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SESSION I, JANUARY 25, 1998

Before opening the meeting, Chairman Leon Nigohosian asked Gregory Amerkanian to determine the existence of a quorum (minimum of 50 paid in full members). It was determined that more than 50 paid in full members were present and the meeting was opened at 1 p.m. with a prayer by V. Rev. Fr. Papken Dz. V. Anoushian.

Chairman Nigohosian introduced the officers of this year's assembly, V. Rev. Fr. Papken Dz. V. Anoushian, President, himself, Chairman and Martha Saraydarian, Secretary. He thanked Secretary Martha Saraydarian for her efforts in preparing last year's minutes of the Parish Assembly.

Chairman Nigohosian stated that the Parish Assembly Annual Reports should be brought back for the second session on February 1, 1998 as duplicates will not be given. He further stated that the Parish Assembly meeting would be conducted in accordance with the By-Laws of the Eastern Diocese and guided by Roberts Rule of Order. He gave instructions on how to be recognized if intending to address the Assembly and advised that the Voting Member List is available for inspection if so desired.

Ara Babigian asked how many paid members we have. Hayr Papken responded that St. Thomas has 370 paid members.

Dr. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk made a motion to adopt the agenda of the meeting as it appears in the Assembly report. Richard Saraydarian seconded, motion carried.

Madlen Setian made a motion to suspend the reading of the 32nd Parish Assembly (1997) minutes until February 1, 1998. Ann Ajemian seconded and the motion was carried.

Nominating Committee Chairlady, Zivart Gulian, presented the following candidates for PARISH COUNCIL: Gregory Amerkanian, Ann Ajemian, Tavit Cakirdas, Manuk Camcikyan, Avak Pashalian, Irma Saganda, Harry Sanossian, Hovsep Taktajian, Seta Yavru-Sakuk, and Joseph Zokian. There were no nominations from the floor for Parish Council. For NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Eugenie Amerkanian, Manuk Camcikyan, Natalie Capan, Lucy Ezgilioglu, Zivart Gulian, Lucy Piligian, Mary Sanossian, Aram Setian, Shake Torigian and Mary Zokian. There were no nominations from the floor for Nominating Committee. For AUDITING COMMITTEE: Gregory Amerkanian and Natalie Capan. There were no nominations from the floor for Auditing Committee. For PARISH ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN: Leon Nigohosian. Sonia Tashjian nominated Andy Ouzoonian from the floor. Mr. Ouzoonian accepted the nomination. For PARISH ASSEMBLY SECRETARY: Mary Ann Saraydarian. There were no nominations from the floor for Assembly Secretary. For DIOCESAN DELEGATE: Dr. Levon Capan, Manuk Camcikyan, Viken Ezgilioglu, Dr. Haroutune Mekhjian, Irma Saganda, Mary Sanossian, Gregory Saraydarian and Dr. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk. There were no nominations from the floor for Diocesan Delegate.

Chairman Nigohosian asked all candidates to come forward and be recognized and instructed Parish Council candidates to see Madlen Setian at the conclusion of the meeting for the purpose of having their pictures taken. He thanked Zivart Gulian and her committee for their efforts.

Madlen Setian made a motion to close nominations. Mary Sanossian seconded and the motion carried.

Shake Shahinian suggested that candidates wear name tags during the elections. Dr. Capan reported that Grace Hagopian, Susan Shamamian, Ann Ajemian, Arpi Arslanian and himself were coming off the council. Dr. Capan, Grace Hagopian and Susan Shamamian have served for the maximum six years.

Ara Babigian requested a 1997 Voting Membership List to correspond with page 16 from a 1994 Voting Membership List which he presented to Secretary Martha Saraydarian. Chairman Nigohosian explained that according to the New Jersey State Laws and the Diocesan Directives, Voting Membership Lists may be reviewed on church premises only and are not to be distributed for off premises use.

Grace Hagopian made a motion to begin the second session of the Parish Assembly on February 1, 1998 at 12:30 p.m. with voting to begin at 12:45 p.m. and close at 2 p.m. The second session will reconvene at 2:15 p.m. Richard Saraydarian seconded the motion and it carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. with a closing prayer delivered by Fr. Papken.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Saraydarian
Secretary 1998
Parish Assembly

Leon Nigohosian
Chairman 1998
Parish Assembly

V. Rev. Fr. Papken
Dz. V. Anoushian
Pastor and President
1998 Parish Assembly



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SESSION II, FEBRUARY 1, 1998

Chairman Leon Nigohosian opened the meeting and asked Madlen Setian and Eugenie Amerkanian to establish a quorum. He asked all those eligible to vote to raise their hands. Mrs. Setian and Mrs. Amerkanian verified that there was a quorum present.

Fr. Papken delivered the opening prayer.

Chairman Nigohosian announced that nominations for office were closed last week (Session I) by a two-thirds vote. Therefore, there would be no nominations from the floor for any office. The procedure for speaking is to hold up yellow voters cards and when recognized give one's name and membership number. He further announced that the Voting Membership List is available for inspection during voting and that said list may be found at the ballot box table and the Secretary's table during the meeting.

Voting is to start at the beginning of recess and continue until 2:00 p.m. Anyone on line at 2:00 p.m. will be allowed to cast his or her ballot. Nominating and Auditing Committee members are to accept and count the ballots.

Chairman Nigohosian asked for a recess for voting and lunch and asked voters to pick up copies of addendums to the Parish Report.

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The meeting was reconvened at 2:15 p.m. by Chairman Nigohosian who thanked the lunch committee. He asked for reconfirmation of a quorum as voting cards had not been given out earlier. It was re-established that a quorum was indeed present.

Madlen Setian made a motion to close the polls. It was seconded by Mary Sanossian and motion carried.

Chairman Nigohosian asked for any additions, corrections or changes to last year's minutes. Martha Saraydarian noted that on page 3, fifth paragraph, a typographical error was made in that the amount \$100.00 should read \$100,000.00. Ara Babigian wanted to know why his question concerning the number of St. Thomas members was not in the minutes. Secretary Martha Saraydarian responded that her understanding is that the minutes contain motions, proposals and the essence of topics discussed. Chairman Nigohosian further stated that these minutes are not to be recorded verbatim.

Sylva Torosian made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from 1997. Zaven Halajian seconded and the motion carried.

Ara Babigian had requested a 1997 membership list at Session I of the Parish Assembly the previous week. He asked the status of that request. Hayr Papken responded that we have two membership lists. One contains names and addresses only. The other is a Voting Membership List which is what Mr. Babigian requested. New Jersey Corporations Law, Section 15A : 5-8 states that a Voting Membership List must be produced at the time and place of a meeting. The St. Thomas Voting Membership List was, and is, made available to anyone wanting to inspect it. The law further states that the Voting Membership List may not be taken off the premises. Hayr Papken continued that on many occasions Mr. Babigian had been given the Membership List which the Diocese allows to be distributed. Hayr Soorp produced 8 receipts signed by Mr. Babigian between 1994 and 1996 when he had either been given a copy of the allowable Membership List or inspected the Voting Membership List.

After Session I on January 25, 1998, a Membership List was prepared for Mr. Babigian. He did not take it and insisted he wanted to take the Voting Membership List, which is not allowed to be taken off the premises.

Shake Shahinian asked for further clarification between the two lists. Hayr Soorp explained that the Voting Membership List shows that a member has paid his/her dues and has the right to vote whereas the Membership List gives name, address, and phone number and is synonymous to a mailing list.

Chairman Nigohosian proceeded to the agenda and invited V. Rev. Fr. Papken Dz. V. Anoushian to give his report. Fr. Anoushian stated that as everyone had the written copy he would not read it but would be happy to answer any questions. He thanked Dr. Levon Capan, Parish Council Chairman, Grace Hagopian, Treasurer, Susan Shamamian, Corresponding Secretary, Arpi Arslanian and Ann Ajemian for their invaluable service. Dr. Capan, Grace Hagopian and Susan Shamamian completed their six years of service.

Ara Babigian suggested a newsletter be sent to parishioners as very often the information in the Nor Tar is outdated by the time it reaches the people. Hayr Soorp responded that an effort will be made to rectify the situation.

Referring to the Calendar of Events, Rose Mekenian asked that the Women's Guild 40th Anniversary Membership Tea on October 15th be added to it. She also noted that between April and June the word May was inadvertently omitted.

Chairman Nigohosian invited Parish Council Chairman, Dr. Levon Capan to give his report. Dr. Capan showed a slide presentation of the church's financial picture comparing 1991 when Hayr Soorp arrived, to the present. Today the treasury has almost 2 1/2 times more than it did in 1991 with a \$85,000 surplus. In this same time period, St. Thomas was able to burn its mortgage and repair the roof. Dr. Capan gave credit for this increase to Hayr Papken, Parish Council members and all the members of St. Thomas Church for their support and expressed appreciation for the economic manner in which church funds were used.

Dr. Capan proceeded to introduce and thank the following Parish Council Members:

Mari Camcikyan	Vice Chairman
Grace Hagopian	Treasurer
Madlen Setian	Assistant Treasurer
Arpi Arslanian	Recording Secretary
Susan Shamamian	Corresponding Secretary
Richard Saraydarian	
Leon Nigohosian	
Onnig Bozian	
Jack Torosian	
Ann Ajemian	

Dr. Capan stated the great pleasure he has had working with Hayr Papken, most especially this past year when their productivity level increased appreciably. He praised Hayr Soorp for adhering to the tenets and cannons of the Armenian Church and commented that it is our obligation to turn the church to the next generation the way we received it.

With regard to the 1997 Diocesan Assembly Report, Rose Mekenian stated: "Aware that persons look to the Parish Annual Reports and Assembly Minutes for archival material when they need historical information for the record, I respectfully request the following be added to the Diocesan Assembly Report, page 11, in our Parish Annual Report this year. 'ADDENDUM: At the 1997 Diocesan Assembly, Rose

Mekenian completed her four-year term of service on the Diocesan Council. Mrs. Mekenian also has served as a Diocesan Representative to the National Ecclesiastical Assembly and in 1995 went to Etchmiadzin to participate in the election of a new Catholicos.' This is submitted as a motion." Al Victoria seconded and motion carried.

Chairman Nigohosian called upon Grace Hagopian to give the financial summary. He complimented Mrs. Hagopian on the extraordinary job she has done as treasurer. Mrs. Hagopian proceeded to review various corrections: Page 24, the A.C.E.F. Fund, Tashjian, Martin(Sonny) Memorial Fund should read \$8,935.00 because of an additional donation, making the final A.C.E.F. total \$131,005.51; Page 25, Caspar M. Kasparian Memorial Fund, the line stating Total Disbursements of \$1,385.00 was omitted during typing; Page 26, George Shahinian Memorial Fund Balance on hand 12/31/97 should read \$2,114.00 changing the Balance on hand 12/31/97 to \$2,655.02; Page 27, Peter Ajemian Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund the Principal at ACEF should read \$5,000.00. The \$81.25 is 1993 ACEF interest. The 1995 ACEF interest should read \$312.50 with Balance on Hand 12/31/97 being \$5,000.00 in ACEF and \$631.00 in St. Thomas treasury; Page 16 under Other Income, item Interest on Savings, eliminate computer error +A451. As there were no questions on any of the exhibits, Mrs. Hagopian proceeded to the 1998 Budget.

Mrs. Hagopian noted that under Auxiliary Organizations, Women's Guild, the 1997 Actual is less than the 1997 Proposed because the Guild pre-paid part of their 1997 pledge in 1996. The Avak Society gave \$600.00 during the Bazaar Cake Sale but it was actually part of their pledge for 1997. The Men's Club did in actuality make a payment of \$4,000.00 for 1997.

In reference to Investment Income (pg 21) under Other Income, Mr. Victoria asked if the \$12,000.00 is all from our Smith Barney investments, and if so, that represents only a 4% return. Mrs. Hagopian responded that the entire amount placed with Smith Barney was not invested all at one time at the beginning of the year but was staggered. All our C.D.'s are yielding 5% or more.

Under Operating Expenses, Shake Shahinian questioned Rental Coordinator, stating that in the past it has always been a function of the Parish Council to rent out the hall. Dr. Capan answered that in keeping with the Parish Council's duty to operate the hall rentals as profitably as possible, they felt profits could be increased with a coordinator who is given a percentage of the hall rental. He further stated that, in fact, the amounts have increased from \$30,000.00 in 1995 to \$60,000.00 in 1996 to \$85,000.00 in 1997. The Parish Council decision was made in March/April of 1997 and was made retroactive to January 1, 1997.

Al Victoria questioned the authority of the Parish Council to spend more than \$5000.00 on a single item without the approval of the Parish Assembly. Dr. Capan responded that it is not a flat fee but is on a contingency basis. Therefore, there is no way to tell beforehand if, in a given year, the amount will be more or less than \$5000.00.

