continued with the candidates for the Nominating Committee: Sylva Asadourian, Ayda Bozian, Manuk Camcikyan, Vicken Ezgilioglu, Ani Kecoglu, Ayda Kilercian, Lusi Piligian, Elsie Nigohosian, Mary Zokian. Aram Setian withdrew his name as a candidate for Nominating Committee because he had served for two years consecutively and he no longer qualified according to the By-Laws. The chair called for nominations from the floor for the Nominating Committee. There were none. Mr. Setian announced the Auditing Committee: candidates Jeanie Amerkanian, Natalie Capan, Sirvart Demirjian, Vicken Ezgilioglu, Talin Kupelian, and Hovsep Taktajian. Leon Nigohosian asked for nominations from the floor for Auditing Committee. There were none. Mr. Setian continued with the candidates for 1996 Parish Assembly Chairman: Leon Nigohosian, Jeanie Amerkanian. Leon Nigohosian asked if there were any nominations from the floor for Parish Assembly Chairman. Dikris Malool nominated Antranik Ouzoonian for 1996 Assembly Chairman. The candidate for 1996 Parish Assembly Secretary is Madlen Setian. All of the nominees for the respective offices, were asked to stand and were introduced. Mr. Setian asked that all Parish Council candidates see the photographer to have their picture taken. Leon Nigohosian asked all Parish Council candidates who were nominated from the floor to submit a biography to the church office no later than Monday, January 30, 1995, for mailing to the membership. A motion was made to close the nominations by Rose Mekenian, seconded by Jack Torosian. Motion was carried.

Leon Nigohosian asked the assembly to determine the hours for the second session (February 5, 1995) at which time the meeting will be opened and the time during which the elections will be held. He stated that the meeting notice we received stated that the Parish Assembly second session would begin at the completion of church services. Fr. Papken stated that services will end around noon. The chair asked for a motion stating that the meeting begin next week at noon. Ara Babigian asked if there was a change in the time services would be held. Fr. Papken said there would be no homily. Ara Babigian wanted to know what time do church services start in case someone wanted to attend. Fr. Papken said services will begin around 10:15 A.M. If the second session is to begin at 12 noon, Edward Parseghian asked how will those members who are not present know when the meeting will start. He stated that at the last Parish Assembly it was decided that the time meetings were to be held, be noted on the invitation. Martha Saraydarian suggested that since there was going to be a separate mailing with the names of those who were nominated from the floor, a sentence could be added with the time the meeting starts on February 5th. Leon Nigohosian stated that this indeed could be done and asked Mr. Parseghian if this solution satisfied him. Mr. Parseghian replied that it did.

Puzant Torigian noted that the Bi-Laws require two candidates for every position open. Mr. Nigohosian noted that the only position with only one candidate is that of secretary. The Nominating Committee presented a slate with double the number of candidates for every other position. If one drops out, they still have fulfilled their requirement. However, Mr. Nigohosian asked if he, Puzant Torigian, wanted to move to re-open the nominations. Motion was made to re-open the nominations by Puzant Torigian and seconded by George Mekenian. The motion was defeated. The chair exercised its prerogative to re-open the nominations. Leon Nigohosian read from paragraph 14B of the By-Laws citing the requirements for the number of candidates needed for each position. An additional candidate was needed for Nominating Committee and

a second for Assembly Secretary. Puzant Torigian nominated George Mekenian for Nominating Committee. George Mekenian declined. Paul Kahaumjian nominated Ara Babigian for Nominating Committee. He accepted. Henry Hagopian nominated Eileen Barsamian for Secretary. She declined. Sylva Torosian nominated Martha Saraydarian for secretary. She declined. The chair nominated Sylva Torosian for secretary and she accepted. A motion was made by Bedros Yavru and seconded by Mary Sanossian to close the nominations. The motion was carried.

Chairman Nigohosian made a proposal to begin next week's voting immediately after the opening of the meeting at noon and the determination of a quorum. Last year the hours were 12 Noon to 2:30 P.M. Andy Ouzoonian proposed 12 noon for a starting time, adjourn for lunch and voting until 2:00 P.M. Martha Saraydarian suggested that anyone registered and on line for voting at 2:00 P.M. be permitted to do so. Leon Nigohosian agrees that this will be done. Andy Ouzoonian made a motion to begin meeting at 12 Noon after a quorum, adjourn for lunch and voting, and resume the meeting at 2:00 P.M. at which time voting will end. Sylva Torosian seconds and the motion is carried. Mary Sanossian made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Levon Capan. The motion was carried. V. Rev. P. Dz. V. Anoushian delivered a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Madlen Setian
Secretary 1995
Parish Assembly

Leon Nigohosian
Chairman 1995
Parish Assembly

V.Rev.Fr.Papken
Dz.V. Anoushian,
Pastor and President
1995 Parish Assembly

30TH PARISH ASSEMBLY ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH SESSION II - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1995

Very Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian led the assembly in the opening prayer. Chairman Nigohosian asked all who were 1994/1995 dues paid members to rise. He ascertained that we had a quorum of at least 50 dues paid members.