Violet Ouzoonian expressed concern that the facilities not be left unattended when they are rented. Dr. Capan explained that very often when renting to very large groups or to clients we do not know, either the coordinator or a Parish Council member is present.

Moving on to Church Building Expenses, Mrs. Hagopian stated that last year on corrections to the budget, we had decided to increase Repairs Church & Halls to \$8,100.00. Only \$6,500.00 appears because \$1,600.00 was placed under Repairs Building & Grounds as expenses occurred for that category.

Under Church Building Expenses, Insurance, Andy Ouzoonian asked if the parsonage is included. It is. He commented on the huge difference between Proposed 1997 and Actual 1997. Mrs. Hagopian responded that we are dealing with a different company and that the Actual figure represents three-quarters of the year because of the change in companies. She also stated that our umbrella policy covers us for all and every hall rental and activity.

Shake Shahinian commented that there is no money appropriated for St. Nersess Seminary. The response was that the Casper Kasparian Memorial Endowment Fund allocates some monies for that purpose, but there is not a separate item in the budget for that purpose.

Virginia Victoria made a motion that a line item be included in the budget in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be used all or in part for any disasters that may occur in the world. At the end of the year, any unspent monies would go to a charity in Armenia to be decided by the Parish Council. Varoujan Aslanian seconded. Motion carried 23 for and 19 against.

Violet Kasparian made a motion that the Parish Council make a commitment to continue the sponsorship of our three CASP children until they are 18 years of age. Shake Shahinian seconded. The motion was defeated.

Dr. Capan made a motion that parish members be asked to pay, on a voluntary basis, \$5.00 per person to be used for "world wide charities" (i.e., the line item of \$1,000.00 added to the 1998 budget). Hovsep Taktajian seconded and motion carried.

There ensued a great deal of discussion about the pros and cons of the three motions described above, after which Natalie Capan made a motion to rescind the motion made by Virginia Victoria to add \$1,000.00 to the budget for charitable purposes. Sylva Torosian seconded. Motion carried. Dr. Capan withdrew his motion for a \$5.00 voluntary contribution by parishioners.

Chairman Nigohosian called upon Sirvart Demirjian for an Auditing Report. On Christian Education Treasurer's Report, the beginning balance was omitted during typing, however, it was submitted to the auditing committee during review. An addition error appears in the Expenses column. The figure for Total should read \$6,182.66 and the Ending Balance should read \$609.52. Concerning the Men's Club Treasurer's Report, she noted that there is a discrepancy of \$3083.00 in both the income and expense columns. However, the ending balance is correct. Mrs. Demirjian then stated that the auditing committee examined all financial records of all church organizations, including the St. Thomas church balance sheet, and found no discrepancies. The written report was submitted and signed by herself, Arpi Cankar and Diana Bozian.

Dr. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk made a motion to accept the proposed 1998 budget with an allowance of plus or minus 10%. Hovsep Taktajian seconded and motion carried.

Chairman Nigohosian made a point of clarification on the Auditing Committee. Diocesan rules call for three persons to be elected on a staggered basis so that every year one of those three people will be coming up for re-election. Thus, Arpi Cankar's term of office expires in 1999, Diana Bozian's expires in 2000 and today's winner's term expires in 2001.

As there was no Old Business, the Chairman proceeded to New Business. Dr. Capan stated that because the church places its monies in various investments, the Parish Council feels that the time has come for these investments to be managed by professional and/ or experienced people in order to maximize our income. He made a motion that an Investment Committee be formed consisting of Richard Saraydarian, Ara Arslanian and Gregory Amerkanian. This Committee will report to Parish Council with their advice but will have no independent investment authority. The actual investments will still be made by Parish Council. Grace Hagopian seconded. Susan Shamamian made a motion to amend Dr. Capan's motion in that the name of the Committee be changed to Investment Advisory Committee. Dr. Capan and Grace Hagopian accepted the amendment.

Albert Victoria expressed reservations feeling that the concept is too open ended and risky. Chairman Nigohosian explained that as it stands now, the Parish Council acts as a fiduciary body and invests the church's money as it sees fit. Further, this Committee would not have any independent investment authority but would merely advise Parish Council, which may or may not take its advice as it sees fit.

Andy Ouzoonian called the question. Motion carried by two-thirds majority. The motion to form an Investment Advisory Committee carried.

Dr. Capan made a motion that the Architectural and Facilities Management guidelines be amended to include the following: Inside the church (sanctuary), any and all structural and other additions, renovations and changes should be done according to the faith, tradition and canons of the Armenian Church and with the sole approval of the pastor. Any provisions to the contrary in the guidelines of the Architectural Committee shall be considered null and void. Dr. Yavru-Sakuk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A question was raised as to why St. Thomas does not have an A.C.Y.O.A. SR. group. Violet Ouzoonian suggested a group similar to that in St. Stepanos for young people be formed. Hayr Soorp responded that a list of names in that age group has been compiled and the formation of a group is being worked on.

Vahan Soukiassian remarked that the church should do its utmost to teach the Bible to the next generation and John Bashian remarked upon the importance of maintaining the customs and traditions of the Armenian Church, while Rose Mekenian stated that we need to try and respect one another.

There were no questions on any of the Organization Reports.

The Chair called for a motion specifying next year's Parish Assembly meetings. Shake Shahinian made a motion that the 1999 Parish Assembly meeting, first session, be held on the last Sunday in January subject to inclement weather and that the second session be held on the first Sunday in February subject to inclement weather. The motion was seconded by Betty Zoraian and carried.

Chairman Nigohosian invited Ms. Bezjian to announce the results of the election. She stated that 138 ballots were cast. The winners are: For Parish Council: Ann Ajemian, Seta Yavru-Sakuk, Avak Pashalian, Hovsep Taktajian, Tavit Cakirdas, Alternate Gregory Amerkanian. For Nominating Committee: Shake Torigian, Eugenie Amerkanian, Lucy Piligian, Mary Zokian, Lucy Ezgilioglu, Alternate Aram Setian. For Auditing Committee: Gregory Amerkanian. For Diocesan Delegate: Dr. Levon Capan, Dr. Haroutune Mekhjian, Gregory Saraydarian, Dr. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk. For Parish Assembly Chairman: Leon Nigohosian. For Secretary: Mary Ann Saraydarian.

The Chairman congratulated the winners and thanked the Nominating and Auditing Committees.

Andy Ouzoonian made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mary Sanossian. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer by V. Rev. Fr. Dz. V. Anoushian.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Saraydarian
Secretary 1998
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Leon Nigohosian
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V. Rev. Fr. Papken
Dz. V. Anoushian
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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.

Undoubtedly it has been a pleasure and privilege for me to have served as Pastor of St. Thomas Armenian Church for more than seven 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. Undoubtedly, we owe a great debt of a gratitude to Mr. Hagop Torosian, 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, Mr. Jack Torosian, the Parish Council members and Diocesan Delegates, as well as to all our organizations and event chair-people 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 1998.

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, stole-bearers, altar servers and choir also participated weekly with me in Morning Services prior to the Holy Liturgy and have steadily been increasing their knowledge of church rituals. In addition, I am conducting a Deacons' Training Program.

SACRAMENTAL SERVICES: All sacramental services were performed in accordance with the rites, rituals and canons of the Armenian Church. During the past year, 44 baptisms, 12 marriages and 16 funerals took place.

SPECIAL SERVICES: Special services and feast days for the Nativity and Revelation of Christ and Lord (Armenian Christmas Eve and Day), Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter Eve and Day, Transfiguration, Assumption of St. Mary, the Mother of God, 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 the feast of St. Stepanos dedicated to all the Deacons of the Church, in addition to the traditional Christmas Eve services in English. On this occasion as on Easter Sunday, the services were attended by overflow crowds. I am delighted that the 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 at least 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 \$ 2,670.00 dollars in income from the solicitation of advertisements in the NOR TAR, through the efforts of Seta Yavru-Sakuk. This income has partially offset its publication cost since 1992. My heartfelt thanks to her for her dedicated service to our church newspaper.

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 a 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. **NEW YEAR'S EVE:** 1998 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 Co-Chairmen, Mrs. Ani Capan and Mrs. Seta Yavru-Sakuk and their committee members.

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 1998. My heartfelt thanks to Dr. & Mrs. Bedros & Seta Yavru for chairing the 33rd Anniversary Palm Sunday Dinner, to Dr. & Mrs. Harout & Shake Mekhjian for underwriting the entire expense of the Memorial Day Picnic, to Mr. & Mrs. Nerses & Sirvart Demirjian for chairing the Memorial Day Picnic, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack & Sylva Torosian for chairing the Car Raffle, and to the members of the Bazaar Committee. God Bless them all!

CAKE SALE: Sincere thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Krikor & Arpi Arslanian for chairing the St. Thomas Palm Sunday/Anniversary Cake Sale, and Mr. & Mrs. Avak & Zabel Pashalian for chairing the Bazaar Cake Sale.

THE BOOKSTORE OF ST. THOMAS: I would like to express my gratitude to Mrs. Sirvart Demirjian for her unselfish dedication and service in upgrading and maintaining the bookstore in a financially stable and organized condition.

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

FR. PAPKEN SPECIAL PROJECT/CHURCH ARTIFACTS & OTHER PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES: The Fr. Papken Special Project/Church Artifacts program involves obtaining donations from the faithful in our parish to be used toward the maintenance and replacement of worn vestments and altar cloths, or obtaining artifacts and other items which the church has lacked in its sacristy and other activities, projects and objectives. I encourage our parishioners to contribute toward this end.

CHESS CLASSES: I would like to thank Mr. Ohannes Baltayan, who for two years has been giving Chess Instruction to our parish children.

SPECIAL THANKS: I would like to sincerely thank Mr. Jack Torosian, 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, Stole-bearer Levon Altiparmakian, Stole-bearer Dr. Levon Capan, Stole-bearer Dr. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk, Stole-bearer Andrew Martaian and Altar Servers Vicken Demirjian and Chris Bezjian, Aris Hampartzoumian, Murat Ucar, Serge Bezjian, Yervant Pashalian, Haig Minassian who voluntarily came to serve upon the Holy Altar on Sundays and other occasions. Moreover, heartfelt thanks to Aram Setian, Andy Ouzoonian and all those volunteers whose names have not been mentioned here, for their sincere dedication to St. Thomas.

I also would like to extend my thanks to Michael Halajian, CPA, for his help in the accounting of St. Thomas, and Joseph Hovsepian for the preparation of the 1998 St. Thomas payroll forms.

Completing their terms of office on Parish Council this year are Mr. Hagop Torosian - Chairman, Mr. Richard Saraydarian - Vice Chairman, Mr. Leon Nigohosian - Corresponding Secretary. I extend my heartfelt thanks to each of them for their dedication, support, diligence and harmonious service while serving on the Parish Council all these years.

Prayerfully,

Very Rev. Fr. Papken Dz.V. Anoushian, Esq.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 1998

January	4	Badarak & Christmas Services at Armenian Home for the Aged
	5	Armenian Christmas Eve Service, Scripture Reading by children
	6	Armenian Christmas Services
		Armenian Christmas Luncheon sponsored by Kirikian School
	7	Badarak & Christmas Service at Armenian Home for the Aged.
	25	Parish Assembly I Session
February	1	Parish Assembly II Session
	19	Vartanants Day
	22	Paregentan
March	10-4/28	Adult Armenian Conversation Classes
	14	Kirikian School "Get Acquainted" tea for parents
	15	Concert organized by Cultural Committee with Sarita Marie Melcon playing the Flute, Jacqueline Shiller playing the Piano
	20	Women's Guild Lenten Dinner
	21	Hockey Game trip sponsored by the ACYOA, Jrs.
April	5	Palm Sunday and Turnpatsek Service and Anniversary Dinner
	9	Great & Holy Thursday-Vodun Luvah-Washing of the Feet Services
		Khavaroom