Immediately after the Divine Liturgy, the meeting was called to order at 12:12 P.M. Chairman Nigohosian opened Session II stating that a list of members qualified to vote was available for all those who wished to examine it. He then stated that this second part of the 1995 Parish Assembly meeting which was originally scheduled for February 5th, but was postponed to today due to inclement weather. He reminded everyone that we were in a church and that everyone should act accordingly. He introduced the Parish Assembly officers, Very Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian, President, Madlen Setian, Secretary, and Leon Nigohosian, Chairman.

He explained that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with the By-Laws of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America and would be guided by Roberts Rules of Order.

He cited the new Diocesan By-Law for those elected to Auditing Committee: the person with most votes would be elected to a full 3-year term, the person receiving the second highest number of votes will be elected to a partial term of 2 years, and the person receiving the third highest number of votes would be elected to a one year period only, according to the Diocesan By-laws which have been changed to provide for standard terms.

Chairman Nigohosian reminded everyone that the reports were distributed two weeks ago (January 29) and more were available today for those who did not receive one. He suggested that everyone take the opportunity until 2:00 P.M. to review them.

Chairman Nigohosian also noted that the election was governed by the Auditing and Nominating Committees. He then read the names of those who were disqualified from counting ballots because they held positions on those committees and were running for office. Jeannie Amerkian was listed as assembly secretary. In her absence, Hayr Soorp verified that she had withdrawn. However it was confirmed that Marie Zokian, Mari Camcikyan and Ani Kecoglu were still candidates and were disqualified from counting votes. Chairman Nigohosian named the alternates who could replace those who were disqualified: Susan Stoneson - was not present, Shake Shahinian was present and could be involved in counting of the ballots.

Seta Izmirly asked that the names of those who had withdrawn be announced again. Chairman Nigohosian replied that Jeannie Amerkian, Aram Setian and Alex Markarian had withdrawn.

Chairman Nigohosian entertained a motion by Dr. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk to recess the meeting and reconvene at 2:00 after the election. The motion was seconded by Mari Camcikyan. The motion was carried at 12:35 P.M.

The meeting was reconvened at 2:12 P.M. and quorum was re-established. Chairman Nigohosian thanked the lunch committee and made a correction stating that Jeannie Amerkian had withdrawn from the position of Assembly Chairman and not Secretary.

Chairman Nigohosian proposed that the order of the Agenda be modified with the following amendments: that item #16 - 29th Parish Assembly Minutes become # 5A, that item #17 - Approval of Proposed Budget for 1995 become # 5B, that item #18 - Audit Report inserted today 2/12/95 become # 5C, that item #19 - Old Business become # 5D, that item # 20 - New Business become # 5E.

Item numbers 21 Announcement of Election Results, and item number 22 - Closing Prayer and Adjournment would become items numbers 16 & 17, respectively. A motion was made by Dr. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk to adopt the proposed changes

and seconded by Susan Shamamian. Puzant Torigian proposed that the Auditing Committee report be heard before the Budget Report. The motion was modified so that item #18 Auditing Committee report would become #5B and that item #17 Approval of the 1995 Budget would become #5C. The motion was carried as amended.

Chairman Nigohosian pointed out the following typographical errors in the report: page 5 - should state "Dr. Levon Capan attended the Diocesan Assembly by virtue of his being Parish Council Chairman (ex-officio), in his place the first alternate Ara Martaian also attended." The list on page 6 should also reflect that Ara Martaian went as 1st alternate since Dr. Capan was already attending in his capacity of P. C. Chairman. Page 10, 3rd line, should say "motion detection activated lights were installed." Page 17 under Family Auxiliary the correct word should read "Disbursements." Page 18 the heading of columns should be shifted to the right so that the INCOME heading should be above \$14,640, the EXPENSES should be above 24,140 and the BALANCE above \$28,786.50. Page 23, second paragraph, second line should be changed from "He read the following "....." ' to "He read the statute." Also on page 23, paragraph seven states that a letter was attached. No letter was attached and the phrase "(a copy of this letter is attached to these minutes)" should be stricken in its entirety. In the same paragraph four lines down the word "directory" should be changed to "directive." Page 24, second paragraph, sixth line, again "(This letter is attached as part of these minutes)" should be stricken, since the letter does not appear in the minutes. Page 26, third paragraph, line 6, the correct spelling is "delegates;" also on page 26, the seventh paragraph, 2nd line should read "1993 Parish Assembly minutes be approved." Page 27, last paragraph, 3rd line from bottom the phrase "pay all expenses is correct." Page 31, under Operating Expenses, 2nd entry Exhibit K change figure to \$30,809. Page 37, the 2 right-most columns under Budget 1994 the figure \$12,500, and under Actual 1993, \$8,542 should be in brackets to indicate that these figures are for both plate and candles. Shnorig Bashian stated that on page 11 the asterisk should be changed. Shant should have two asterisks since he attended St. Vartan Camp, and Diran and Karen should have one asterisk because they attended St. Nerses. Chairman Nigohosian asked for any other changes or amendments. He stated that more could be added later.

Chairman informed everyone that they should speak at the microphone and that an Armenian translator was available if needed.

The Chairman invited V. Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian to give his report.

Fr. Papken then took the floor and stated in both Armenian and English that he was very happy to see everyone present at this year's Assembly. He stated that St. Thomas was indeed one family and the fruits of that were very well harvested. He stated that since that attitude was prevalent among us, we were all fortunate as a whole Church Parish, as demonstrated by the outcome in the report which showed the \$53,000 surplus, plus approximately \$47,000 in the building fund, and \$27,000 in the emergency fund. He stated that this accomplishment showed the picture of a jointly responsible Parish Council working in solidarity, and the larger St. Thomas Family. He stated that if the St. Thomas Family had not supported church events, the church would not have had this prosperous & successful outcome. Fr. Papken also urged everyone to experience for themselves the words and deeds of individuals and not believe hearsay. He stated that the St. Thomas Family is very important to himself. He stated that it is an Armenian Church; Armenians attend services here and do not go elsewhere because it is an Armenian Church. He stated that it is his duty to give them their faith, love and pride of their ethnicity and nation. But he stated that since we are here in the U.S. and not in Armenia, there are differences. We have those who do not speak the Armenian language, but that doesn't mean that this isn't their church. They, of course, do belong here. He stated that he was aware of what the needs of the faithful are and that he took great pleasure in satisfying the needs of our family and is always happy to do so. Therefore, sacraments such as funerals, baptisms and weddings are performed in English when requested, and during the Divine Liturgy the Confession, Homily and Bible readings are regularly done in both English and Armenian.

In conclusion, he stated that the feeling of brotherly spirit existed within the Parish Council and it was dispersed throughout the Church. He stated that we are one family and that his actions are in accordance with the members of the church in order to satisfy their needs. Fr. Papken stated that we were "here today to discuss the points raised and I'm sure all will be solved in the spirit of Christianity and love of Armenianism".

Ara Babigian asked Fr. Papken to comment on the change in the number of members and Fr. Papken answered that the Membership Committee would answer that.

Dikris Malool asked that the names of the visiting clergy be added to the report as part of the history of St. Thomas and Fr. Papken said that it would be inserted as an addendum.

Chairman Nigohosian invited Dr. Levon Capan, Parish Council Chairman to give his report. Dr. Capan reported that it was an honor for him to serve on the Parish Council during 1994 with a fine group of people and a priest who is young, energetic and the embodiment of the young Armenian, traditional clergyman. He offered his special thanks to each and every Parish Council member. He stated that the surplus of \$53,000 was the result of coordinating work the Parish Council did together. He stated that last year we had \$19,600 in the reserve Building Fund, which was accumulated by putting aside \$2,000 monthly, and that Al Victoria had made a motion to add \$6,000 bringing this to \$24,000 and by adding this year's \$24,000, the total figure becomes \$48,000. If added to our other surplus, the church had close to \$100,000, which was a tremendous accomplishment. He noted that there are many out of the 52 churches in our Diocese who are in extreme financial difficulty. He stated that our success is possible thanks to God and to the people who worked, donated and contributed to the church. He apologized for omitting the Sunday School in his report. He reported that in September the Building Committee was activated. Its members are Albert Victoria, Andy Ouzoonian, Raffi Arslanian, Jack Charshafian,

and Hagop Torosian as liaison of the Parish Council. He reported that the condition of the roof of the church complex was not as bad as thought last year and it appears that there is no need for a large expense.

He reported that the Parish Council drew up a contract with Fr. Papken per the 1994 Parish Assembly resolution. He stated that the contract did not add anything different from the arrangement the church had with Fr. Papken during the last three -and-a-half years. He then read the contract, which had three main provisions:

1. Fr. Papken should serve for a 5-year term beginning in February 1994, and continuing until February 1999;
2. Fr. Papken would perform his duties of pastor according to the Diocesan By-Laws and the traditions and canons of the Armenian Church;
3. Fr. Papken's compensation would be decided by the Parish Assembly, subject to Diocesan approval. All other items stay the same, such as auto expenses, etc. Nothing was different. Ara Babigian stated that these are not in the Parish Council report. Chairman Nigohosian suggested that an addendum could be made to add the copy of the contract to the minutes and that the approval of such a contract was passed by last year's Parish Assembly. Rose Mekenian stated that no contract is final unless it is formally approved by the Primate and the Diocesan Council. Rose Mekenian stated that this Assembly should approve the contract. Dr. Capan stated that the contract was drawn and approved by the Parish Council, he had not said that it was approved by the Parish Assembly and that this item would come up later under New Business.

Puzant Torigian raised the question of the departure of the church caretaker. Chairman Nigohosian stated that there had been a threat of litigation, so any discussion of this matter was improper and ruled that he was out of order.

Edward Parseghian raised the question of the procedure when one Parish Council member does not attend meetings more than four times. Dr. Capan stated that Frank Avakian Stoneson was a P.C. member who had not attended meetings because he had hurt his back in an automobile accident and afterwards had knee surgery. Dr. Capan contacted him 5-6 times. Leon Nigohosian stated that according to the Diocesan By-Laws a member can be absent for reasonable and compelling causes.

Chairman Nigohosian introduced the next item 5A, the 1994 Minutes from last year on pages 23-29 and asked for any changes.

Rose Mekenian noted that on page 24, paragraph 8, line 3 the word "candidate" should be deleted and the words "to vote you" should be inserted; on page 26, paragraph 8, line 3, the word "motion" should be deleted and the words "a comment" inserted.

Sonia Tashjian stated that on page 26, last paragraph about the library, that she knew that \$1,500 was donated by Vay Najarian with which she personally went to Boston to buy books which were given to St. Thomas in cartons. This \$1,500 was found and not lost.