- 10 Great & Holy Friday-Taghoom-Burial Services
- 11 Communion Breakfast for all Children , Scripture Readings by Children & Easter Eve Services
- 12 Easter Service-Zadeeg
- 30 Marjorie Housepian lecture at Englewood Library.
- May 17 Hamparsoom - Dinner Program organized by Kirikian Armenian School
Trip to Illustrator's Club in NYC sponsored by the Women's Guild
- 25 Memorial Day Picnic & Car Raffle
- 31 Kirikian Armenian School Hantes
- June 5 ACYOA Jrs. Spring Dance
- 7 Sunday School Graduation & Reception
- 11 Women's Guild Special Requiem Service for deceased members at the Old Aged Home
- 19 Joint Women's Guild & Men's Club Barbecue, Women's Guild Election
- 22 Peter Balakian speaking about his book at Barnes & Noble
- July 16 Women's Guild Blood Drive Women's Guild Drive organized by Queenie Tashjian
- 19 Vartevar - Transfiguration
- August 16 Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God-Blessing of Grapes
- September 13 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross-Khatchveratz
Opening of Sunday School & Registration
- 15-11/3 Adult Armenian Conversation Classes
- 17 Women's Guild Fall Fashion Show & Luncheon
- 19 Kirikian Armenian School Opening Day & Registration
- 26 Art Exhibit at St. Thomas Youth Gallery by Arshavir Garibian
- October 2 Lecture by Dr. Vatche Ghazarian in English & Armenian about his book "The Armenians in the Ottoman Empire"
- 7 Armenian Home for the Aged
- 18 A.C.Y.O.A Ice Breaker & Election
- 30 A.C.Y.O.A. Halloween Party
- 31 Kirikian Armenian School Get Acquainted Tea
- November 6 Lecture by Dr. George Bournoutian
- 14 & 15 Fall Bazaar
- 20 Women's Guild Membership Tea
- December 3 Women's Guild Christmas Luncheon
- 9 Women's Guild Blood Drive
- 13 Sunday School Christmas Dinner & Program
- 24 St. Stepanos & American Christmas Eve Service
- 31 New Year's Eve Celebration, Auxiliary of St. Thomas

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

I am pleased to report that this year again we had a successful year at St. Thomas Armenian Church. Our surplus for the year of 1998 is approximately \$42,500.00, and we are entering 1999 with total assets of approximately \$450,000. As we have stated in our past reports, our annual surplus has been increasing gradually over the last several years. Our success is a direct result of the genuine interest, hard work, dedication of the members and parishioners who do not spare any effort to come forward with their invaluable help. On behalf of the parish council and myself, I would like to express my sincere and immense gratitude and appreciation to all those who helped the church last year. This year, at the end of my 6- year term in the council, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to each and every Parish Council member, and to the members of all church committees for their help and support throughout my term. With their unsurpassed devotion and substantial sacrifice, they made my work as painless as possible. Thank you all and may God bless you.

This year again, on behalf of the entire Parish Council and the parishioners of our church, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our leader, the pastor of our church, Very Rev. Fr. Papken Dz. V. Anoushian. His strong faith in Christianity, brave personality, honesty, sincere devotion to the Armenian Church, love for the Armenian nation, and countless efforts to preserve the Armenian church traditions have inspired us to be faithful followers of the Armenian Apostolic Church. Thank you Hayr Sourp for being an excellent leader and a guiding light for us. May God give you the strength to continue to be a profound example of the Armenian clergymen.

I am pleased to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Krikor Markarian have donated the new altar curtains of the St. Thomas Armenian Church. Also, the Shahinian family donated the "kushotzs" in memory of Mr. Hampar Shahinian, who recently passed away. Thank you all for your generous donations.

Report of Functions:

Anniversary Dinner: This year again the traditional anniversary dinner was held on Palm Sunday. The recipients of the St. Thomas

award were Mr. Richard Saraydarian and Mr. Gregory Saraydarian. As we all know the Saraydarian brothers, along with their families, have been exemplary parishioners and have consistently helped our church through numerous ways. Both financially and physically, their families have been two of our greatest supporters. May God bless the Saraydarian families. Also this year, during our anniversary dinner, we had the privilege of enjoying another exciting event that took place during the Palm Sunday service. Two of our most respectable parishioners, and pillars of St. Thomas Armenian Church, Dr. and Mrs. Haroutune and Shake Mekhjian were the recipients of St. Gregory the Illuminator medal. We were all very excited for them; it was a well-deserved honor. May God bless you and your family. With all your fine qualities you continue to exemplify the model Armenian family. As in the past several years the affair was superbly organized by Dr. and Mrs. Bedros and Seta Yavru-Sakuk. The ACYOA JR's. worked as servers. We deeply appreciate their enthusiastic efforts. Mr. and Mrs. Krikor and Arpie Arslanian organized the cake sale for this event. The profit from the cake sale was \$15,000.00 and the profit from the dinner was \$6,800. Thank you Seta, Bedros, Arpie, Krikor, and everyone on their committees.

Memorial Day Picnic: This year again, St. Thomas annual picnic was chaired by Mr. and Mrs. Nerses and Sirvart Demirjian. It was a very well organized and successful event thanks to the endless effort and hard work of the chairmen and the members of the picnic committee. The total profit was \$8,700. Also, our special thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Haroutune and Shake Mekhjian, who once again donated all the funds to underwrite the picnic expense.

Car Raffle: As you all know, for the past 6 years, my wife Sylva and I have been organizing the car raffle. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parishioners of our church, and everyone else who has been supportive of this project. Without your support and patronage, we would not have been successful. This year's winner was Linda Torosian. The net profit from the car raffle was approximately \$23,000.

Bazaar: This year again, Hayr Sourp organized the bazaar. Thanks to the tremendous support of parishioners, friends, and the public, St. Thomas bazaar was very successful. Mr. and Mrs. Avak and Zabel Pashalian undertook the cake sale. The yield from the bazaar was approximately \$29,000. Thank you Hayr Sourp and the bazaar committee members.

One World Festival: This year St. Thomas Church participated in the One World Festival, organized by the Diocese. Thanks to a dedicated committee, the affair was very successful. The net profit was over \$600.

New Year's Eve: As in the past several years, this year again the New Year's Eve celebration was organized by Mrs. Ani Capan and Mrs. Seta Yavru-Sakuk. Thanks to their tremendous efforts, and with the help of their committee members, the affair was very successful. The net profit for the church was \$8,200.00. Our heartfelt thanks to Ani, Seta, and their committee members.

Hall Rentals: This year again, we had a very successful year in our hall rentals. The gross annual rental income was \$102,630.00, with a net income of more than \$71,000.00. We owe this success to the tremendous efforts and devoted work of Mrs. Mary Tashjian. Thank you Mary for a job well done.

Armenian Language Classes: With the combined efforts of Mr. Samuel & Alicia Demirjian and Mrs. Eileen Barsamian, and with the help of all the other devoted teachers, the Armenian language classes are continuing to be a great success. We wish them all good luck and many successful years to come.

With God's help and your generosity, 1998 was a very good year. Once again we, the members of the parish council would like to thank you and wish that 1999 brings each one of you health, happiness, and success.

Respectfully,

Jack Torosian -P.C. Chairman

Parish Council Members:

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| V. Rev. Fr. Papken Dz. V. Anoushian | - | Pastor and President |
| Jack Torosian | - | Chairman |
| Richard Saraydarian | - | Vice Chairman |
| Madlen Setian | - | Treasurer |
| Marie Camcikyan | - | Assistant Treasurer |
| Leon Nigohosian, Esq. | - | Correspondence Secretary |
| Seta Yavru-Sakuk | - | Recording Secretary |
| Onnig Bozian | - | Member |
| Ann Ajemian | - | Member |
| Avak Pashalian | - | Member |
| Hovsep Taktajian | - | Member |
| Tavit Cakirdas | - | Member |

Liaisons to Committee and Organizations:

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| V. Rev. Fr. Papken Dz. V. Anoushian | - | A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs. |
| Ann Ajemian | - | Women's Guild and Avaks |
| Onnig Bozian | - | Choir |
| Marie Camcikyan | - | Family Aux. of St. Thomas and Building Service |

Avak Pashalian	-	Membership
Richard Saraydarian	-	Men's Club
Madlen Setian	-	Kirikian Armenian School & ACYOA Jrs. 1/98 to 9/98
Jack Torosian	-	Architectural and Facilities Management Committee
Seta Yavru-Sakuk	-	A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs. 9/98 to 12/98 and Sunday School

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank the parish council organizations for their efforts, service, leadership, and fund-raising for the benefit of the St. Thomas Church in 1998.

A.C.Y.O.A. JRs.	-	Aline Markarian; Chairman Sept. 1998-present Tamar Kherlopian and Vicken Demirjian; Co-Vice Chairmen
Architectural and Facilities Management Comm.-	-	Jack Torosian
Kirikian Armenian School	-	Ani Capan; Superintendent Martha Saraydarian; Chairman Executive Comm.
Avak Society	-	Charles Sarajian; Chairman
Basketball Coaches	-	Douglas and Andrew Martaian
Book Store	-	Sirvart Demirjian
Choir Director and Organist	-	Susan Shamamian
Choir Chairman	-	Marie Zokian
Family Aux. of St. Thomas	-	Ani Capan, Silva Torosian, Mari Camcikian
Women's Guild	-	Violet Ouzoonian; Coordinator Grace Hagopian; Chairman (6 months) Lorraine Khatchadourian; Co-Chairman (6 months)
Men's Club	-	Matthew Keshishian, Esq.
Sunday School	-	Shnorig Bashian, Superintendent
Anniversary Dinner	-	Dr. and Mrs. Bedros & Seta Yavru-Sakuk
Anniversary Dinner Cake Sale	-	Mr. and Mrs. Krikor and Arpie Arslanian
Picnic	-	Mr. and Mrs. Nerses and Sirvart Demirjian
Car Raffle	-	Mr. and Mrs. Jack and Silva Torosian
Bazaar	-	Very Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian
Bazaar Cake Sale	-	Mr. and Mrs. Avak and Zabel Pashalian
New Year's Eve	-	Ani Capan and Seta Yavru-Sakuk
Nor Tar	-	Madlen Setian and Seta Yavru-Sakuk
Cultural Committee	-	Lucy Piligian & Seta Yavru-Sakuk
Adult Armenian Conversation Class	-	Mrs. Eileen Barsamian Mr. and Mrs. Sam and Alicia Demirjian
Building Maintenance	-	Jack Torosian and Mari Camcikian

96TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY MEETING

This year the Diocesan Assembly meeting took place at the Saint Vartan Armenian Cathedral on May 7-9, 1998. The Assembly opened with a celebration of the Inaugural Service commemorating the Diocesan Centennial, presided over by His Eminence Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese. His Eminence delivered the invocation. A total of 106 registered delegates out of a total of 197 comprised the body of this assembly. After approval of the minutes of the 95th Diocesan Assembly a request for names of deceased delegates was made so that they could be remembered at Sunday's Liturgy: Patriarch Karekin Kazanjian, Deacon Mazmanian, Mesrob Mesrobian, Fr. Michael Buttero, Zarouhi Norsigian and Gilbert Markarian. The elected officers of this year's Assembly were: Garo Garibian (chairman), Harry Terzian (vice chairman), Father Nareg Berberian (Armenian secretary), and Anne Marie Norehad (English secretary).

This year we were fortunate to have the presence of His Holiness Catholicos Karekin from Etchmiadzin. In his address emphasis was made on the importance of clergy teaching, reorganization of the life of the church of Armenia, the opening of the new church in Armenia that will have a capacity of 1700 people, activation of the youth of entire world toward Christianity, and building up a society of which the members do not work against each other but with each other. This was followed by the address of His Eminence Khajag Barsamian, who mentioned that this year an effort was made to establish unity between churches, but that some more time is needed to achieve this goal.

This year 2 amendments to the bylaws and 4 proposals were presented.

Amendment #1 involved changing Article 51 to become Article 51A and adding Article 51B to read as follows: Non Ex-officio members of the Diocesan Assembly may serve for a maximum of two consecutive terms, and after the interim of one year, may become eligible to run for election again as a member of the Diocesan Assembly. The wording of this amendment was not found appropriate. It

will be returned to the proposing Parish (St. Joachim and Anne of Palos Heights, IL) for correction of the wording and to be discussed next year.

Amendment #2 involved resolving the issues of delinquent Parish Assessments. This amendment was defeated.

Proposal #1 was about implementing a workshop format in place of the present panel discussion format during future Diocesan Assemblies. This proposal passed.

Proposal #2 was about the Diocesan Council addressing the responsibility for payment by the Diocese of the clergy longevity stipends which passed in 1974 and was reaffirmed in 1982 and 1983. Although the proposal was not recommended by the Proposal Committee and the Diocesan Council, because it could not be funded without raising parish assessments, it passed by a vote of the assembly.

Proposal #3 was about dissolving the Clergy Stipend Committee and replacing it with a new Committee called the Clergy Relations Committee composed of 5 individuals (2 clergy and 3 lay persons vs. 3 clergy and 2 lay persons). This proposal passed with an amendment to the original proposal.

Proposal #4 was about the establishment of a sister church in Armenia, Nagorno-Karabagh, and other countries of the former Soviet Union by the parishes of the Diocese at their own discretion. This proposal passed with an amendment.

The Diocesan Council report was given by the Chairman, Mr. Haig Dadourian. The highlights of his report are:

1) \$32,000 of past Youth Ministry assessment have not been received. As a result the Department of Youth Ministry was closed. Diocesan Council was criticized for closing this department.