Chairman Nigohosian moved to adopt the 1994 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and carried.

Chairman Nigohosian thanked Sylva Torosian for the fine job she did on the minutes last year.

Chairman Nigohosian moved on to Old Business, Agenda item 5D.

Puzant Torigian made a motion that the old Parishioners Concern Committee be re-established. This would be an independent organization to address concerns. Andy Ouzoonian seconded the motion. The motion was defeated.

Chairman Nigohosian brought up 5E, New Business.

On behalf of the Parish Council, Dr. Capan stated that the Board of Trustees was made up of the following members: Edward Bashian, Vay Najarian, Dick Turnamian, Garbis Kirikian, Arthur Azarik, Michael Halebian, Mary Ann Saraydarian, Harout Mekhjian, Al Victoria, Michel Izmirly, Nazar Nazarian, Andy Ouzoonian, George Mekenian and that the P.C. was thankful to them for their diligent work over the years. However the 7-year term of all were expired with the exception of Arthur Azarik, Michael Halebian and Mary Ann Saraydarian, who were appointed 3 years ago. The rest were appointed more than seven years before and, because their terms were expired, the P.C., according to the 1987 Board of Trustees By-Laws, had a duty to appoint new members. After many long discussions the Parish Council decided to have a mixed group of trustees by re-appointing some older existing members and also some new individuals. As a result, and after consultation with the trustees, Edward Bashian, Vay Najarian, Richard Turnamian and Garbis Kirikian would be re-appointed. The new members would be Leon Nigohosian, Hagop Torosian, Arpi Arslanian, Dr. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk. Richard Saraydarian and Levon Nazarian declined. In addition Rupen Saddler, Andy Shahinian and Haig Tashjian would stay on as honorary members. Dr. Capan stated that letters were sent to all the trustees for consultation and the P.C. received input from the Board of Trustees. The contents of the letters received from the trustees was discussed and considered at the P.C. meetings and, as a result, these names were put forth. Dr. Capan moved to put this list of the Board of Trustees to a vote for approval by the Assembly.

Andy Ouzoonian made a point of order. He stated that the trustees were appointed in 1987. A vote was necessary by the Assembly and the Assembly had not had a chance to review these candidates and this was out of order and also not on the agenda. Chairman Nigohosian replied that under the Board of Trustees By-Laws passed in 1987 by the Parish Assembly, the procedure calls for the Parish Council to prepare a list in consultation with the Board of Trustees and bring it to the Assembly. Mr. Ouzoonian stated that it was a balloting issue. Leon Nigohosian stated it was not a balloting process, but, instead, a question of approval or disapproval of the list of names (not a selection process). Chairman Nigohosian asked Dr. Harout Mekhjian if he received the Parish Council Chairman's letter. Dr. Mekhjian replied that he had and that he had sent copies to all Board of Trustees members and five members answered him and that their responses had been sent to the Parish Council Chairman. Chairman Nigohosian ruled that all was done according to the By-Laws. Chairman

Nigohosian stated that it was the Parish Council's responsibility to come up with the names of possible trustees and that By-Laws stated that the existing trustees should be asked for consultation, and not approval. This obligation was met, and the Board of Trustees had been consulted and their responses were deliberated upon by the Parish Council. Andy Ouzoonian stated that this was not New Business and it was not on the Agenda and therefore out of order. Chairman Nigohosian stated that 3 years ago, at the 1992 Parish Assembly, no advance notice was given and the same thing was done when the names of Mike Halebian, Arthur Azarik and Mary Ann Saraydarian were submitted to the Parish Assembly for approval and they were appointed to the Board of Trustees. The Chairman of that 1992 meeting was Andy Ouzoonian.

Leon Nigohosian said that the By-Laws do not state that this position is for life and that the By-Laws have been followed and due notification and consultation was given.

For clarification, Chairman Nigohosian read the contents of the letter from Dr. Levon Capan addressed to Dr. Harout Mekhjian, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, informing him that the terms of all, but 3, trustees were expired. The letter listed the names of the new nominees, those who would be re-instated and also of those who would remain as honorary members. Dr. Capan's motion to approve the list of names for the Board of Trustees, was seconded by Sylva Torosian. There was an extended discussion of the motion with several persons speaking.

Andy Ouzoonian made a motion to table this matter. A vote was taken on the motion to table the trustee matter. A count was taken: 35 voted for and 57 against. The motion to table was defeated.

Rose Mekenian moved that Dr. Capan's motion be amended such that the incumbent members of the Board of Trustees be considered to have been re-appointed "de-facto". As a result, those members, if any, appointed prior to 1987 would serve 2 seven-year terms and their tenure would expire fourteen years after their first appointment to the Board of Trustees (that is, they would have been appointed by vote for the first seven-year term and appointed "de-facto," without any vote, for the second term). Hence, those first appointed in 1981, for example, would serve until 1995, at which time they would be re-appointed by voting or replaced, and so forth. She stated that this would achieve a staggered-term situation.