2) The clergy pension plan that had been discussed during the past few years, was found by the Council to be outside the ability of the Diocese.

Election Results

His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian was re-elected for another 4-year term as the Primate of the Eastern Diocese.

Mr. Suren Fesjian was elected to the Board of Trustees for a term of 10 years.

Mr. Arthur Mardigian was elected to the Auditing Committee.

Michelle Babigian, Fr. Tavit Boyajian, Fr. Haroutiun Dagley, George Marifian, and George Nahabedian were elected to the Proposals Committee.

Fr. Mardiros Chevian, George Devletian, Nubar Dorian, Gregory Manuelian and John Nersessian were elected to the Nominating Committee.

Diocesan Council Financial Report

Mr. George Papalian presented the financial report. He stated that 1997 was successful because Council realized that there was a need for action to balance the budget. The fiscal year started with a deficit of \$54,000 and ended with a surplus of \$57,000. Council decided that all surpluses will go toward outstanding debts. About 13 Parishes are still not able to pay their dues. As usual, St. Thomas has paid its dues in full this year, again.

Clergy Conference Report

This report was given by Fr. Arzoumanian. On the occasion of the centennial of the establishment of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America the primates and clergy from the Western and Canadian Dioceses participated in the conference. Additionally, the Patriarchal Vicar of the Araratian Diocese in Armenia, the Primate of the Diocese of Brazil, the Primate of the Diocese of Argentina, and the Primate of the Diocese of Uruguay, were present. The subjects included clergy stipend guidelines, social and cultural issues, various lectures by Armenian and non-Armenian Clergy.

Unity Committee Report

A resolution was passed that no further discussion on the unity issue will be made until a serious response from the Prelacy is obtained. George Chakoyan, representative to this year's Prelacy Assembly, also expressed his observation; when the unity issue was on the floor, there was absolutely no discussion.

The 97th Diocesan Assembly will take place in Watervliet, New York.

Submitted by

Levon Capan, M.D., - St. Thomas Diocesan Assembly Delegate

CHURCH GROUNDS - LANDSCAPING

When you enter our Church property and drive forward to the main entrance, you may hardly notice its surroundings. Much effort is made to make it as beautiful as possible and stay within our budget. It is with the assistance of Lubrano Landscaping that our lawns are cut, snow removed, and minor cleaning-up done. With the aid of volunteers (and sometimes paid workers), flowers and shrubs are attended to. In addition, we need to thank Michael Fuhrmann who has given us a substantial contribution each year in memory of his wife who had been a member of St. Thomas.

Thank you one and all who appreciated the beauty of nature and gave a hand.

A.C.E.F. FUND, DECEMBER 31, 1998		
	<u>CAPITAL</u>	<u>1997 EARNINGS RECEIVED IN 1998</u>
Ajemian, Peter & Ann Fund	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 400.00
Barsamian, Vahan Memorial Fund	6,000.00	480.00
Bashian, Edward & Family Fund	2,000.00	160.00
Ganan, Serge & Vickie Memorial Fund	1,745.00	139.60
Goshgarian, Zakar & Vartoohe Memorial	1,100.00	88.00
Kasparian, Fr. Arnak & Yeretsgin Fund	5,000.00	400.00
Kasparian, Caspar Memorial Fund	61,434.51	4,914.76
Kavazanjian/Kassabian, Anoush Memorial	1,035.00	82.80
Mekhjian, Dr. Haroutune & Shake Fund	5,000.00	400.00
Otchy, Arthur & Dorothy Fund	1,200.00	96.00
Saddler, Rupen Fund	6,500.00	520.00
St. Thomas Armenian Church ACEF	2,875.00	230.00
Shahinian, George Memorial Fund	20,586.00	1,646.88
Tashjian, Martin(Sonny)Memorial Fund	8,935.00	693.47
Tekirian, Ardashes & Siranoush Fund	<u>2,595.00</u>	<u>207.60</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$130,705.51</u>	<u>10,459.11</u>

CASPAR KASPARIAN MEMORIAL FUND 1998 ANNUAL REPORT

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 for 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 children to attend the Diocesan St. Vartan Summer Camp and St. Nersess Summer Programs.

The Board of Directors for the second year voted to provide financial assistance for an Armenian Summer Wonderland Caspar Kasparian Studies Program for ages 6-15 which took place between June 22nd and July 3rd, 1998, at St. Mary Armenian Church in Washington, D.C., Rev. Vertanes Kalayjian, Pastor of St. Mary Church, thanked the Board of Directors and reported that the Program was successful.

The fund also underwrote the purchase of an Educational Children's Video Program for St. Thomas Sunday School. Scholarships were awarded to Nancy and Jeffrey Aris of St. Thomas. Both attended St. Vartan Camp from June 18 to July 11, 1998.

Through activities and projects such as St. Vartan Camp, St. Nersess Seminars, support of Seminarians and the Sunday School, the Fund seeks to encourage the religious education of young people and encourage them to grow in the Armenian Christian Faith.

The current members of the Board of Directors are:

V.Rev. Fr. Papken Dz.V. Anoushian	- President, Ex-Officio
Mr. Jack Torosian	- Parish Council Chairman
Lillian Kasparian Chapian	- Chairperson
Dr. Levon Capan	- Vice-Chairperson/Secretary
Henry Hagopian	- Treasurer
Michael Kasparian	
David Kasparian	

CASPAR M. KASPARIAN MEMORIAL FUND

January 1, 1998 Opening Balance		\$ 12,571.55
<u>INCOME:</u>		
A.C.E.F Income		<u>4,914.76</u>
		<u>\$17,486.31</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>		
Disbursements-M/M Hratch Aris	\$ 617.50	
St. Thomas Sunday School - Video Tapes	\$ 159.00	
St. Mary's Armenian Church, Washington, D.C. Summer School Project	\$ 1,000.00	
A.C.E.F. - Reinvestment	\$10,000.00	
First Union Bank - C.D.	\$ 3,500.00	\$15,276.50
December 31, 1997 - Closing Balance		<u>\$ 2,209.81</u>

VAHAN BARSAMIAN MEMORIAL FUND

The Vahan Barsamian Memorial Fund was established in 1986 as an endowment fund with the ACEF of our Diocese. At present there is \$6,000 in the Fund with \$5,000 in interest to-date received by St. Thomas Church.

The fund seeks to encourage the advancement of the art of Armenian conversation for adults 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. Committee members who administer the Conversation Classes are Sam Demirjian, initiator of the program, Alicia Demirjian, Secretary and Eileen Barsamian chairperson.

This is the fourth year that the interest from the Fund has been used to underwrite the expenses of the St. Thomas Adult Armenian Conversation Classes at St. Thomas. Two sessions were held every Tuesday evening from 8:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. for eight weeks, one in the Spring from March 10 to April 28 and the other in the Fall from September 15 to November 3.

A total of 75 students for the year were taught from basic to advanced conversation. The teachers who participated are Mrs. Armine Aksay, Mrs. Araxie Diratzouian, Mr. Haroutioun Diratzouian, Mrs. Seta Jebejian, and Mrs. Anjel Torosian. Due to the enthusiastic response by students and teachers, the Fund will continue to support the Spring and Fall Sessions in 1999. The program is free to all students, but there is a \$20.00 registration fee for each 8-week session.

VAHAN BARSAMIAN MEMORIAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Principal at ACEF			\$6,000
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1998	\$953		
<u>Donation:</u> Mr. & Mrs. Misak Torosian	330		
Student Registration & Conversation Tapes	1,565		
ACEF Interest in 1998	480		
Teachers' Salaries		\$1,632	
Operating Expenses		294	
Donation to St. Thomas		100	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1997	<u>\$3,328</u>	<u>\$2,026</u>	<u>\$1,302</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Barsamian

GEORGE SHAHINIAN MEMORIAL FUND

The St. Thomas Armenian Church George Shahinian Memorial Fund was established in 1980 with the sum of \$20,586.00. The charter states that the purpose of this fund is: to provide full or partial scholarships and other funding to primarily further the cultural education of the youth of St. Thomas and, in exceptional cases, youth of St. James Armenian Church Parish of Watertown, MA; to provide funding for cultural and educational projects of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America; and to provide funding for the Camp Nubar of the AGBU of America, Inc.

Since the inception of the George Shahinian Memorial Fund it has generated an income of \$23,579.08.

The current members of the Board of Directors are:

The Very Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian - President
Mr. Jack Torosian - Chairman of Parish Council

Shakae Shahinian
Sandra Shahinian Leitner
Andrew Shahinian

GEORGE SHAHINIAN MEMORIAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT - 1998

Principal at A.C.E.F.		\$20,586.00
Balance on hand 12/31/97	\$ 2,646.06	
A.C.E.F. Interest, November 1998	<u>\$ 1,646.88</u>	
TOTAL	\$ 4,292.94	

Disbursements:

Kirikian Armenian School	\$ 500.00
CASP	<u>400.00</u>
	900.00

Balance of hand 12/31/98 \$3,392.94

Respectfully submitted
Shakae Shahinian

MARTIN "SONNY" TASHJIAN MEMORIAL FUND

The Martin Sonny Memorial Fund was established on December 29, 1982 with the Armenian Church Endowment Fund of the Diocese. The fund started with the sum of \$5,624.00. As of December 1998 the principal amount is \$9,635.00.

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

For the past eleven years, the interest generated has been given to the St. Thomas basketball team to pay towards the rental of the church hall for their annual sports dance. Since the inception of the fund in 1981 through December 31, 1998, St. Thomas has received \$7,445.72 in interest generated from the fund.

The current members of the Board of Directors are:

V. Rev. Fr. Papken Dz. V. Anoushian	-	President Ex-Officio
Sonia Tashjian	-	Chairperson
Jack Torosian	-	P.C. Chairman
Hagop Jack Ekizian		
Douglas H. Tashjian		
Craig A. Tashjian		

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Sonia Tashjian

PETER AJEMIAN MEMORIAL FUND

The Peter Ajemian Memorial Fund of \$5,000.00 was established and deposited in the Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF) after the demise of Peter Ajemian, Sr. on January 1, 1993.

The purpose of the Peter Ajemian Memorial is for a Scholastic Scholarship to be given to the son, daughter or grandchild of a St. Thomas current dues paying member who is currently attending a College or University in pursuit of an undergraduate or graduate degree as full time student, has scholastic ability, and is active in Community activities, and in need of financial assistance.

The First Peter Ajemian Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$450.00 (interest accrued from fund of this program) was presented to Miss Siranoush Dervoghormiyacyan of Cliffside Park, N.J., on Sunday, June 10, 1996 by Hayr Soorp Papken Anoushian and Mrs. Ann Ajemian.

The Directors of the Peter Ajemian Scholarship Committee are comprised of the following:

V. Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian	-	President Ex-Officio
Mrs. Ann Ajemian	-	Chairperson
Mr. Jack Torosian	-	P.C. Chairman
Dr. Peter J. Ajemian		
Mrs. Deborah Greenip		
Mr. Jack Berberian		

Mr. Henry Hagopian



PETER AJEMIAN SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
THE ACEF CAPITAL ON HAND AT THE DIOCESE IS \$ 5,000.

January 1, 1998	Balance of interest on hand at St. Thomas	\$ 631.25
April 1998	1997 Interest received in April 1998	\$ 400.00
December 31, 1998	Balance of interest on hand at St. Thomas	<u>\$1,031.25</u>

No scholarship was awarded in 1998 due to no requests.

Respectfully submitted,
 Ann Ajemian

ACYOA JUNIORS

The ACYOA Juniors of St. Thomas Armenian Church held several social activities such as the Halloween Dance and Spring Dance which were both profitable and enabled us to donate \$1,500 to the Church. We also held a couple of bake sales, a spaghetti dinner in March, and a joint meeting with the Women's Guild with guest speaker Mr. John Bashian, who spoke about the "Violence in the Media," which was very educational.

During the year we assisted and participated in the Palm Sunday Dinner, Memorial Day Picnic, Bazaar, Sunday School Christmas Dinner and program and many other events.

Our aim is to increase our knowledge about the Armenian heritage and, identity, to support our Church and the Armenian cause in any way possible.

Current Officers are:

Alin Markarian	Co-Chairman - (201)886-0285
Tamar Kherlopian	Co-Chairman - (201)391-5779
Vicken Demirjian	Co-Chairman - (201)265-5230
Loris Allaverdian	Treasurer
Mark Burghol	Secretary

ACYOA JRS - CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1998-1999

February	20	Spaghetti Dinner & "Violence in the Media" discussion.
March		Devils Hockey outing
April	5	Palm Sunday Serving
May	25	Memorial Day Sports Weekend
September		Ice Breaker Meeting and Elections
October	9-12	Albany Sports Weekend
	30	Halloween Dance
November	14-15	Bazaar and Gold Fish Sale
	20	General Meeting-Pizza
	22	Bake Sale
December	13	Sunday School X-Mas Dinner Serving
	18	General Meeting, Discussion on Christmas
		Christmas Party
	23	Movie Night
	20	Bake Sale
	24	Christmas Eve Service at church 7:30
		-Singing of Christmas Carols

Planned Activities for 1999

January	15	General Meeting Discussion on Drugs
	17	Bake Sale
		(January/February Ski Trip: To Be Announced)
February	19	General Meeting
	21	Bake Sale
		(Rock'n'Jock Basketball Night @ Greek Church. To Be Announced)
		(NBA Basketball Game: To Be Announced)
		(Movie Night: To Be Announced)
March	19	General Meeting Discussion Armenian Teens
	21	Bake Sale

	28	Palm Sunday Dinner Serving
April	16	General Meeting - Discussion about the Genocide Genocide Banner Painting
	18	Bake Sale
	24	Movie Night
May	14	Spring Dance
	21	General Meeting - Elections - Discussion "Armenians in America"
	28,29,30	-Memorial Day Sports Weekend -Lunch at Aris Restaurant <u>To be Announced</u> -Great Adventure Trip <u>To Be Announced</u>
June	12	Last Meeting: Pot Luck Dinner

- All Dates are subject to change
- If you have any question, please call Co-Chairmen noted above.

Respectfully Submitted
Vicken Demirjian - Co-Chairman

ACYOA JRS. TREASURER'S REPORT - 1998

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Balance on Hand 1/1/98			\$3,520.00
Membership Dues	\$145.00		
Hockey Game-NJ Devils	150.00		
Bake Sales	61.00		
Palm Sunday Donation to St. Thomas		1,500.00	
Spring Dance	1,080.00	300.00	
Halloween Dance	1,105.00	300.00	
Mailings-Stamps/Supplies		143.84	
Sports Weekend		30.00	
Bummers-April 24th		73.42	
Pizza Party		121.08	
Pot Luck Dinner	367.00	175.84	
X-Mas Eve desert		110.00	
Church Custodian		70.00	
Total	<u>\$2,908.00</u>	<u>\$2,824.18</u>	
1998 Surplus	\$ 83.82		
Balance on Hand - 12/31/98			<u>\$3,604.31</u>

AVAK SOCIETY - SENIOR CITIZENS TREASURER'S REPORT - 1997

OFFICERS:

Charles Sarajian	-	Chairman
Sonia Darakjian	-	Secretary
Charles Sarajian	-	Treasurer
Zephre Bandazian	-	Asst. Treasurer

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
12/18/97 Opening Balance Oritani			\$3,188.35
Membership	\$ 111.00		
Weekly Dues	1,544.00		
Memorial Income	840.00		
In Lieu of Flowers		100.00	
Refreshments		\$1,564.56	
Pd to St. Thomas		\$1,200.00	
Balance:12/31/98 Checking Acct Oritani	<u>\$2,495.00</u>	<u>\$2,864.56</u>	<u>\$2,818.79</u>

Donations was received from Violet Ouzoonian.

Donation in lieu of flowers were received from the families of:

Nish Ohanesian, Melina Toomayan, Arax Berberian, Mary Tekirian, Paul Bogosian.

Due to smaller membership and lower weekly attendance in 1998,
Total Income was less than Total Expenses by \$370.

We welcome more "Retirees" to join us on Thursdays at St. Thomas.

Thank you.

Charles Sarajian- Chairman

ST. THOMAS CHURCH CHOIR REPORT - 1998

Chairman:	Marie Zokian
Vice-Chairman:	Ara Martaian
Treasurer:	Andrew Martaian
Recording Secretary:	Mary Sanossian
Corresponding Secretary:	Araxie Diratzouian
Advisors:	Jeanie Amerkanian Susan Shamamian
Choir Director/Organist:	Susan Shamamian

This year was one of major accomplishments for our Choir, under the conscientious leadership of Director/Organist Susan Shamamian and Chairman Marie Zokian. We are proud to announce that the St. Thomas Choir was selected as the recipient of the "Honorable Mention" commendation for the 1997 Gomidas Award Competition of the Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America. This distinction means that our Choir placed second among all the choirs of the Eastern Diocese of North America. First Place was awarded to sister parish Holy Martyrs of Bayside, New York, to whom we extend our hearty congratulations. The awards were presented at the 52nd Annual Assembly of the AACCA, which convened on November 5-8 at Holy Trinity Armenian Church in Boston, Massachusetts.

St. Thomas was the first place winner of the 1992 Gomidas Award, was a finalist again in 1996, and this year garnered the prestigious "Honorable Mention" certificate based on its outstanding performance in numerous categories. Each choir in our Diocese is evaluated annually based on a variety of criteria including the following: performance of the proper variable hymns on each Sunday and feast day, as well as singing all special services that supplement the Divine Liturgy (for example, Holy Week Services, Morning Service, "Hayrabedagan Maghtank," "Antastan," "Hokehankisd", Choororhnek," sacraments, and many, many more); rehearsal frequency; usage of the proper music books/publications; participation in and financial support of AACCA programs and events; youth involvement; and choir activities. This is in addition to a tape recording required of each choir singing the Badarak in its respective parish.

The St. Thomas Choir strives for continuous improvement on an ongoing basis and has steadily refined the performance of its vast repertoire of Armenian sacred music. We are frequently asked to sing at weddings and funerals and are fortunate to have a core of dedicated members whose attendance at Badarak, Holy Week Services and sacraments is prompt and regular 52 weeks a year. BRAVO to them! In 1998, our Choir was invited to sing at a total of 11 Wedding and Funeral Services, for which we received a record number of donations to our treasury. This enabled us to begin implementation of our project to purchase an oil painting of St. Gregory of Narek for the Votive Candle stand in the rear of the church. Fr. Papken Anoushian is currently seeking out an artist who will create a painting for us in an authentic Armenian style appropriate for our church (unfortunately, our previous negotiations with painter Levon Mnazakanian did not materialize).

Early in the year, we were, indeed, blessed with a most generous gesture by our beloved choir members Harry and Mary Sanossian, who donated an exquisite new Rodgers state-of-the-art Model 790 organ for the church sanctuary. This magnificent piece of equipment has enhanced the performance of our beautiful sharagans beyond description, and we are most grateful to the Sanossians for this treasured addition to St. Thomas Church.

It has been a long-time tradition at St. Thomas for our choir members to accompany our Pastor on his Armenian Christmas and Easter visits to the Armenian Home for the Aged in Emerson, NJ, and this year was no exception. With tears in our eyes, we sang the Badarak and brightened the day of the many appreciative residents there. Also, we annually contribute a portion of the proceeds from our Easter Sunday Plate Collection to the Association of Armenian Church Choirs to assist with its many worthwhile programs. St. Thomas is one of the largest donors to this annual appeal by the AACCA.

As the faithful all know, we are complemented every Sunday with the beautiful tenor voice of Dr. Levon Capan, who sings in our Choir and on the altar when needed. In addition to practicing medicine, Dr. Capan finds time in his busy schedule to study voice at the Juilliard Evening Division as well as with a private coach. On Wednesday evening, November 4th, our resident "Pavarotti" graciously instructed the St. Thomas Choir members on vocal techniques such as proper breathing, position of the tongue, jaw and other critical principles geared to producing the proper sounds when singing. It was an extremely informative session enhanced by diagrams and demonstrations that will be of great assistance to us all. Many thanks, Dr. Capan, for sharing your expertise with us!O

The St. Thomas Choir looks forward to 1999 with great enthusiasm and determination to make it our best year ever!

ST. THOMAS CHURCH CHOIR
1998 FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Disbursement</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>Balance 12/31/97</u>			\$4,403.95
Minasyan Wedding Donation	\$250.00		
Bozian Wedding Donation	250.00		
Easter Sunday Choir Plate Collection	610.00		
Choir Refreshments		28.62	
Get-Well Plant for Mary Sanossian-Peters		64.66	
Karabulut Wedding Donation	250.00		
Tashjian Wedding Donation	250.00		
Garibian Funeral Donation	250.00		
Asalem Wedding Donation	150.00		
Ekizian/Ishkhanian Wedding Donation	250.00		
AACCA '98 Assembly Booklet Ad		100.00	
1998 Plate Offering for AACCA		150.00	
Karamanoukian Hokehankisd Donation	250.00		
Bozian Wedding Donation	250.00		
Dadian-Gergerian Wedding Donation	250.00		
Artinian-Sima Wedding Donation	250.00		
Choir Supplies		33.31	
<u>Balance 12/31/98</u>			<u>\$7,287.36*</u>

*Earmarked for purchase of oil painting for Votive Candle area.

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; and to apply his principles in our daily lives and in our relationships with each other.

This is accomplished by teaching them about our Christian faith, the Badarak (which includes attending the Divine Liturgy for worship, prayer, Holy Communion, and learning from the homilies of our Parish Priest, the Very Rev. Fr. Papken Dz. Vartabed Anoushian), the Holy Bible, which we are encouraging them to read every day, our Saints, and how to live the Christian life on a daily basis. To accomplish this we use the Holy Bible and the curriculum textbooks published by the Diocesan Department of Religious Education.

Our devoted teaching staff are: Armine Gondelen, Loris Allaverdian, Mark Bourghol, Jean Karagosian, Diane Bairamian, Tamar Kherlopian, Diana Markarian, Christine Badach, Douglas Martaian, Sandra Alpine, John Bashian and Shnorhig Bashian. Our treasurer is Lisa Stepanian.

Additional special activities include "Trick or Treat" for UNICEF, St. Thomas Church Bazaar booth (this year we made \$1,660.82 for the church), Christmas Dinner and Program, Trip to Radio City's Christmas Show, Poon Paregentan Pizza Party, Easter Communion breakfast with the Kirikian Armenian School, Year-End Pizza Party, a visit to the Emerson Old Age Home with the Kirikian Armenian School, and our Graduation reception.

All the students partake of Holy Communion once a month. During other Sundays we attend Badarak at different parts in order to experience the whole Badarak.

We thank God for giving us another year to serve Him. We also thank our beloved Hayr Soorp 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. We would like to especially thank Grace Hagopian for her past service to us as our liaison to the Parish Council and we would like to acknowledge and welcome Seta Yavru as our new liaison.

A special thanks goes to our devoted teachers for their faithfulness in coming regularly to Sunday School in order to teach our students about their Christian faith and church.

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

In the words of our Lord Jesus: "Let the children come unto me." Indeed, through Sunday School, St. Thomas Church is helping our children come to Him. We give Him all the honor, glory, and praise.

Submitted by Shnorig Bashian
Sunday School Superintendent

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TREASURER'S REPORT - 1997

	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>INCOME</u>
Registration		\$1,667.00
Sunday School Offerings		545.25
Donation	\$ 75.00	751.00
Christmas Dinner	1,359.50	2,352.00
Bibles	129.60	90.00
Supplies	189.91	
Textbooks	1,043.18	
Telephone	143.59	
Postage	128.00	
Graduation		
Miscellaneous	613.00	500.00
Snacks	120.85	
Seminars	49.40	
*Gifts & Parties	<u>2,273.55</u>	<u>1,480.00</u>
Total	<u>\$6,125.58</u>	<u>\$7,385.25</u>

Ending Balance :\$1,259.67

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 1998:

December 31, New Year's Eve celebration was both a financial and social success.

The proceeds from the New Years Eve Dinner Dance were \$8,290

Since 1992 to the present time, the Family Auxiliary of St. Thomas has raised over \$161,290 during a span of seven years, through Kef Night and New Year's Eve Celebrations.

FAMILY AUXILIARY OF ST. THOMAS - FINANCIAL REPORT - 1996

NET INCOME

New Year Eve Party 8,290.00

BALANCE ON HAND - All Funds are transferred to the Church Treasurer including 1997 Balance of \$257.77

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.

We are proud to announce that the number of students has reached the high number of 90 this year. Classes range from nursery to seventh grade. Due to a growing need, starting at the second grade, there are two sections in each grade, one for students coming from Armenian speaking parents and another for students coming from English speaking parents. The curriculum is the same in both sections; however, the non-Armenian section teacher has the added responsibility to teach conversation, while the others have to dwell on their reading. Both classes come together for religion, folk dance and music. We also have a special class for older students who have just started to learn Armenian. Although this system adds an additional expenditure to the school, no expense is spared so that every student can benefit from the program.

In addition to language, religion, folk dance and music, Armenian history, literature and geography of Armenia are also taught in our school. In 1997 and 1998 instruction in the Holy Armenian Badarak was added to the curriculum for children in grades 4 to 7. This class is taught by Dr. Levon Capan. We are also very happy that our students also benefit from the chess instruction lessons taught by Mr. Ohannes Baltayan, on Saturdays at 1:30 PM. We thank both Dr. Capan and Mr. Baltayan for voluntarily devoting their precious time to educate our Armenian children.