Chairman Leon Nigohosian stated that the By-Laws did not permit any "de-facto" appointment of the trustees and that Rose Mekenian effectively was re-writing the 1987 By-Laws, which was improper. He stated, further that the terms of the incumbent trustees began in 1987, with the passage that year of the Board of Trustees By-Laws now in effect and that all of them, except Mary Ann Saraydarian, Michael Halebian, and Arthur Azarik (all of whom had been appointed in 1992 or thereabouts) had completed their seven-year terms. Also, the Chairman held that the 1987 By-Laws superseded those previously enacted and ruled Rose Mekenian's motion out of order.

Chairman Nigohosian asked for a vote on the motion put forth previously by Dr. Capan to reconstitute the Board of Trustees as per the list prepared by the Parish Council and communicated to the Board of Trustees. The motion was carried.

Dr. Capan moved to ratify the contract with Fr. Papken and Grace Hagopian seconded. Chairman Nigohosian asked for any discussion. Puzant Torigian asked to see the contract in writing, he also stated that Fr. Papken was appointed by the Primate and there was no need for a contract. He asked that the motion be tabled and that the contract be published. Chairman Nigohosian invited Mr. Torigian to read the contract aloud. Mr. Torigian read the same contract as read previously by Dr. Capan. Dr. Capan stated that this agreement is not against the By-Laws and that it is not being done without the Diocese knowing about it. Dr. Capan stated that the Primate is aware of this contract, as the 1994 Assembly Minutes were sent to the Diocese. Chairman Nigohosian moved the question to ratify the contract with Fr. Papken. The motion was voted upon and carried.

A copy of the agreement with Fr. Papken is attached to these minutes.

Ara Babigian stated that he had copies of letters concerning irregularities and problems at last year's elections which were sent to the Diocese. Chairman Nigohosian responded that the Diocese had taken the matter up and had considered that there was nothing out of order here and if there was anything it was up to the Diocese to enforce it. Mr. Babigian stated that he had a copy of letter signed by Vicar General and Judge Gurahian sent to Fr. Papken. Chairman Nigohosian stated that this was a pending matter and not final.

Chairman Nigohosian invited the Auditing Committee to give its report. Gregory Amerkian and Araxie Pichigian reported that based on the committee's review, no discrepancies were found and everything was done in accordance with normally accepted accounting practices and following the procedures from previous years. Library funds were not found. Yg. Kasparian wanted to know how far they looked for funds. Doug Martaian and Shake Mekhjian should have been contacted for their input on funds. Chairman Nigohosian recommended that the Auditing Committee contact these 2 people and let the Parish Council Chairman and Treasurer know the outcome.

Dr. Capan moved for the amendment of the Board of Trustees By-Laws and the Charter of the Architectural Committee per the revised copies of both that had earlier been distributed to all in attendance. The amendment to the Board of Trustees By-Laws is as follows: the term of office will be changed from 7 years to 4 years and new members and re-appointed members should be governed by this change. The new members would serve for 4 years. The members who are still serving will complete their 7 year terms. Andy Ouzoonian stated that this was presented without time to review and that it was unfair to submit this to the assembly. Vay Najarian suggested to wait a year. Dr. Capan agreed that a motion will be brought next year to address these matters, i.e. the amendment of these By-laws and the Charter. Copies of both amended items are attached hereto.

Parish Council Treasurer Grace Hagopian entertained questions about the 1994/1995 Budget and Report. Puzant

Torigian stated that the Family Auxiliary of St. Thomas seems to replace the Women's Guild and Men's Club. Chairman Nigohosian said that was wrong and that it is not a replacement but an organization where both husbands and wives and children can attend together and not hold separate meetings in the manner of the other organizations. The treasurer responded to various questions regarding her report.

Yg. Kasparian asked why we no longer donate \$1000 to St. Nerses Seminary. Mrs. Hagopian explained that a portion of our Diocesan dues go towards St. Nerses. After much discussion Dr. Capan stated that everyone is conserving their funds in this economy. Seta Izmirly said that \$1000 still remains in the budget for St. Nerses. Ani Capan made a motion to remove that item from the budget. Sylva Torosian seconded the motion. Chairman Nigohosian asked for a vote on the motion the motion was carried to strike that item from the budget. Andy Ouzoonian noted that there were no funds set aside for grounds beautification. Margaret Garjian noted that even though no money for beautification was set aside in 1994, the grounds looked very nice. Virginia Victoria, who is in charge of the grounds for the Parish Council, stated that there was some money donated privately with which some work was done. Varujan Arslanian stated that he will donate the sum of \$1000 for grounds beautification. Grace made a motion for the acceptance to the 1995 Budget. Dr. Capan seconded and the motion was carried.

Leon Nigohosian asked if there were any questions on the Board of Trustees Report. Yg. Violet Kasparian noted that it was not a good report and that the \$5000 in their funds did not reflect any interest. The Auditing Committee was asked to look into the interest of this fund.