As in the last year we are very proud to report that two of our students participated in the Esayan Getronagan Alumni Association's Poetry contest. Last year our students won the first and second place. This year our new students won the second and third

place leaving the first place to a student just arrived from overseas and very fluent in Armenian.

All students must take a standardized test to go on to the next level. These tests are prepared and corrected by the Language Lab and Resource Center of the Diocese of the Armenian Church. The seventh graders also have to have answered at least 75% of a 100 question history test in addition to a comprehensive 3 hour test in order to qualify for a diploma.

The following awards are given at the Annual Hantes and Graduation in June: George Shahinian Perfect Attendance Award, Edward Bashian Armenian History Award, Rupen Saddler Armenian Reading Award and Dr. Harout and Shake Mekhjian Spelling Award.

Special events of the past year included: Teacher's Assembly of teachers of all Saturday Schools in the area at the Language Lab of the Diocese of the Armenian Church, opening of the school, celebration of Soorpotz Tarkmantchatz at the Diocese, class pictures taken, demonstration of old & new Armenian instruments by John Vartan, trip to the United Nations, trip to Ellis Island, hokehankisd and fellowship commemorating the anniversary of the earthquake in Armenia, participation during Christmas Eve Services, Armenian Christmas Dinner on January 6, celebration of St. Vartanantz and Poon Paregentan and Dyar-unt-aratch in February, participation during Holy Easter Week Services, Holy Easter children's Communion, students with Hayr Soorp and Communion Breakfast, commemoration of Martyrs Day, Hampartsoom celebration Luncheon, visit to Emerson Old Age Home with Sunday School, "Get Acquainted Tea" with Armenian School parents, Diocesan Centennial Celebration with Vehapar Karekin I, participated 4th-7th graders at St. Vartan Cathedral and Ellis Island, Year-End Hantes.

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 Mother's Committee augments income through the Bazaar Booth, Annual Armenian Christmas Dinner Luncheons, End-of-the-year Hantes, catalog sales for fund raising, raffles, 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.

Executive Committee members are: V. Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian, Martha Saraydarian, Mary Ann Saraydarian, Seta Yavru, Ardemis Arslanian, Ani Capan. In 1997 two parents also joined the committee: Madlen Setian and Maral Hajjar.

Faculty: Ani Capan, Hourig Broukian, Mari Kuruzian, Azniv Torosian, Queenie Tashjian, Seta Yavru-Sakuk, Sossi Salbashian, Marie Zokian, Shnorig Minassian, Maro Hajakian, Siranus Gulbenk, Nazik Seseitian, Mari Camcikyan, Araxie Diratzouian, Sirvart Demirjian, Mary Tashjian, Shnorig Bashian, Nina Terzian, Dr. Levon Capan., Mr. Ohannes Baltayan.

**KIRIKIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT
SEPTEMBER 1997-1998**

	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Balance as of 9/97-6/98			10,270.93
SALARY: 18 Teachers 17 x 35 Weeks	\$21,244.00		
TUITION:		\$15,090.00	
TUITION: Scholarship		250.00	
Taranto Bus	3,465.00	3,594.00	
Books(St.Vartan St.Thomas Books Store)	2,814.35		
Bazaar		1,418.00	
Cap/Gown	319.45	400.00	
Scarves	155.00	150.00	
Supplies & Postage	649.47		
John Vartan Program	175.00		
Gabonian Memorial		1,485.00	
Hayr Soorp Gift	250.00		
Endowments		900.00	
Candy Sale	1,499.85	3,238.00	
Ellis Island Trip	406.00	471.00	
Sunday School Advent Clnr	83.75	5.00	
Armenian Christmas Lunch	246.20	1,697.00	
Hampartzoom	395.70	3,243.00	
Hantes	647.23	545.00	
Kirikian Donation		1,000.00	
Paregentan Party	268.90		
Armenian Reporter	80.00		
Parties	152.75		
Class Picture	60.98	340.00	
Bank Check Charges	129.06		

\$33,042.78

\$33,866.00

Balance 8/97 - \$11,094.15

MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL REPORT

We began 1998 with the election of officers and designation of committee heads. They are:

V. Rev. Fr. Papken Dz.V. Anoushian	President
Matthew M. Keshishian	Chairman
Dick Keurajian	Vice-Chairman
Vahan Parseghian	Recording Secretary
Arman Ajamian	Corresponding Secretary
Jack Ekizian	Treasurer

Committee Heads:

Paul Kahaumjian	Cooking
Ohon Melikian	Entertainment
Art Azarik	Membership
Charles Sarajian	Sunshine
Zaven Poosikian	Fruit Sale
Jack Ekizian	Christmas Party
Paul Kahaumjian	Basketball Dinner
Zaven Poosikian	Belmar Outings
Ohon Melikian & Babe Parseghian	Super Bowl Party
Ohon Melikian & Babe Parseghian	Christmas Party

During the year we had 10 meetings which consisted of dinners, followed by a guest speaker and a general membership meeting. The majority of our meetings are held in the Church Hall, however, some are held at restaurants.

Highlighting some of our meetings: March is our annual corn beef and cabbage dinner under the leadership of Ara Pekmezian.

April's meeting is our annual dinner for the members and coaches and officials of the Church Basketball leagues. The dinner was headed by Paul Kahaumjian, chaired by our chairman, with Hayr Papken Anoushian handling of the presentation of gifts to each participant and coaches.

We had two trips to Belmar for a weekend retreat. One was held in May and the second in November. Both events were chaired by Zaven Poosikian.

In June we had our annual Shish Kebab dinner at the church with the Women's Guild. We supply the basic dinner while the ladies handle the after dinner items.

The year concluded with the Christmas Party which was held at Gatsby Restaurant in Cresskill. The committee consisted of Ohon Melikian, Babe Parseghian and Jack Ekizian. Ohon played Santa Clause with gifts for all the ladies present.

Our main fund raiser is the orange-grapefruit sale which is conducted by George Movesian and Zaven Poosikian. The delicious fruit is delivered in December and is universally assailed as a "great buy".

MEN'S CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT - 1998

Balance on Hand

\$3,478.88

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
Membership Dues	\$ 705.00	
Postage		\$ 108.00
Dinner Meetings	1,986.00	1,431.00
Fruit Sale 1997	62.00	
Fruit Sale 1998	6,617.00	4,172.50
Super Bowl	500.00	
Turned Over to Parish Council		4,150.00
Christmas Party	<u>3,450.00</u>	<u>2,770.00</u>
	<u>\$13,320.00</u>	<u>\$12,631.50</u>

Balance on Hand

\$3,478.88

Less Reserve for Basketball gym Rentals that will be turned over to the Parish Council to pay those bills.

The 1997, 1998 gym rental bills will come in March or April.

WOMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL REPORT

January - June 1998

EXECUTIVE BOARD (ELECTED)

President	-	Very Rev. Fr. Papken Dz. V. Anoushian, Pastor
Chairwomen on Rotating Basis:		
January and March	-	Yn. Violet Kasparian;
February	-	Lorraine Khatchadourian;
April, May and June	-	Violet K. Ouzonian.
Recording Secretary	-	Yn. Violet Kasparian
Corresponding Secretary	-	Lorraine Khatchadourian
Treasurer	-	Hasmig Nishanian
Mailings	-	Hersik Allaverdian
Advisors	-	Shnorik Minassian and Syla Torosian
Nominating Committee	-	Grace Hagopian, Mari Camcikyan and Alyce Leiby

STANDING COMMITTEES (APPOINTED)

CASP	-	Sona Damergy
CWU	-	Yn. Violet Kasparian
Historian	-	Mary Varteresian
Hospitality	-	Martha Saraydarian and Arax Palakian
Mahs	-	Araxie Diratzouian
Membership	-	Sona Doudoukjian
Parliamentarian	-	Rose Mekenian
Photographer & P.C.L.	-	Ann Ajemian
Phone Squad	-	Margaret Hartunian
Program	-	Virginia Victoria
Publicity	-	Mary Ann Saraydarian
Social Services	-	
Blood Drive	-	Queenie Tashjian and Mari Camcikian
Emerson Home	-	Queenie Tashjian, Betty Zoraian and Adrin Kucukyantiryan
Sunshine	-	Celia Martaian (Elise Poosikian Alternate)
WGCC Liaison	-	Ann Devejian

CALENDAR OF EVENTS, JANUARY - JUNE 1998

January	7	Church Services at Home for Armenian Aged in Emerson by Fr. Anoushian, followed by Communion Breakfast under the direction of Betty Zoraian.
	16	Annual Meeting of CWU, 1:00 p.m., attended by Yn. V. Kasparian
	16	Pot Luck Dinner with Men's Club, followed by interesting and informative presentation on "Investments" by Greg Amerkanian.
	21	Executive Board Meeting held at church. Material distributed to Nominating Committee for future election.
	22	Visit to Home for Armenian Aged in Emerson for Birthday Celebration.
February	20	Spaghetti Dinner by ACYOA followed by excellent joint program entitled, "Violence in the Media", moderated by John Bashian. CWU provided this very thought-provoking and interesting program through Yn. Violet's efforts.
March	6	Queenie Tashjian stepped "in" the last minute and did the reading at CWU'S World Day of Prayer for which we were indeed grateful.
	14	Women's Saints Day at Holy Cross, Union City. We appreciate Sonia Takoushian chairing this worthwhile event and the ladies who attended.
	20	Lenten Dinner and General Meeting. Excellent Lenten meal prepared by Araxie Diratzouian and her Committee. Dessert by Mari Barikyan
April	9	Holy Thursday Service and Communion Brunch at Home for the Armenian Aged in Emerson.
	17	General Meeting with slate from Nominating Committee presented. This was followed by an interesting program by Dr. Carnig Shakarjian, Podiatrist. Visitations to Agnes Basmajian, Ann Maksian, Betty Papazian, and Betty Zoraian. Thanks go to: A. Demirjian, S. Kapakjian, M. A. Saraydarian,

- O. Soukiassian and Q. Tashjian.
- May 1 CWU May Fellowship Luncheon attended by seven members, plus Yn. Violet with O. Tashjian and Margaret Peterson as readers.
- May 8-10 At 12th Annual Women's Guild Assembly held in NYC, Grace Hagopian, Susan A. Stoneson and Violet Ouzoonian were delegates representing our Guild. Rose Mekenian was our coordinator for Friday evening's Mezza Hour.
- 13 Virginia Victoria planned a most enjoyable and informative trip to the Armenian Mission and the Illustrator's Club in New York.
- 15 General Meeting held but elections postponed because of lack of a quorum.
- June 19 Barbecue with Men's Club, which was delicious, followed by our general meeting and elections.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS January - June 1998

We thank our pastor, Father Papken Anoushian, for his support and religious guidance through this term of office. Chairwomen for our Guild continued on a rotating basis.

Under the CASP program, we maintained our sponsorship of a girl and boy in Armenia.

Sincere appreciation to Araxie Diratzouian, chairwoman and provider of our "mahs" for each Sunday, and her committee of: Z. Baydar, A. Bozian, S. Minassian, and B. Zoraian.

The Home for the Armenian Aged Volunteer Program initiated by us is approaching our 19th year. This volunteer program consists of: The Armenian Presbyterian Church, Daughters of Vartan, Holy Cross of Union City, St. Mary, St. Leon, and St. Vartanantz of Ridgefield. Our goal these many years has been to reach out, visit with the residents and let them know there are others who are interested in them. Our Guild visits the Home at least four times a year. This is not an easy goal, but we have found it very worthwhile and rewarding. Some of the women who have taken responsibilities involving the Home are: Queenie, Betty, Adrin, and our piano player A. Arslanian. We are indebted to all who so graciously contributed and/or attended our communion breakfast on Armenian Christmas, Holy Thursday and Birthday Celebrations.

An important decision was made by our executive board, standing committees and approved by Father Papken, not to have a 1998 Cotillion because of a shortage of debutantes.

A special thanks to Araxie Diratzouian and her committee for the wonderful Lenten Dinner served to our parish. Her excellent committee members were: H. Yacoubian, M. Barikyan, Z. Baydar, A. Bozian, S. Minassian, M. Saraydarian, A. Kircikyan, H. Maralian, G. Hagopian, I. Saganda and last, but certainly not least, her husband Haroutioun who helped with the shopping.