There were no questions for the ACYOA, Avaks, Choir, Family Auxiliary and Kirikian Armenian School. Edward Parseghian noted that the totals on Christian Education were incorrect. Shnorig Bashian stated that there were two outstanding checks of about \$300 which made up the difference. Yg. Kasparian asked why there were two grades held in the same class and how many students the school had. Mrs. Bashian stated that the two grades were held together due to the small class size and that the school had about 100 students. Mr. Torigian Kirikian Armenian School

There was a discussion on the Men's Club Report, specifically on the payment of dues to the Sports Programs and Rentals of Gymnasiums. Ara Babigian stated that 3 years ago the Parish Council had asked the Men's Club to underwrite this expense. Ani Capan asked if all churches pay for this sports program and why did the Men's Club choose not to contribute any funds to the church. She stated that if the parents of the players were asked, they would gladly pay for at least half the individual fees. Dr. Capan stated that all church organizations ask for donations from individuals such as food donations for a Kef Nite or Christmas Dinner etc. He suggested that if the Men's Club did the same they could donate some of their surplus funds to the church. Sirvart Demirjian stated that as a mother of one of the team players, that she was sure the parents would pay for all games; she said that the parents would come forth and contribute and help with the expense. Jack Ekizian asked for a letter from the Parish Council authorizing them to collect the money from the parents. Varujan Arslanian wanted to know if the Men's Club paid for the use of the church facilities. He stated that the Men's Club does nothing for the church. He stated that if the Men's Club were compared to a business, then that business would be dissolved because it was not making a profit. He couldn't understand how 47 adult people could not help the church. He asked why there was no contribution made to the church and why they didn't help. Ara Babigian answered that the Men's Club saved the church \$5,500 by paying for the sports expenses. Chairman Nigohosian asked why the Men's Club doesn't go through the Parish Council every time they spend more that \$500 as passed by the 1994 Parish Assembly. Ara Babigian replied that he would investigate that.

Virginia Victoria, Chairman of the Membership Committee entertained questions from the floor. Ara Babigian asked how many paid-up members St. Thomas had. She replied 400.

Chairman Nigohosian invited Mr. Aram Setian to report on the election results on behalf of the Nominating Committee. Mr. Setian announced the names of the winners. For Parish Council: Richard Saraydarian, Virginia Victoria, Hagop Torosian, Leon Nigohosian, Madlen Setian and Mari Camcikyan. Alternates were Seta Izmirly and Arthur Azarik. For Nominating Committee the winners were: Lucy Piligian, Sylva Asadourian, Mary Zokian, Ayda Kilerciyan and Ani Kecoglu. Alternates were Ara Babigian and Elsie Nigohosian. For Auditing Committee the winners were: Sirvart Demirjian, Talin Kupelian and Hovsep Taktajian. Alternate was Jeannie Amerikanian. For Chairman of the 1996 Parish Assembly the winner was Leon Nigohosian and the alternate was Andy Ouzoonian. For Secretary of the 1996 Parish Assembly the winner was Madlen Setian and the alternate was Sylva Torosian. Chairman Nigohosian announced that the Auditing Committee members would serve as follows: Sirvart Demirjian - a full 3-year term, Talin Kupelian would serve a partial 2-year term, and Hovsep Taktajian would serve a one-year term. Mr. Setian was asked how many ballots were cast. He announced that 217 ballots were cast.

Dr. Yavru-Sakuk moved to close the meeting, Dr. Capan seconded. The motion was carried at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Madlen Setian
Secretary 1995
Parish Assembly

Leon Nigohosian
Chairman 1995
Parish Assembly

V.Rev.Fr.Papken
Dz.V. Anoushian,
Pastor and President

1995 Parish Assembly

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
1996 BUDGET

INCOME			
	Proposed - 1996	Actual - 1995	Budget - 1995
Income			
Pledges	54,000	53,520	60,000
Plate	8,500	8,373	7,500
Candles	3,000	3,136	3,500
Prayers	6,500	6,791	5,000
Yughakin - Christmas	3,000	3,500.00	1,500
Yughakin - Easter	2,000	2,085	3,000
Sacraments			
Baptisms	5,000	5,390	4,000
Weddings	2,500	2,700	3,000
Funerals	1,200	1,300	1,200
Requiems	5,000	5,981	5,000
Auxiliary Organizations			
Women's Guild (\$1,000 posted to 1996)	12,000	13,000	12,000
Avak Society	1,500	1,500	2,500
Men's Club	0	0	0
ACYOA' Juniors	600	1,000	600
Family Auxiliary:			
Kef Night	10,820	9,677	15,000
New Year's Eve	10,000	9,227	17,000
Mother's Day	0	400	0
Church Affairs			
Bazaar	33,000	32,089	35,000
Memorial Day Picnic	10,000	10,156	17,500
Palm Sunday Dinner	5,000	3,434	5,000
Palm Sunday Cake Sale	6,500	6,490	6,000
Other Affairs	1,000	894	1,000
Parish Council Special Events	1,000	0	1,000
Stewardship Program	5,000	0	10,000
Donations			
In Lieu of Flowers	12,000	10,505	5,000
Altar Flowers	800	795	1,200
Memorial Donors	500	2,000	500
Holiday Flowers	400	385	600
Christmas Greetings	200	20	250

	Proposed - 1996	Actual - 1995	Budget - 1995
Other Income			
ACEF Interest	1,000	948	1,000
Bookstore	10,000	12,941	3,000
Car Raffle	15,000	17,105	16,000
Hall Rentals	50,000	60,611	50,000
Nor Tar	1,500	3,420	1,500
Investment Interest	5,000	5,712	1,500
Trustees	0	0	0
Armenian History Class	0	0	1,000
Insurance Settlement	0	24,593	0
Misc. Donations	2,250	1,701	0
Misc. Income	2,000	3,493	2,000
Total Income	287,770	324,873	299,850
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Salaries & Benefits			
Clergy Salary	50,000	50,000	50,000
Clergy Benefits FICA	3,750	3,750	3,750
Clergy Benefits IRA	2,000	2,000	2,000
Parsonage Repairs	500	140	500
Parsonage Water	200	198	150
Parsonage Telephone	1,000	1,000	1,000
Parsonage Gas & Electric	2,000	2,083	2,000
Clergy Auto Expenses	3,000	3,553	3,000
Clergy Auto Lease	3,900	2,847	3,950
Clergy Auto Insurance	2,000	2,084	1,900
Clergy Health Insurance	4,500	4,547	3,200
Salaries-Custodian	18,720	18,775	20,000
Salaries-Secretary	18,200	21,245	22,500
Salaries-Christian Education	5,000	5,000	5,000
Salaries-Choir Director & Organist	5,000	5,000	5,000
Payroll Taxes	3,200	3,997	5,800
Workman's Compensation	1,400	1,224	1,500
Visiting Clergy	1,500	350	1,500
Telephone	3,500	3,877	3,000
Office Supplies	1,000	504	1,500
Candles	1,000	1,124	1,000
Flowers	1,000	810	1,000
Computer Supplies	1,000	1,388	1,000
Print Nor Tar	5,500	3,300	6,000
Print Annual Reports	500	366	1,000
Print - Misc. (Pledge Env.)	400	365	1,500
Postage - Affairs	600	505	600
Postage - General Mailing	1,500	1,267	1,500
Postage - Nor Tar	1,500	1,542	1,500
Bookstore Expenses	7,000	8,580	2,300

	Proposed - 1996	Actual - 1995	Budget 1995
Salaries & Benefits Continued...			
Hospitality	100	85	500
Lease Copy Machine	0	926	2,000
Supplies Copy Machine	2,700	2,759	1,500
Rental Expense	7,000	8,565	6,000
Assessments			
Diocesan Dues	32,000	31,237	40,000
Educational & Good Works			
Sunday School	500	500	500
World Wide Charity (CASP)	400	200	200
Church Building Expenses			
Architectural Maintenance Reserve	24,000 *		24,000
Utilities, Gas & Electric	26,000	24,645	30,000
Utilities, Water	1,000	679	1,000
Insurance- Building	18,000	17,812	18,000
Repairs, Church & Halls	5,000	3,024	1,000
Repairs, Electric & Plumbing	2,000	1,210	2,850
Repairs, Air Conditioning & Heating	2,000	1,909	1,000
Maintenance, Lawn	3,700	3,697	3,000
Maintenance, Pest Control	2,000	1,919	1,000
Maintenance, Snow Plowing	2,800	1,335	1,500
Ground Beautification	500	0	0
Furniture	0	615	0
Maintenance, Building	1,000	250	1,000
Supplies - Garden	100	51	0
Supplies - Building	2,000	2,327	2,000
Supplies - Kitchen	1,000	773	4,000
Supplies - Church	500	999	500
Memorial Window	-	2,736	-
Other Expenses			
Diocesan Assembly	500	245	500
Contingencies	500	0	500
Miscellaneous	1,500	2,949	1,450
Parish Assembly Expense	600	524	1200
Total Expenses	287,770	263,395	299,850
Net Income		61,478	
Total		324,873	
*Architectural Maintenance \$24,000 is in reserve.			

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1995

ASSETS:

Current Assets (Exhibit A)	<u>256,122</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>256,122</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES:

Current Liabilities (Exhibit B)	15,992
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FUND BALANCES:

Fund Balances (Exhibit C)	<u>240,130</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	<u>256,122</u>
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Note: Bazaar Checking Account as of 12/31/95 is \$ 555.

We would like to gratefully thank and acknowledge Michael Halajian, CPA, for his professional assistance in the accounting of St. Thomas Armenian Church in 1995.

Special thanks also to Laureen Karanfilian, CPA, for the preparation of the St. Thomas Payroll Tax Forms for 1995.

**ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
&
FUND BALANCES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995**

INCOME:

Income from Operations	(Exhibit D)	77,404
Sacraments	(Exhibit E)	15,371
Auxiliary Organizations	(Exhibit F)	34,804
Church Affairs	(Exhibit G)	63,064
Donations	(Exhibit H)	13,705
Other Income	(Exhibit I)	<u>130,525</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>324,873</u>

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Salaries & Benefits	(Exhibit J)	127,794
Operating Expenses	(Exhibit K)	35,965
Assessments	(Exhibit L)	31,237
Educational & Good Works	(Exhibit M)	700
Church Building Exp.	(Exhibit N)	63,982
Other Expenses	(Exhibit P)	<u>3,717</u>
TOTAL		<u>263,395</u>

NET INCOME 61,478

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE AS OF 1/1/95	173,686
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE	<u>4,966</u>
ENDING FUND BALANCE AS OF 12/31/95	<u>240,130</u>

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH EXHIBITS DECEMBER 31, 1995
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Exhibit A - Current Assets

Cash in Bank - Operating	81,297
Cash in Investments	172,150
Other Assets	<u>2,675</u>
<u>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</u>	<u>256,122</u>

Exhibit B - Current Liabilities

Rental Security	3,000
Diocesan Dues Payable	11,737
Payroll Taxes	<u>1,255</u>
<u>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	<u>15,992</u>