An excellent job was accomplished by Rose Mekenian as coordinator for our Guild and her efficient committee who baked for the 96th Diocesan Assembly and Centennial Celebration on Friday May 8th. The two "M" Saraydarian ladies (that's Mary Ann & Martha you know) donated ingredients and made 600 mouth watering beorgs for the Mezza Hour, along with assistance by: J. Bogosian, M. Boyajian, M. Chookazian, G. Hagopian, A. Jibilian, M. Minassian and S. Shahinian. Rose also donated the ingredients for 400 cheoregs which the following ladies gave of their talent to complete the task: Z. Baydar, A. Bozian, A. Diratzouian, M. Barikyan, S. Torigian, L. Khatchadourian, D. Markarian, S. Takoushian. M. Simsarian also made a contribution toward the expenses. Shake Mekhjian was chairwoman for the Gala Banquet on May 9th and the following ladies assisted: H. Allaverdian, M. Hajjar, V. Markarian, M. Saraydarian, S. Torosian. What a wonderful Celebration, even with all of the rain.

At the 12th Annual W.G. Assembly held also on May 8-10 in New York, Ann Ajemian was thanked for completing her three year term as treasurer on the WGCC. Susan A. Stoneson was elected and welcomed to a term on the WGCC. The WGCC School Bags Project, Phase III, chaired by Yn. Violet was assembled and shipped to Armenia in July. We are now on Phase IV. The WGCC presented each member with a Prayer Card. This was the second printing of these lovely cards and sincere appreciation is extended to Arax Aslanian's husband, Vary, and their daughter Lori.

Our trip to New York was most enjoyable, thanks to Virginia Victoria. Proof of this was the W. G. of St. Stepanos church in Elberon picked up on our idea and visited the mission a few months later. They reported an equally enjoyable visit. Of course, our trip was a bonus. We also viewed the Illustrator's Club and were served a delicious lunch. In appreciation and respect to our Armenian Mission, a lovely silver bowl was presented to them from our Guild.

Our condolences were extended to Father Papken Anoushian and his family on the death of his father in Istanbul. Our Guild assisted in the preparation of a hokejash in honor of his father. Also, with deep regret our Guild has lost the following dear members; Arax Berberian, Louise Stepanian, Auntie Ankin Kazarian, Jaqueline Beylerian, Ann Maksian, and recently Betty Zoraian. These dear people will be missed. Please remember them in your prayers.

Much appreciation to our Executive Board, Standing Committees and to the following: Sona Doudoukjian has been Membership Chairwoman for 20 years and we reluctantly must accept her retirement from this position, Virginia and Al Victoria for distribution of food to the needy. This is on-going project and non-perishable food is needed, especially during these cold winter months. Please remember to bring in your food donations for the less fortunate.

It has been a privilege to serve as Chairwoman at St. Thomas. The experience has been joyful, most informative, challenging, rewarding, and interesting. My new title now is "Grandma", which I will reap all of the above and then some. Thank you for this opportunity.

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

WOMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL REPORT
July 1 - December 31, 1998

EXECUTIVE BOARD (ELECTED)

Co-Chairmen	-	Grace Hagopian & Lorraine Khatchadourian
Recording Secretary	-	Violet Ouzoonian
Corr. Secretary	-	Lorraine Khatchadourian
Treasurer	-	Hasmig Nishanian
Mailing	-	Hersik Allaverdian
Advisors	-	Shake Torigian, Ani Barsamian & Aida Bozian
Liaison to Parish Council	-	Ann Ajemian
Nominating Committee	-	Virginia Victoria, Mary Ann Saraydarian & Mari Zokian
CASP	-	Sona Damergy
CWU	-	Yr Violet Kasparian
Cotillion- Debs & Escorts-	-	Shoghig Kherlopian
Historian	-	Mary Varteresian
Hospitality	-	Martha Saraydarian & Arax Palakian
Mahs	-	Araxie Diratzouian
Membership	-	Adrine Kuchukyanterian
Photographer	-	Ann Ajemian
Phone Squad	-	Shake Barsoumian
Programs	-	Elizabeth Deluca & Virginia Victoria
Ways & Means	-	Irene Khorozian
Publicity	-	June Keshishian
Blood Drive	-	Queenie Tashjian & Mari Camcikian
Emerson Home	-	Queenie Tashjian & Violet Ouzoonian
Sunshine	-	Linda Karalian
WGCC Liaison	-	Ann Devejian

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY - DECEMBER

July	14	Executive Board Meeting
	15,16,17	Women's Guild Member assisted Yr. Violet with W.G.C.C Project of packaging book bags for Armenia
	15	Blood Drive Chairman Queenie Tashjian
	29	Executive Board Meeting & Luncheon Committee Meeting
August	16	Women's Guild participates feast of Assumption of Virgin Mary
September	3	Executive Board Meeting
	17	Luncheon/Fashion Show at Pashalian residence
	29	Executive Board Meeting
October	21	Membership Tea
November	6	CWU Yr. Violet Liaison
	9-15	Bazaar preparation & participation
	20	Membership meeting
	24	Honduras Relief - Women's Guild participated
December	3	Christmas Luncheon, Season's Restaurant-Shake Torigian Chairperson
	9	Blood Drive-Mari Camcikian Chairlady
	17	Executive Board & Standing Committee Meeting

On the Feast of the Assumption of Virgin Mary, the Women's Guild Executive Board served as ushers, passed the plate, passed Kiss of Peace and distributed Mass during the church services. The Guild members also donated all the refreshments for the coffee hour.

On September 17th the luncheon and the fashion show took place at the home of Avak & Zabel Pashalian. We thank the Pashalians for their graciousness and generosity in opening their lovely home to us. It was a tremendous success and a lovely afternoon.

We thank Irene Khorozian for arranging the fashion show with Saks Fifth Avenue personal shopper - Barbara Albanese. We thank Sylva Torosian for her expertise in coordinating the luncheon. We thank the Executive Board and members of the Committee who graciously donated the appetizers and desserts for the day.

On October 21 the Membership Tea was under the Chairmanship of Violet Ouzoonian. She had the tables festively decorated for Fall; and she also skillfully coordinated the Tea menu. The Guild welcomed the two members Mary Tashjian and Hilda Haroutunian.

At this time we presented to Hayr Papken Anoushian a check on behalf of the Guild for fulfilling our \$10,000 pledge for 1998.

The White Elephant booth at the Bazaar was under the guidance of Shake Kapakjian and Queenie Tashjian. Both ladies came the week prior to the Bazaar to price and set up the goods. Arax Balakian and Virginia Victoria and their Committee provided experienced supervision during the Bazaar.

The Boutique was under the supervision of Irene Khorozian with assistance from June Kashishian, Lorraine Khatchadourian and their committee.

The Gourmet Booth was under the guidance of Ann Ajemian. We thank all the ladies who helped man these booths during the bazaar.

The relief drive for Honduras was conducted by the town of Tenafly. Some of our members participated in packing and collecting the goods to be sent.

On July 16 the Blood Drive was chaired by Queenie Tashjian. The December Blood Drive was chaired by Mari Camcikian. We thank both ladies for this very important mission.

The Christmas Luncheon at Season's Restaurant was capably chaired by Shake Torigian. We thank Sylva Torosian for leading in the singing of the Christmas Carols. We thank Bertha Pooosikian's son Robert Ohanessian for generously donating the favors -- beautiful mugs inscribed with St. Thomas Women's Guild logo.

With respect to the 1999 Cotillion, it was the decision of the Executive Board, with the knowledge of the Pastor and Parish Council, that if there is an insufficient number of debts, we would not hold the Cotillion. It appears that at this time, we will not have a Cotillion this Spring. Nevertheless, the Guild is planning to have other fund raisers during the year to meet our budget. We hope that the St. Thomas Church Family will participate in our events in order to raise the necessary funds to fulfill our 1999 obligations to the Church.

We are happy that we were able to fully meet our budgeted financial obligation to the Church this year. In fact, we were able to pay \$2,000 towards our 1999 obligation.

We specially thank Violet Ouzoonian for her expertise, patience and guidance in assisting us with our duties as Co-Chairmen. Our appreciation to Very Rev. Fr. Papken Dz. Anoushian for his continued support and guidance; we look forward each meeting to his very informative mini religious lessons.

Respectfully submitted
Grace Hagopian & Lorraine Khatchadourian
Co-Chairmen

WOMEN'S GUILD TREASURER'S REPORT - 1998

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Balance on Hand 1/1/98			\$6,657.62
Dues	\$1,520.00		
Interest	72.05		
St. Thomas Pledge			
(Bal.'98 \$7,500 & '99 \$2,000)		9,500.00	
Christmas Lunch -1997		68.90	
Membership Tea	185.00	13.62	
Women's Saints Day- Lunch	1,518.00	431.22	
Fall Luncheon/Fashion Show	4,684.00	1,165.71	
Christmas Lunch - 1998	2,445.00	1,718.00	
Trip	1,350.00	930.00	
Emerson Home	50.00	8.00	
CASP - Children's Fund	105.00	978.00	
RAFFLE - Jan. & June Meet	182.00		
Flowers Sale/Palm Sunday	330.00	150.00	
Flower Sale/X-mas Lunch	140.00	140.00	
Dues/WG Central Council		290.00	
WG-CC/Delegates Fees		36.00	
WG-CC/X-Mas Ornaments	78.00	130.00	
Church Women United		100.00	

St. Tarkmanchatz		100.00	
Postage		608.00	
Refreshments		24.68	
In Lieu of Flowers		150.00	
Misc.	125.00	108.27	
Sunshine			79.21
Blankets Fund	40.00		
TOTALS	<u>12,824.05</u>	<u>16,732.11</u>	<u>2,730.11</u>

Balance on Hand 1/1/98	\$ 6,657.62
Income	12,824.00
Expense	<u>16,730.11</u>
BALANCE:12/31/98	<u>\$ 2,751.56</u>

Respectfully submitted,
 Hasmig Nishanian - Women's Guild Treasurer

**ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1998**

ASSETS:

Current Assets (Exhibit A)	<u>449,059</u>
Total Assets:	<u>451,234</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:

Current Liabilities (Exhibit B)	4,444
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FUND BALANCES

Fund Balances (Exhibit C)	<u>446,789</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>451,234</u>
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We would like to gratefully thank and acknowledge
Michael Halajian, CPA, for his professional assistance in the
accounting of St. Thomas Armenian Church, and
Joseph Hovsepian, for the preparation of the St. Thomas Payroll Tax
forms for 1998.

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES & FUND BALANCES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

INCOME:

Income From Operations (Exhibit D)	82,188
Sacraments (Exhibit E)	18,946
Auxiliary Organization (Exhibit F)	13,105
Church Affairs (Exhibit G)	59,678
Donations (Exhibit H)	20,773
Other Income (Exhibit I)	185,070
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>379,760</u>

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Salaries & Benefits (Exhibit J)	132,284
Operating Expenses (Exhibit K)	65,641
Assessments (Exhibit L)	34,730
Educational & Good Works (Exhibit M)	2,213
Church Building Expense (Exhibit N)	94,216
Other Expenses (Exhibit P)	8,100
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>337,184</u>

NET INCOME

42,576

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE AS OF 1/1/98	412,866
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE	33,923
ENDING FUND BALANCE AS OF 12/31/98	<u>446,789</u>

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH EXHIBITS December 31, 1998
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Exhibit A - Current Assets

Cash in Bank - Operating	56,272
Cash in Investment -CD Smith Barney	300,000
Cash in Investments - Gov't Funds - Smith Barney	57,246
Cash in Investments - Money Fund - Smith Barney	35,542
Other Assets	0
Furniture & Fixtures	2,175
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>451,234</u>

Exhibit B - Current Liabilities

Rental Security	3,500
Diocesan Dues Payable	0
Payroll Taxes	944
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>4,444</u>

Exhibit C - Fund Balances

Church Fund Balance	381,176
Reserve - Ajemian Fund	1,031
Reserve - Caspar Kasparian Fund	0
Reserve - Architectural Maintenance Fund	38,956
Reserve - Religious Articles	6,968
Reserve - Capan Roof	7,680
Reserve - Saddler Memorial	1,000
Reserve - Shahinian	3,402
Reserve - Barsamian	1,302
Reserve - Cultural Affairs	136
Reserve - Markarian	650
Reserve - Kasparian Library	1,695
Reserve - Ground Beautification	2,100
Reserve - Tashjian	693
Reserve - Organ Memorial	0
Reserve - Organ Expense	0
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>446,789</u>

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH EXHIBITS - (Continued) December 31, 1998
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EXHIBIT D

INCOME

Pledges	51,722
Plate	10,752
Candles	5,948
Prayers	3,120
Yughakin - Christmas	3,181
Yughakin - Easter	<u>7,465</u>
TOTAL	<u>82,188</u>

EXHIBIT E

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms	4,870
Weddings	2,750
Funerals	2,750
Requiems	8,576
TOTAL	<u>18,946</u>