EXHIBIT C - Fund Balances

Church Fund Balance	152,730
Reserve - Ajemian Fund	419
- Caspar Kasparian Fund	0
- Architectural Maintenance Fund	71,550
- Religious Articles	4,068
- Shahinian	1,728
- Sabounjian	0
- Barsamian	370
- Cultural Affairs	7,233
- Markarian	650
- Kasparian Library	662
- Bridal Expo	0
- Ground Beautification	<u>720</u>
<u>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>240,130</u>

<u>ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH</u> <u>EXHIBITS - (Continued)</u> <u>December 31, 1995</u>

EXHIBIT D
INCOME

Pledges	53,520
Plate	8,373
Candles	3,136
Prayers	6,790
Yughakin - Christmas	3,500
Yughakin - Easter	<u>2,085</u>
TOTAL	<u>77,404</u>

EXHIBIT E
SACRAMENTS

Baptisms	5,390
Weddings	2,700
Funerals	1,300
Requiems	<u>5,981</u>
TOTAL	<u>15,371</u>

EXHIBIT F
AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

Women's Guild	13,000
Avak Society	1,500
Men's Club	0
Young Adults of St. Thomas (ACYOA Seniors)	0
ACYOA Juniors	1,000
Family Auxiliary of St. Thomas	
Kef Night	9,677
New Year's Eve	9,227
Mother's Day	<u>400</u>
TOTAL	<u>34,804</u>

EXHIBIT G
CHURCH AFFAIRS

Bazaar	32,089
Memorial Day Picnic	10,156
Palm Sunday Dinner	3,435
Palm Sunday Cake Sale	6,490
Other Affairs	894
Parish Council Special Event	0
Stewardship Program	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	<u>53,064</u>

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH

EXHIBITS (Continued)

December 31, 1995

EXHIBIT H

DONATIONS

In Lieu of Flowers	10,505
Altar Flowers	795
Memorial Donors	2,000
Holiday Flowers	385
Christmas Greeting	<u>20</u>
TOTAL	<u>13,705</u>

EXHIBIT I

OTHER INCOME

ACEF Interest	948
Bookstore	12,941
Car Raffle	17,105
Hall Rentals	60,611
Nor Tar	3,420
Investment Interest	5,712
Trustees	0
Armenian History Class	0
Insurance Settlement	24,593
Other Donations & Misc. Income	<u>5,195</u>
TOTAL	<u>130,525</u>

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH

EXHIBITS - (Continued)

December 31, 1955

EXHIBIT J

OPERATING EXPENSES

SALARIES & BENEFITS

Clergy Salary	50,000
Clergy Benefits FICA	3,750
Clergy Benefits IRA	2,000
Parsonage Repairs & Maintenance	140
Parsonage Water	198
Parsonage Telephone	1000
Parsonage Gas & Electric	2,083
Clergy Auto Expenses	3,553
Clergy Auto Lease	2,848
Clergy Auto Insurance	2,083
Clergy Health Insurance	4,548
Salaries - Custodial	18,775
Salaries - Secretarial	21,245
Salaries - Christian Education	5,000
Salaries - Choir Director & Organist	5,000
Payroll Taxes	3,997
Workman's Compensation	1,224
Visiting Clergy	350
TOTAL	<u>127,794</u>

EXHIBIT K

OPERATING EXPENSES

Telephone	3,877
Office Supplies	504
Candles	1,124
Flowers	810
Computer Supplies	1,388
Print NOR TAR	3,300
Print Annual Report	367
Print - Office Stationary & Other	366
Postage - Office	505
Postage - General Mailing	1,267
Postage - NOR TAR	1,542
Bookstore Expense	8,580
Hospitality & Other	85
Lease Copy Machine	926
Supplies Copy Machine	2,759
Rental Expense	8,565
TOTAL	<u>35,965</u>

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH
EXHIBITS - (Continued)
December 31, 1995

Exhibit L

ASSESSMENTS

Diocesan Dues	31,237
TOTAL	<u>31,237</u>

Exhibit M

EDUCATIONAL & GOOD WORKS

Sunday School	500
World Wide Charity	200
TOTAL	<u>700</u>

Exhibit N

CHURCH BUILDING EXPENSES

Architectural Maintenance Fund	*
Utilities - Gas & Electric	24,645
Utilities - Water	679
Insurance - Building	17,812
Repairs - Church & Halls	3,024
Repairs - Electric & Plumbing	1,210
Repairs - A/C & Heat	1,910
Maintenance - Lawn	3,697
Maintenance - Pest Control	1,919
Maintenance - Snow Plowing	1,335
Maintenance - Building	250
Ground Beautification	**
Furniture	615
Supplies - Garden	51
Supplies - Kitchen	773
Supplies - Building	2,327
Supplies - Church	999
Memorial Window	<u>2,736</u>
TOTAL	<u>63,982</u>

Exhibit P

OTHER EXPENSES

Diocesan Assembly	245
Contingencies	0
Miscellaneous	2,949
Parish Assembly Expense	<u>523</u>
TOTAL	<u>3,717</u>

* Architectural Maintenance 24,000 is in reserve.

** Ground Beautification Reserve:

Donation V. Arslanian	1,000
Donation M. Furhmann	<u>200</u>
Total	1,200
Expense	<u>- 480</u>
Balance in Reserve	720