EXHIBIT F

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

Women's Guild \$2,500 rec'd in '97 for '98 +\$7,500= \$10,000	7,500
Avak Society	1,700
Men's Club (Funds given for Basketball Teams)	4,350
ACYOA Juniors	1,500
Family Auxiliary of St. Thomas:	250
Kef Night <i>POSTPONED</i>	(98)
New Year's Eve rec'd in '99 \$10,501 - 2,211= \$8,290 net	(2,211)
New Year' Eve (1997 rec'd in 1998)	114
TOTAL	<u>13,105</u>

EXHIBIT G

CHURCH AFFAIRS

Bazaar 1997 (rec'd in 1998)	628
Bazaar 1998	28,587
Memorial Day Picnic	8,736
Palm Sunday Dinner	6,727
Palm Sunday Cake Sale	15,000
TOTAL	<u>59,678</u>

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH
EXHIBITS (Continued)
December 31, 1998

EXHIBIT H

DONATIONS

In Lieu of Flowers	18,145
Altar Flowers	2,390
Holiday Flowers	238
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>20,773</u>

EXHIBIT I

OTHER INCOME

Bookstore	15,385
Car Raffle	22,678
Hall Rentals	102,631
Nor Tar (\$400 rec'd in '98 = \$1455)	2,680
Investment Interest (Smith Barney Money Fund)	16,001
Interest - St. Thomas ACEF	1,524
Interest on Checking Account	1,220
Other Donations	17,642
Misc. Income	4,709
One World Festival	600
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>185,070</u>

EXHIBIT J

OPERATING EXPENSES

SALARIES & BENEFITS

Clergy Salary	55,000
Clergy Benefits - FICA	4,250
Clergy Benefits -IRA	2,000
Parsonage Repairs & Maintenance	202
Parsonage Water	128
Parsonage Telephone	1,000
Parsonage Gas & Electric	2,145
Clergy Auto Expenses	3,107
Clergy Auto Lease	5,717
Clergy Auto Insurance	1,479
Clergy Health Insurance	5,499
Salaries - Custodial	30,089
Salaries - Secretarial	6,220
Salaries - Christian Education	5,100
Salaries - Choir Director & Organist	5,000
Payroll Taxes	3,229
Workman's Compensation	819
Visiting Clergy	1,300
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>132,284</u>

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH EXHIBITS (Continued) December 31, 1998
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EXHIBIT K

OPERATING EXPENSES

Telephone	3,226
Office Supplies	750
Candles	1,642
Flowers	1,194
Computer Equipment	2,111
Computer Supplies	148
Men's Club Sports Program	4,350
Print Nor Tar	2,500
Print Other	-
Print. Misc. (Pledge Env.)	610
Postage Office	608
Postage General mailing	888
Postage Nor Tar	781
Bookstore Expense	11,766
Hospitality	122
Uniforms	232
Supplies Copy Machine	2,793
Rental Expense	11,062
Rental Coordinator	9,852
Rental China, Glass, etc.	4,019
Beautification of Halls	483
Hall Rental Advertising	5,904
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>65,041</u>

EXHIBIT L

ASSESSMENTS

Diocesan Dues	33,620
Louma Etchmiadzin	1,110
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>34,730</u>

EXHIBIT M

EDUCATIONAL AND GOOD WORKS

Sunday School	500
Charity	1,713
<u>SUBTOTAL</u>	<u>2,213</u>

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH

EXHIBITS (Continued)

December 31, 1998

EXHIBIT N

CHURCH BUILDING EXPENSES

Architectural Maintenance Reserve	24,000
Utilities, Gas and Electric	27,946
Utilities, Water	931
Insurance - Building	10,908
Repairs, Church and Halls	1,085
Repairs, Electric and Plumbing	3,546
Repairs Air Conditioning and Heating	5,697
Repairs Building	2,817
Maintenance, Lawn and Grounds	3,528
Maintenance, Pest Control, A/C	2,079
Maintenance, Snow Plowing	420
Maintenance - Ground Beautification	131
Maintenance - Furniture Expense	71
Maintenance, Building	1,913
Supplies - Garden and Grounds	-
Supplies - Building	4,890
Small Electrical Appliances	1,597
Supplies - Kitchen	2,291
Supplies - Church	366
Memorial Window	-
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>94,216</u>

EXHIBIT P

Other Expenses

Diocesan Assembly - Delegates	675
Gifts	100
Contingencies	-
Miscellaneous	5,742
Parish Assembly Expense	529
Classified Advertising	1,054
Cultural Activity Expense (see reserve exhibit Q)	-
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>8,100</u>

**ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH
EXHIBITS (Continued)
December 31, 1998**

**EXHIBIT Q
RESERVE - CULTURAL COMMITTEE**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Balance on Hand January 1, 1998			51
Income 1/11/98	116		
Income 3/15/98	145		
Income 5/24/98	465		
Income 10/4/98	155		
Income 11/15/98	380		
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>1,261</u>		
			<u>1,312</u>
Sarita Mariel Melcon - Flautist Honorarium 3/28/98		150	
Jacquiline Schiller - Piano accompanist 3/28/98		150	
Armenian Reporter 4/15/98		33	
Armenian Reporter 5/12/98		22	
Margery Hovsepian - Writer/Lecturer 5/17/98		50	
Englewood Lighting - Gallery Light improvement 5/24		474	
Frame King 9/26/98		85	
Dr. Vatche Ghazarian 10/3/98		150	
Armenian Reporter 10/5/98		26	
Armenian Reporter 12/10/98		36	
<u>Total Expense</u>		<u>1176</u>	
<u>Balance on Hand December 31, 1997</u>			<u>176</u>

St. Thomas Armenian Church financial reports have been

**Respectfully submitted by,
Madlen Setian, Treasurer**

St. Thomas Armenian Church
1999 Budget
Income

	1999 - Proposed	1998 - Actual	1998 - Proposed
Income from Operations			
Pledges	52,000	51,722	55,000
Plate	8,000	10,752	8,500
Candles	4,000	5,948	4,000
Yughakin Christmas	3,000	3,120	3,500
Yughakin - Easter	3,000	3,181	2,450
Prayers	5,500	7,465	5,500
Subtotal	75,500	82,188	78,950
Sacraments			
Baptisms	5,000	4,870	5,000
Weddings	2,500	2,750	2,500
Funerals	2,000	2,750	1,000
Requiems	8,000	8,576	7,500
Subtotal	17,500	18,946	16,000
Auxiliary Organizations			
Women's Guild \$ 2500 received in 1997 toward 1998 + \$ 7500 received in 1998 Total \$ 10,000 for 1998	10,000	7,500	10,000
Avak Society -	1,000	1,700	1,000
Men's Club (Sports Program - Funds are passed through for basketball teams)	4,000	4,350	4,000
ACYOA Juniors	1,000	1,500	1,000
Family Auxiliary:	-	250	
Kef Night <i>Postponed</i>	5,000	(98)	9,000
New Year's Eve - Actual '97 reflects 1997, rec'd in 1998	-	114	
New Year's Eve - Actual '98 receipts rec'd in '99 \$10,501 Less expenses \$ 2,211 1998 New Year's Eve Net Profit \$ 8,290	5,000	(2,211)	12,000
Subtotal	26,000	13,105	37,000
Church Affairs			
Bazaar 1997	0	628	
Bazaar	23,000	28,587	31,000
Bazaar Cake Sale	5,000		
Memorial Day Picnic	9,000	8,736	12,000
Palm Sunday Dinner	5,000	6,727	5,000
Palm Sunday Cake Sale	8,000	15,000	8,000
Parish Council Special Events	-		500
Subtotal	50,000	59,678	56,500

	1999 - Proposed	1998 - Actual	1998 - Proposed
Donations			
In Lieu of Flowers	10,000	18,145	8,000
Altar Flowers	1,000	2,390	1,000
Memorial Donors	-	-	500
Holiday Flowers	300	238	500
Christmas Greetings	-	-	300
Subtotal	11,300	20,773	10,300
Other Income			
Bookstore	12,000	15,385	12,000
Car Raffle	22,000	22,678	22,000
Hall Rentals	100,000	102,630	71,000
Nor Tar	2,500	2,680	1,000
Investment Interest	17,000	16,001	12,000
Interest St. Thomas ACEF	1,500	1,524	1,200
Interest on Checking Account	600	1,220	500
Misc. Donations	5,000	17,642	4,500
Misc. Income	2,000	4,709	2,000
Income from Cultural Affairs	-	-	1,000
One World Festival	1,000	601	-
Subtotal	163,600	185,070	127,200
Total Income	343,900	379,760	325,950
Expenses			
Salaries and Benefits			
Clergy Salary	55,000	55,000	55,000
Clergy Benefits FICA	4,250	4,250	4,250
Clergy Benefits IRA	2,000	2,000	2,000
Parsonage Repairs	500	202	1,000
Parsonage Water	200	128	200
Parsonage Telephone	1,000	1,000	1,000
Parsonage Gas and Electric	2,000	2,145	2,000
Clergy Auto Expenses	3,500	3,107	3,500
Clergy Auto Lease	4,000	5,717	4,250
Clergy Auto Insurance	1,600	1,479	1,600
Clergy Health Insurance	6,000	5,499	6,000
Salaries - Custodian	30,000	30,089	25,000
Salaries - Secretary	18,200	6,220	18,000
Salaries - Christian Education	5,000	5,100	5,000
Salaries - Choir Director and Organist	5,000	5,000	5,000
Payroll Taxes	4,500	3,229	4,500
Workman's Compensation	1,800	819	1,800
Visiting Clergy	1,000	1,300	1,000
Subtotal	145,550	132,284	141,100

	1999 - Proposed	1998 - Actual	1998 - Proposed
<i>Operating Expenses</i>			
Telephone	4,000	3,226	4,800
Office Supplies	2,000	750	2,000
Candles	1,600	1,642	1,200
Flowers	1,200	1,194	900
Computer Equipment	1,500	2,111	300
Computer Supplies and Maintenance	500	148	200
Men's Club Sports Program	4,000	4,350	4,000
Print Nor Tar	3,000	2,500	5,500
Print Other - Annual Reports	-	-	250
Print Other - Pledge Envelopes	600	610	400
Print Office Stationery	250	-	250
Postage - Affairs - Office	600	608	500
Postage - General Mailing	1,500	1,488	1,000
Postage - Nor Tar	1,000	781	1,500
Bookstore Expenses	9,000	11,766	7,000
Hospitality and Other	250	122	750
Uniforms	100	232	
Supplies Copy Machine	2,500	2,793	2,500
Rental Expenses	11,000	11,062	8,500
Rental Coordinator	10,000	9,852	8,000
Rental China, Glass, etc.	500	4,019	
Beautification of Halls	500	483	500
Hall Renting Advertising	6,000	5,904	3,000
Subtotal	61,600	65,641	53,050
<i>Assessments</i>			
Diocesan Dues	34,000	33,620	31,000
Louma Etchmiadzin	1,100	1,110	1,100
Youth Ministry (Diocesan Dues include this category also)	-	-	1,800
Subtotal	35,100	34,730	33,900
<i>Educational and Good Works</i>			
Sunday School	500	500	500
Charity	600	1,713	600
Subtotal	1,100	2,213	1,100
<i>Church Building Expenses</i>			
Architectural Maintenance Reserve	24,000	24,000	24,000
Utilities, Gas and Electric	30,000	27,946	27,500
Utilities, Water	1,000	931	700
Insurance - Building	12,000	10,908	12,000
Repairs, Church and Halls	4,000	1,085	4,000
Repairs, Electric and Plumbing	3,500	3,546	3,000
Repairs Air Conditioning and Heating	6,000	5,697	4,000
Repairs Buildings & Grounds	2,500	2,817	2,000
Maintenance, Lawn	3,500	3,528	3,500
Maintenance, Pest Control, A/C	1,000	2,079	1,000

	1999 - Proposed	1998 - Actual	1998 - Proposed
Maintenance, Snow Plowing	750	420	750
Maintenance - Ground Beautification	750	131	1,000
Maintenance - Furniture Expense	100	71	1,000
Maintenance, Building	2,000	1,913	600
Supplies - Garden and Grounds	150	-	400
Supplies - Building	2,000	4,890	2,500
Small Electrical Appliances	1,000	1,597	500
Supplies - Kitchen	2,000	2,291	2,000
Supplies - Church	300	366	600
Memorial Window	-	-	400
Subtotal	96,550	94,216	91,450
Other Expenses			
Diocesan Assembly	600	675	100
Gifts	200	100	
Contingencies	-	-	500
Miscellaneous	2,000	5,742	2,000
Parish Assembly Expense	1,000	529	750
Classified Advertising	200	1,054	1,000
Cultural Activity Exp. (Cultural activity is in reserve acct)	-	-	1,000
Subtotal	4,000	8,100	5,350
Total Expenses	343,900	337,184	325,950
Net Income		42,576	
Total Gross Income		379,760	